

# OCGS / Newsletter

Old Court / Greenspring  
Improvement Association, Inc.

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## SPRING 2017

### Current OCGS Officers

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

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#### ACCIDENTS ON OLD COURT ROAD AND ITS INTERSECTION AT GREENSPRING AVENUE

For whatever reason, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has changed the way in which accidents are recorded for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. There are no records currently available for 2013. The SHA report for 2014 shows only the number of accidents for the entire state, with no breakout for exact location. The 2015 report lists accidents, but one must search for streets that are of interest, and then only latitude and longitude of every accident is shown. For example, after searching and compiling our own accident list, I know that there were 8 accidents at the Old Court Road and Greenspring Avenue intersection, but there is no way to determine how each accident occurred. Was someone making a turn, or rear-ended, or ran a red light? Was there a death, injury, or property damage? How many vehicles were involved? OCGS will be posting what we can determine on our website. We will be compiling and posting statistics on 2016 when available, and we will post what info we have for 2014 through 2015 on our website shortly. Sorry the information is so sparse. SHA is making it very hard to see what is happening in our Association area.

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#### ISSUES IN OUR AREA

OCGS is assisting Greenspring East HOA in fighting a developer who is trying to build a house in Old Court Gardens which is an OCGS development adjacent to Greenspring Ave. and Old Court Rd. There are 3 building lots which were not developed in 1962 beyond the end of Springbriar Lane. These lots are environmentally unsuitable for building and we are currently opposing this possible development with the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS)

#### Email Address Update Request

Help us keep in contact with you. Email your contact information (name, address & email) to us at [ocgshoa@aol.com](mailto:ocgshoa@aol.com) in order to receive up-to-the-minute information about local happenings of interest. Newsletters are mailed to all OCGS residents twice a year (Spring & Fall). Email contact is maintained throughout the year as we share Police reports, Health & Human Services (HHS) information, Baltimore County Resource reports, etc, when they are of interest to members of our community.

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#### 2017 OCGS Annual Meeting

The OCGS 2017 annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 beginning 7:30 pm at the home of Phyllis Friedman, 19 Hambleton Court. All OCGS residents are invited to attend, but only dues paying members may vote on the election of officers and expenditure of funds. Our officers are elected at each annual meeting.

\*Any paid member can be an officer. Please join us. Take part. You live here too.\*

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#### Police & Other Requests

\*Lock your cars at all times and leave nothing of value in sight.\*

\*Do not leave your car keys or house keys anywhere in your car.\*

\*Remove newspapers in front of your house. They are an invitation to thieves who know you are away from home.\*

\*Old Court Road is a single lane highway with a 35mph speed limit. Do not try to save a few seconds by speeding.\*

\*Drive like your life depends on it. Do not let a driver behind you tell you how to drive or how fast to drive.\*

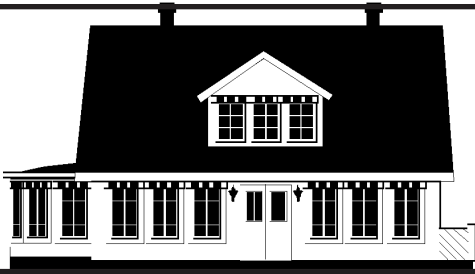
\*You do not need to be the first one in line at the red light.\*

\*Stop and look before making a right turn on red. It is the law and your fault if you get hit.\*

\*Turn your cell phone off. No one has anything more important to say to you than your life is worth.\*

\*Watch for deer. They run in pairs. They do not look both ways when crossing roads, and they do not carry insurance.\*

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**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](mailto:OCGSHOA@aol.com)> or phone 410 486-6420 and ask for Larry Carton (Secretary).

**OCGS is a Tax Exempt organization  
IRS 501(c)(4)**

## OCGS and PGCC Web sites

OCGS is a founding member of the Pikesville-Greenspring Community Coalition, Inc. (PGCC) which consists of 17 neighborhood associations. **Both groups have web sites which include contact information for county, state and federal web sites.** In addition, the OCGS website has a running blog, and many items of interest to our area are commented upon including accident reports, proposed developments, past newsletters, and tax assessment information.

**OCGS** - <http://www.ocgshoa.org> (NOTE: **This is a new URL.** A Google search may reach our previous website.) See past issues of the newsletter for Association Boundaries, history, and more.

**PGCC** -- <http://pgccinc.org> - See the Greenspring-East Pikesville Community Action Plan (CAP).

## 2017 Annual Membership Dues - \$50.00\*

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\*2017 Dues are payable any time after receipt of this newsletter.

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A PDF copy of the newsletter is available for download on our website < <http://www.pgccinc.org/OCGS/>>  
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**OCGS, Inc., c/o Mrs. Joanne Warres, Treasurer  
2910 Old Court Road  
Pikesville, MD 21208**