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New Law: All Dogs, Cats Must Be Leashed in Public

By Beth Ginter and Jacquie Bokow

Recently, a new law was enacted in Montgomery County which impacts all dog and cat owners in our neighborhood. Effective 27 December 2005, the law states that "an owner must not allow a dog or unaltered cat to be at large" (Section 5-203). A dog at large is defined as "outside the owner's premises and not leashed." Any other animal (i.e., cat or livestock animal) is at large "if it is outside the owner's premises

and not leashed or immediately responsive to verbal or non-verbal direction."

In the past, dogs were allowed to be unleashed in public as long as they were under the immediate verbal control of their owners. Now, all dogs must be leashed unless they are in a designated dog exercise area. Our nearest designated "dog park" is located at Wheaton Regional Park. Service dogs and dogs participating in "qualified activities" such as dog hunts or obedience trials are exempt from the leash law.

For cat owners, this would mean you would have to be with the cat and it would have to respond instantly to your verbal commands if it were not on a leash. Allowing your cat to roam outdoors at night would violate the law.

The penalty for violation is \$500.

The Washington Post quoted County Council member and public safety committee head Phil Andrews as saying that the law was necessary to protect children and vulnerable adults from the "unpredictable" nature of dogs.

Other aspects of animal control laws appearing in the

MoCo Code (Sec. 5-203) are discussed below, including the penalties for violation.

Unwanted Contact

Pet owners must control
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Next Meeting on February 8

The next meeting of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, 8 February 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Four Corners Rec Center. The Rec Center is located at the end of Southwood Road, just off Edgewood Dr.

All residents of the Northwood-Four Corners-Forest Knolls area are invited to attend and express their views. Please note that only paid members of the NFCCA are eligible to vote. (Annual dues are \$10 per household and may be paid at the meeting.)■

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope 2006 will be a year of progress and positive changes for all of us and for our community. Certainly, NFCCA is busier than ever and the year has just begun. In addition to pursuing long-standing issues such as traffic control and protecting North Four Corners Park (see article on page 3), we are looking into power reliability and zoning issues. In addition to our regular events such as the Creek cleanup in April and Neighborhood Night Out in August, we are trying to develop some new fun events (at right).

Of course all of these endeavors only work with your help. If you haven't done so already, please renew your NFCCA membership. Come to a membership meeting or NFCCA event. I guarantee you'll meet some really great folks. And even if you can't attend, there are lots of ways you can help out. You don't need special skills or even a lot of time because every little bit helps.

The great thing about a new year is we can get a fresh start and celebrate a sense of renewal. Personally, I often find it a challenge to hold onto that "fresh start" mentality as the holidays end and daily life resumes. Fortunately, Chinese New Year comes along at just the right time. No matter how grey or cold the weather, watching the dragon and lion dances, hearing all the firecrackers, and pasting up a fresh Kitchen God above the stove raises my spirits.

In a neighborhood as diverse as ours, there must be many other celebrations occurring as we move through the wheel of the year. So how do you celebrate renewal? I think the more we learn about each other, the more we realize what a wonderful community we have. I hope in the coming year we will have many opportunities to know our neighbors better. So in addition to wishing all of you a wonderful 2006, let me wish you a joyous Year of the Dog!

—Carole Barth

Getting Social

By Roxanne Mirabal Beltran

Movies under the stars?
A summertime pool party?
A fun run? A Four Corners Fair? Would you enjoy participating in events like these with your neighbors? Let us know! These are a few of the events under consideration for our neighborhood this year.

If you would like to help coordinate neighborhood social events or you have great event and movie ideas, please email Roxanne at roxmb@yahoo.com. We'd like to hear your ideas whether you are able to help or not. Your brainstorm may be just what we need! ■

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Northwood News is published by the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association. The NFCCA represents the 1,493 households in the area bounded by Colesville Rd. (Rte. 29), University Blvd. (Rte. 193), Caddington Ave., and the Northwest Branch.

