

O C G S / Newsletter

**Old Court / Greenspring
Improvement Association, Inc.**

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2006 OCGS Officers

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Quarry Lake at Greenspring

As reported in our April newsletter, traffic concerns resulting from this development have resulted in improvements and upgrades to the Old Court-Greenspring and the I-695 / Greenspring Avenue intersections. A new traffic light is now in operation on Greenspring Avenue south of I-695, and two traffic islands have been constructed to aid in traffic control. Still pending is the construction of an additional north bound lane on Greenspring Avenue near its intersection with Old Court Road to allow a better traffic flow for cars entering the inner loop of I-695. The county has added a second off ramp lane for traffic exiting from the inner loop of I-695. Additional safety proposals have been suggested to both County and State traffic agencies by OCGS. Traffic at the Old Court/Greenspring intersection is expected to increase over the next few years from the current 20,000 to over 40,000 daily trips, and it is hoped that the current upgrades will assist traffic flow.

Traffic Safety

The Old Court - Greenspring Improvement Association would like to remind our neighbors of the following traffic and safety information:

- The speed limit on Old Court Road is 35 MPH.
- The acceleration and deceleration lanes along Old Court Road are not passing lanes.
- Double yellow traffic lines on any state road indicate no passing zones.
- It is against the law to pull into any oncoming traffic lane for any reason. (It is minimum of 1 point and a \$75.00 fine.) If traffic is backed up beyond the left turn lane on Greenspring Avenue north, or on Old Court Road east, you must wait until the light changes and traffic clears to pull into the left turn lane at each of these locations.
- No turn on red means NO TURN ON RED.
- During power outages, if the Old Court-Greenspring traffic light is not functioning, this intersection becomes a 4-way stop. Cars that do not stop to check cross traffic before entering the intersection can be ticketed for running a stop sign, and they are at fault if any accident occurs.
- Right turn on red is an option. If you are not sure that the road is clear of traffic coming from the left, don't turn.
- Driving while using a cell phone makes for very unsafe conditions.
- People walking (especially in the cross walks) and people biking on the road have the right of way.
- Due to Quarry reclamation, the local deer population is on the move, especially along Old Court Road. It is suggested that drivers use great caution and bright lights when possible at night, and that drivers do not exceed the 35 mph speed limit in an effort to avoid accidents with deer crossing the road.

PGCC Expansion

The Old Court Greenspring Improvement Association is proud to be one of the founding members of the Pikesville-Greenspring Community Coalition, Inc. PGCC now includes 18 neighborhood associations. For more information about PGCC, check out their new website at: <http://pgccinc.org>.



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)

The Newsletter editor/ secretary apologies for the lateness of the November newsletter which was scheduled to be issued in Sept. How time flies when you're having fun.

E-mail Address Update

Help us keep in contact with you. Please provide your e-mail address and other contact information below if you have not already done so. That way we can keep in touch with you when issues of community interest arise. Please note: This is a service extended only to dues paying members of the Old Court-Greenspring Improvement Association, Inc.

2006 Annual Membership Dues - \$35.00

{Special dues reduction - to encourage greater community participation in OCGS}

Please complete and return this information with your check

Name _____

Residence Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

OCGS e-mail notices are sent to members from time-to-time when issues arise that warrant immediate attention.

If your mailing address is different from your residence address, please provide this below:

Mailing Address _____
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Checks should be made payable to: OCGS, Inc., and mailed to
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PAID If the box to the left is checked, we have received your 2006 dues. Thank you!