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SPRING 2003

Neighbor!



NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS
OF THE ROCK CREEK WOODS COMMUNITY

NewsBriefs

Kelly Pelz is Back in Action!

Our wonderful neighbor, *Kelly Pelz*, is back in action after being hospitalized for several days with a serious blood infection. She is looking good and is again collecting cosmetic items for the homeless. She welcomes any donations by neighbors of toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, etc. which can be left on her porch bench, and then she will take them on to the shelter. Thanks!



Spring Mulch Sale!

Our local *Albert Einstein High School Booster Club* will be holding a sale of 3 cubic foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch on **Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The sale will be held in the high school's parking lot located at 11135 Newport Mill Road. The bags are priced at \$3.50 and if one is ordering ten bags or more free delivery will be available. Orders for the mulch *must be placed by March 29* and payment must accompany the order. If ordering, mail a check along with your name, address and telephone number to: AEHS Athletic Booster Club, c/o Susan Donnelly, 8715

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Hopefully the warm weather will soon be upon us and it will be time to make sure that our young cherry trees are given good care. It is important that we make sure that the trees do not become infested with "shot borers". This is a small, black flying insect that literally bores into the branches and trunks of the cherry tree and feeds on the inside. Sap coming from the tree is an indication that there may be borers inside. Also, droopy leaves and unseasonable turning of the leaves is an indication of the borers presence. The older trees are not as vulnerable as the younger ones, but if they are infected, they would need to be professionally injected with an insecticide because they have such a large root base.



Our Beloved Cherry Trees

Spring Focus

The younger trees, however, can be treated once or twice a year to either protect them from or to rid them of shot borers. *When the weather becomes warm is the time to treat the trees*, both the new ones and the ones that are five years old. The insecticide which has "imidacloprid" in it should do the trick. Two brand names which have concentrates of this insecticide are *Merit* and *Bayer Advanced Garden Tree & Shrub Insect Control*. A diluted portion of either one of these products should be soaked into the ground as far out as the branches go (this is the root system also); and if you do this soaking in quadrants of the tree, you'll make sure that all areas are covered. You might want to share a bottle of the insecticide concentrate with a neighbor; and if you need any help in treating the trees, feel free to get in touch with Sarah Eresian (301.942.3753) or Dave Roth (301.933.2752). We have had a lot of water this winter, to say the least! However, if and when the Spring and Summer do become dry, it is important to water the young trees at least twice a week — both the new ones and those that are five years old. If you have any questions about all of this, please call Cordie Goldstein at 301.949.0565.

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Second Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. If you want more information about the sale, you can call Gordie Brenne at 301.588.7206.

Einstein S.T.A.G.E. to Present "Hello Dolly"

Albert Einstein High School's theatrical group, S.T.A.G.E. will present a production of the musical, "Hello Dolly" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 in the school's auditorium at 11135 Newport Mill Road. For reservations and ticket information, call 301-962-1028.

This group has been under the direction of Einstein's Choral and Drama Director, Peter Smeallie, for the past fifteen years and they have done some wonderful productions. It is great family entertainment at a great price!

Rock View Elementary to Hold Community Yard Sale

The Rock View Elementary School's PTA will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, April 26 on the school grounds at the corner of Denfeld and Connecticut Avenues. If you are interested in having a table there or more information about the event, please contact Diane Dickson at 301.933.3199.

Super Snow Shovelers!

Many, many thanks to the teenagers and young adults in the neighborhood who got out there and helped many a neighbor dig out their driveways, dig out stuck vehicles and shovel walks. Their energy was never ending and they were magnificent!

Notes from the RCWCA

Nominating Committee

Roseanne Clausen appointed a nominating committee of Kelly Pelz, Cordie Goldstein, and Sylvia Goodstein to develop a slate of officers who were willing to serve the RCWCA.

The proposed slate will be as follows:
President, Roseanne Clausen
Vice President, Sarah Eresian
Treasurer, Milt Socolar
Secretary, Dolores Battle

All of the current officers have agreed to continue their service. Procedures described in Section V of the Association by-laws will be followed in selecting officers. These procedures require that the list of nominees be published and circulated to all neighbors at least 10 days prior to the election meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting. If no general meeting is scheduled before September, the annual Labor Day picnic will be the election meeting.

Mariann Seriff has indicated an interest in assuming the production of the newsletter. Cordie Goldstein and Dolores Battle will assist her during the transition.

Yard Sale The possibility of having a yard sale in the spring or early summer was discussed. Sarah Eresian said that a number of neighbors had inquired when

the next one would be held. The church should be included since they sometimes have sales on their own. Betsy Binckes volunteered to be the liaison between the community and the church. An overall coordinator would be needed as well as individuals to perform specific tasks. If there is any interest in having a yard sale or if there are volunteers for certain tasks, please respond to Sarah (942-3753).

Note Cards for Sale Cordie Goldstein reported that the first batch of cards with the Rock Creek Woods sign pictured had sold out immediately. We now have a new printing of seven dozen. An e-mail will go out announcing their availability at the same price, \$10 a dozen or \$5 for 6.

MNCCP National Register Valerie Tate is chairing a committee to investigate the nominating process. The committee includes Julie Marcis, Gregory Arms, Mariann Seriff, Dolores Battle. A meeting with Joey Lampl, architectural historian of the Historic Preservation Section of the MNCCP, has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27 at Joey's office in Silver Spring. She has recommended that the neighborhood file by June 30, 2003.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Association will be held at Sylvia Goodstein's house, 4015 Rickover, on Monday, April 28 at 7p.m.

Upcoming Events



Neighborhood Tai Chi

Our newest neighbor, Dahman Ferhat, who lives at 3945 Rickover will be offering a Tai Chi class for the neighborhood. This class will begin in the Spring and will be held outdoors. Fees will be donated to the Rock Creek Woods Civic Association. If you are interested, call Dahman at 301.949.5539.

Hi Neighbor! will have the goal of being published quarterly by the Rock Creek Woods Civic Association as a service to the community. This issue has been written and edited by Cordie Goldstein and Delores Battle and designed by Mariann Seriff. Please send questions, comments or items of interest to: Mariann Seriff, 3917 Rickover Road. Or e-mail: mseriff@mindspring.com.