Any resident of this area is eligible to join the NFCCA. Annual dues are \$10 per household and may be paid at any Association meeting or mailed to the treasurer.

Northwood News is published five times a year—in October, December, February, April, and June. To place an ad or discuss a story, please contact the editor.

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Need Help? Give Help to Others

The vigilance of every citizen is important for community and individual safety. Destructive and violent behaviors occur in all socio-economic, gender, ethnic, and racial categories. Help is available and your help is needed to prevent, intervene, and suppress destructive and violent behaviors. Use the following contacts to receive assistance and to report concerns:

- MCPS Safe Schools 24-Hour Hotline: 301.517.5995
- Md. Safe Schools Tip Hotline (toll free): 1.877.636.6332
- MoCo Police Drug Tip Hotline: 240.773.5399
- MoCo Police Gang Tip Hotline: 240.773.7264
- MoCo Gang Information and Referral Hotline: 240.777.1245
- MoCo Graffiti Abatement: 301.607.4722 (report graffiti). ■

Traffic Controls Are Needed For Caddington Ave.

By Leon Peace

Traffic conditions on Caddington Avenue continue to deteriorate. More drivers seem to treat the strip between Playford Street and University Blvd. as a speeding zone, often exceeding posted speed limits by more than 15 mph.

The combination of increasing speeds, an elementary school (with children and staff), and pedestrians of various ages are a recipe for future tragedy. We need to act now to have traffic regulators (speed humps) installed to control the speeds driven in this area.

I am gathering signatures and I urge all interested parties to contact me via email at LeonSellsHouses@aol.com. ■

Upcoming NFCCA Meetings

Please mark these dates on your calendar for the remaining meetings of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association:

8 February 2006

12 April 2006

14 June 2006

These are on the SECOND Wednesday of the month.

Park Update

By Carole Barth

In December and January, we held small group meetings to brief Montgomery County Council members on North Four Corners Park in preparation for the Council's February 9 hearing on the CIP (Construction Improvements Program) budget. We also met with Joe Beach (Assistant Chief Administrative Officer) on Doug Duncan's staff. Unfortunately, by the time we met with Mr. Beach, the County Executive's budget had already been released, including a CIP item for the North Four Corners Soccer Field.

Nonetheless, the budget still has to get through the County Council, and the Council often makes significant changes. Also, it's important to remember that the budget calls for no money to be spent on the project until resuming planning in 2012.

Still, we want to take advantage of this election year to get the politicians' ears and get that CIP changed. Please help by signing a petition and calling/emailing the Council as well as the press. If you can, please come to the Council hearing on February 9 and testify or just show your support. As this article was being written, the hearing was scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9. These things get very fluid however, so we will provide an update at the February 8 NFCCA meeting. You can also call 240.777.7900 to confirm the schedule. ■

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New Leash Laws

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 their animals at all times. Specifically, the Code states that "pet owners must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner's property that may cause alarm in a reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement, or jumping." The penalty for violation is \$500.

Animal Defecation

Under the so-called "pooper scooper" law [5-203(a)(2)], "an owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's

property." An animal may defecate on public property only if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in normal household trash. The penalty for violation is \$100.

Dogs on School Grounds

According to Section 5-203(a)(7), "an owner must not allow a dog to be on public school grounds on a day when school is in session, or in a public recreation area during an organized activity, unless the dog is controlled by a leash or similar restraining device." This does not apply if the dog is partici-

pating in an activity such as obedience or agility training if the owner or sponsor of the activity has permission from the agency controlling the school or recreation area. The penalty for violation is \$100.

Animal Noise

"An owner must not allow an animal to cause noise that is loud enough and persistent enough to disturb another person's quiet enjoyment" [Sec. 5-203(a)(6)]. The penalty for violation is \$100.

