



Home Owners Association Newsletter

October 2005

President's Message

Fellow Homeowners,

I hope everyone has had an outstanding 2005 and exciting summer as we head into the fall and winter seasons I wanted to update everyone with the activities of your HOA Board so far this year.

We have had several new families move into our neighborhood this year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all.

Your HOA board representatives have been very active, negotiating a new contract with Waste Management for continued service and evaluating several landscaping proposals to keep our neighborhood as beautiful as ever.

Currently we do have some issues of concern which, as a board, we are working diligently to resolve. The long summer drought has finally come to an apparent end, but not without some tree damage. We have identified several trees for replacement and are in the process of getting new ones.

Also of concern, is the continued speeding along Bordly Drive. We have contacted the Montgomery County Police Dept. to ask for increased patrols. 30 mile per hour speed limit signs are now installed at both ends.

Discussions regarding additional solutions are ongoing, although speed bumps and circles are not feasible anytime soon.

With Halloween right around the corner and the holiday season almost upon us, I want to remind everyone to be careful and keep an eye out for children.

My special thanks to everyone who has helped as an additional volunteer and our great staff of HOA board and committee members.

Kerry W. Hemphill
President
Brookeville Farms, HOA ❖

HOA Board Meetings

Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm-9:00pm,
Longwood Community Center

All homeowners are welcome to attend. An open forum for homeowners is scheduled for the last 10 minutes of each meeting. ❖

Pumpkins, Hayrides, Apple cider...

By Tim O'Connell

Looking for a place to enjoy the autumn weather? We recently made our annual family excursion to Larriland Farm (www.pickyourown.com). Every year, the kids, Terri and I look forward to visiting this slice of farm life/apple-pumpkin Americana. I go for the hot apple cider and warm apple fritters (covered in powdered sugar). Terri and the kids love the wooded hayride, hay maze, elevated goat-walk, Boo Barn (haunted house for younger folks) and the chance to pick your own pumpkins. And, there are plenty of photo opps too, if you carry a camera.

The hayride winds past a lake, through the woods, through a stream (yes, through) and back to the barn and, in the process, takes a short tour through American history, Harry Potter and Pooh's Hundred Acre Woods; all "re-enacted" by a cast of pumpkin-headed papier mache figures.

A wide assortment of apples, pumpkins, gourds, candies and assorted goodies of the harvest season is available for purchase inside the barn. Larriland is a short drive from Georgia Avenue, left onto Jennings Chapel Road, right onto 94 (roughly). 2415 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 21797 (near Lisbon); 301.854.6110 for hours and more information. ❖

A Note from Adam Sachs

Dear Friends:

My sister Pam and I are back home again, safe and sound, after a most incredible hike up Mt. Kilimanjaro.

It is so rare that an adventure exceeds one's (very high) expectations...but this one surely did. It's safe to say I learned a lot about high altitude climbing: when your Tanzanian guide says, "pole pole" (pronounced "po-lay po-lay") he's telling you to walk very slowly, and you do that for good reason!

I've also learned much about African culture and the significance of this mountain to its neighboring peoples.

Climbing Kilimanjaro was both an extreme physical and mental challenge. When you are one false step away from a twisted ankle, you must pay very close attention to your every move. When the thin air brings you headaches that won't go away, you are always thinking about your every breath...slow and deliberate. And when you need to dig deep and grab that energy you didn't know you had, you go back to what inspired you in the first place, in my case my family and especially my "mountain climber" son Justin.

The mountain is nothing short of breathtaking. Early into our climb, we hear the screams of the monkeys in the rainforest. Four ecosystems, 19,000 feet, and seven days later, we are touching glaciers that we know will be gone in the next 10-15 years (due to global warming). The three subzero nights were tough, as were the 50 mph winds that blew away our mess tent. But living above the clouds, enjoying the team camaraderie, seeing more stars at night than I had ever seen before, and of course standing on Kilimanjaro's summit made it all worthwhile.

We want to thank you all for your generous support with this fundraiser. To date we have raised over \$36,000 for FD research and donations are still coming in. I cannot describe for



you how much your notes, e-mails, and phone calls have meant to me, and to Justin! He's as

proud of his Dad as I am of him..."you made it Dad, I knew you would!"

This was an emotional journey for me. The moment I touched that first glacier...my first glimpse of the summit...calling Stacey at 2:00 a.m. to tell her I made it (satellite phones are wonderful)

...Justin's hug when I arrived back home...I knew I had done something special. We raised some much-needed money (all going to research) and we certainly raised some awareness about FD, and again I am so grateful for your support.

Please check out our website link for a few photos:

www.familialdysautonomia.org/Sachs/climb-for-FD.htm

Asante (thank you in Swahili)!

Adam ❖

HOA Web Site

The HOA web site located at <http://www.geocities.com/bfmdhoa/>. This web site includes information pertaining to the HOA such as ARC forms, minutes from previous board meetings, current and previous newsletters, as well as contact information for board members. ❖

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to submit information to appear in the next HOA newsletter, or for any inquiries, please send them to David Sager (david.sager@jhuapl.edu or 2105 Bordly Drive).

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Useful Phone Numbers

Emergencies Fire/Rescue, Police	911
Police Non-emergency	301-279-8000
Fire Non-emergency	240-777-0744
American Red Cross	301-588-2515
Verizon Telephone repair	301-954-6260
BG&E	800-685-0123
Comcast	301-424-4400
Montgomery County Emergency Management	240-777-2300

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