

OCGS / Newsletter

Old Court / Greenspring
Improvement Association, Inc.

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Current OCGS Officers

Ron Diener, President; Valerie Binder, Vice President; Joanne Warres, Treasurer; and Larry Carton, Secretary

OCGS NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF EVERY HOMEOWNER IN OUR ASSOCIATION

If you are new to the area, or you are a homeowner who has never been a member of OCGS, please join with us. Complete and return with you dues.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the OCGS Board, or an officer of the Association, please come to the annual 2013 meeting. Date to be announced. The time has come for interested homeowners in our community to step forward, so that our community will continue to be a wonderful place to live.

Accident Reports 2009-2011

Accidents from Stevenson to Falls Rd including OCR/Greenspring intersection (Lightfoot Dr and 7 Mile Ln not included) totaled 55 **reported**. (1 death, 19 personal injuries.) Worst time for intersection accidents was May, Tues, 11am, dry road and going south. For OCR worst time for accidents was Nov, Tues, 1-5pm, dry road and driving east. This is a **3.1 mile section of 35 MPH** road. Only police involved accidents are counted. Think that there maybe a problem on this stretch of road? Do you know how to drive? Can you read a speed limit sign? Do you know what the lines on the road surface mean?

Rumble Strips on OCR

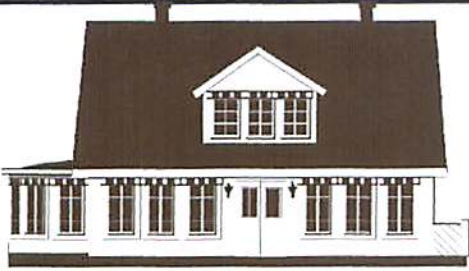
Your representative at the SHA/PGCC Traffic and Safety Meeting requested rumble strips to slow traffic and enforcement of the pedestrian crossing at OCR and Lightfoot Dr. These strips are similar to the ones now near Park School. OCGS has received notice that a review of the pedestrian crossing on MD 133 at Lightfoot Drive, for Beth Tfiloh School has been completed. SHA will submit a work order to the Maintenance dept to have rumble strips installed and the pedestrian crossing markings refreshed. Let me remind drivers, if a pedestrian is about to cross the road at this crossing, you are required to stop. Failure to stop is \$400 fine plus points if caught.

Power Outages

PGCC has a power coordinator documenting power outages in the PGCC area including OCGS. Our area appears to have a very high incident rate and slow repair time. We wish to bring this to the attention of various State and County agencies as well as BGE. If you have an outage, even briefly, email Noel Levy at Megamapster@version.net giving address, date and time, and duration of outage.

THE RIDGE AT OLD COURT ROAD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Ridge at Old Court Road is a proposed development zoned DR 1 on 8 acres at 2801 Old Court Road (OCR), just east of Springbriar Lane. The developer, Five M LLC, originally proposed to remove the existing house and build 7 single-family houses. Now the developer has proposed 6 large houses on just 4 acres. The remaining 4 acres are unbuildable or will be a storm water management area, eventually to be the responsibility of the home owners since Baltimore County has declined ownership. A Community Input Meeting (CIM) was held on November 5th 2009 at the Pikesville High School and was attended by over 50 concerned neighbors. A number of issues pertaining to the property were raised at the CIM, and there was strong opposition to the existing development plan. Old Court Road is listed as a Maryland State Scenic Byway, and we wish to keep it as close as possible to its current view from the road. The property at contains steep slopes and streams, and it currently has storm water runoff problems to contiguous properties. There were two Development Review Committee (DRC) meetings in 2010, and a Hearing Officer's Hearing (HOH) was held on Feb. 24, 2011. The county approved the development of 6 houses as requested even though we believed that county agencies did not properly consider the drainage problems, especially for those on Springbriar and in Greenspring East as well as the steep incline of the slopes. The scenic designation for OCR was ignored. An appeal of the administrative decision was requested by OCGS and took place on Nov. 10, 2011. The final open to the public administrative deliberation was held on Jan. 18, 2012. The decision of Jun. 27, 2012 was naturally not in our favor. More than 98% of decisions are in favor developers. The county wants the tax base and the employees want their jobs. A court suit was filed by OCGS and others and the court hearing (oral arguments) will be held Nov 14, 2012 in the County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204. The room and judge will not be selected until shortly before the hearing. Open to public.



Welcome to our newest neighbors. We encourage you to join with us in helping maintain the Old Court - Greenspring area, and we invite you to participate in local affairs. If you would like to join in OCGS activities, please contact OCGS at <OCGSHOA@aol.com> or phone 410 486-6420 and ask for Larry Carton (Secretary).

E-mail Address Update

Help us keep in contact with you. Please provide your e-mail address, along with other contact information, requested below. Due to the high cost of mailings, except for the Semi Annual Newsletters, all updates, notices, and time sensitive information will be communicated by e-mail.

OCGS and PGCC Websites

OCGS is a founding member of the Pikesville-Greenspring Community Coalition, Inc. (PGCC) which consists of 16 neighborhood associations. Both sites have websites and offer contacts to county, state and federal websites. In addition, the OCGS website has a running blog and many association items of interest to our area, such as accident reports, proposed developments, past newsletters, and assessment information.

OCGS - http://www.pgccinc.org/OCGS - Newsletters, Association Boundaries, and more.

PGCC -- http://pgccinc.org - Greenspring East-Pikesville Community Action Plan.

2012 Annual Membership Dues - \$50.00*

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