For further information, or to report an animal bite or a violation of animal control laws, call the Animal Services Division at 240.773.5960 or 240.773.5925. For after-hours emergencies, call 240.773.5900. ■



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 Average Days on Market: 20

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220 THISTLE DR	\$439,950
601 UNIVERSITY BLVD W	\$549,900
303 IRWIN ST	\$430,000
10705 GLENWILD RD	\$499,900
10609 GLENWILD RD	\$480,000
305 DENNIS AVE	\$364,000

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Local History

Photos of Neighborhood Homes Under Construction



Anna Strieter provided these photos taken in 1950 when her home at the corner of Kerwin Road and Edgewood Avenue was built.

The middle photo is looking south; the road visible in the foreground is Edgewood. It is half paved as the developer only needed to finish the side of the street where he was building homes. Most of



the homes visible are on the northern Dennis Court.

The small white shack behind the finished home at right was the office for builder John Delveccio. He allowed three expecting—but at that time phoneless—couples on Kerwin, in turn, the use of a spare key to gain access to the office phone to call the doctor. Elsie and Roger Pank used it



first, passing it to Anna and her husband David after the birth of their daughter Sandra on August 18. Anna passed it to the Spurs after her daughter Patricia was born September 7. Myron and Charlotte Spur had son Michael November 7. Anna recalls that Myron reported to his wife in the hospital that the streets had finally been paved. ■



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304 BELTON RD	\$399,000	Rambler	4	2	13
408 BELTON RD	\$425,000	Rambler	3	1/1	48
414 BELTON CT	\$385,000	Rambler	4	2	34
821 CADDINGTON AVE	\$454,000	Split Foyer	4	2/1	6
904 CADDINGTON AVE	\$455,000	Split Foyer	4	2/1	3
1104 CADDINGTON AVE	\$432,100	Split Foyer	4	2/1	8
1122 CADDINGTON AVE	\$460,000	Split Level	4	1/1	19
1200 CADDINGTON AVE	\$425,000	Split Foyer	4	1/2	8
1402 CADDINGTON AVE	\$425,000	Split Level	4	2	8
10607 CAVALIER DR	\$365,000	Rambler	3	2	6
10709 CAVALIER DR	\$335,000	Rambler	3	1/1	0
1000 CHISWELL LN	\$310,000	Colonial	4	2/2	8
1000 CHISWELL LN	\$475,000	Colonial	4	3/1	6
1101 CHISWELL LN	\$449,900	Split Level	4	2/1	28
1112 CHISWELL LN	\$462,000	Split Level	4	2/1	6
510 DENNIS AVE	\$500,000	Rambler	6	2	26
1903 DENNIS AVE	\$488,500	Colonial	3	2	15
10617 EASTWOOD AVE	\$435,000	Cape Cod	3	3	34
10624 EASTWOOD AVE	\$435,000	Cape Cod	4	3	12
10301 EDGEWOOD AVE	\$335,000	Colonial	2	1	56
10405 EDGEWOOD AVE	\$439,000	Cape Cod	3	1/1	59
10424 EDGEWOOD AVE	\$404,000	Colonial	2	1	6
401 EISNER ST	\$425,000	Split Level	4	2/1	7
418 EISNER ST	\$475,000	Colonial	4	2/1	11
10611 GLENWILD RD	\$471,000	Split Level	4	2/1	12
10614 GLENWILD RD	\$455,000	Cape Cod	5	2/1	51
10705 GLENWILD RD	\$330,000	Bilevel	3	2	0
226 HANNES ST	\$402,000	Rambler	4	2	5
236 HANNES ST	\$443,000	Rambler	4	2	4
241 HANNES ST	\$420,000	Rancher	4	2	8
242 HANNES ST	\$405,000	Rambler	3	2	15
502 KERWIN RD	\$469,000	Cape Cod	6	3	36
512 KERWIN RD	\$442,700	Cape Cod	4	2	6
519 KERWIN RD	\$370,000	Rambler	3	1	7
25 KINSMAN VIEW CIR	\$370,000	Townhouse	4	2/1	4
63 KINSMAN VIEW CIR	\$335,700	Townhouse	4	3/1	100
304 LADSON RD	\$480,000	Rambler	4	3	133
308 LADSON RD	\$363,000	Rambler	2	1/1	4

Address	Price	Style	BR	BA	DOM
312 LADSON RD	\$390,000	Rambler	3	2	4
313 LADSON RD	\$324,250	Rambler	3	1	6
317 LADSON RD	\$351,000	Cape Cod	4	1	43
10711 LOCKRIDGE DR	\$300,000	Split Foyer	4	2	35
802 LOMBARDY CT	\$405,000	Rambler	3	2	5
10814 LOMBARDY RD	\$428,000	Split Level	4	2	7
10815 LOMBARDY RD	\$379,900	Split Level	3	2	8
11006 LOMBARDY RD	\$460,000	Rambler	6	2	30
11010 LOMBARDY RD	\$385,000	Rambler	3	2	9
10204 LORAIN AVE	\$420,000	Cape Cod	2	1/1	32
833 LOXFORD TER	\$449,000	Colonial	4	3	66
847 LOXFORD TER	\$451,100	Split Foyer	5	3	6
851 LOXFORD TER	\$470,000	Split Level	4	2/1	8
855 LOXFORD TER	\$440,000	Split Level	4	2/1	5
908 LOXFORD TER	\$419,000	Split Level	4	2/1	39
1018 LOXFORD TER	\$400,000	Split Level	3	2/1	7
1144 LOXFORD TER	\$380,000	Split Level	3	1/1	32
803 MALTA LN	\$419,900	Split Level	4	2/1	20
821 MALTA LN	\$394,000	Split Foyer	5	2/1	7
908 MALTA LN	\$450,000	Split Level	4	2/1	24
922 MALTA LN	\$455,000	Split Level	4	2/1	5
10706 MARGATE RD	\$425,000	Rambler	4	2/1	8
10815 MARGATE RD	\$430,000	Split Level	4	2/1	4
10828 MARGATE RD	\$480,000	Split Level	4	2/1	43
107 NORTHWOOD AVE	\$522,500	Cape Cod	3	2	7
10612 ORDWAY DR	\$450,000	Cape Cod	4	2/1	6
301 PINWOOD AVE	\$450,000	Cape Cod	4	2	11
1001 PLAYFORD LN	\$439,900	Split Foyer	3	3	13
1002 PLAYFORD LN	\$450,500	Split Level	4	2/1	5
10408 ROYALTON TER	\$390,000	Rambler	4	2	10
103 SNOWY OWL DR	\$560,000	Colonial	4	3/1	13
102 SOUTHWOOD AVE	\$745,000	Colonial	3	2/1	25
104 SOUTHWOOD AVE	\$565,100	Cape Cod	5	2/1	6
136 SOUTHWOOD AVE	\$484,000	Cape Cod	3	1/1	17
230 THISTLE DR	\$450,000	Other	5	3	27
808 WHITTINGTON TER	\$450,000	Split Level	4	2/1	8
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510 Royalton Road	\$449,000	Cape Cod	5	1	1
10312 Colesville Road	\$495,000	Colonial	3	2	1
140 Southwood Avenue	\$495,000	Colonial	4	2	1
705 University Blvd	\$499,999	Split Level	5	3	0
10205 Sutherland Road	\$550,000	Colonial	3	1	1
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220 Thistle Drive	\$439,950	Split Level	4	2	1
305 Dennis Ave	\$364,000	Rambler	3	1	1
303 Irwin St	\$430,000	Split Level	3	2	1
1101 Playford Lane	\$459,500	Split Foyer	5	3	0
10609 Glenwild Rd	\$480,000	Bi-level	4	3	0
10705 Glenwild Rd	\$499,900	Raised Rancher	4	2	0
601 University Blvd W	\$549,900	Cape Cod	5	3	0

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