

# Revelations

March 2009 Edition

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Please allow me to remind all residents in the community that with warmer weather approaching, children are more likely to be out and about. That said, please speak with any and all children regarding their safety when at play outdoors. While we are a fully residential community with many cul-de-sacs where children often play in the street area, every child must remain fully aware of the dangers of vehicular traffic in any roadway or driveways.**

**Please remind the children to be self-aware and to look out for their friends as well. Good personal safety practices will be copied by the younger ones. So be sure everyone is setting a good example whether you are supervising kids, behind the wheel, or just maintaining dialogue on the issue among neighbors and friends. The children must understand that they are no match for a moving vehicle. Respect the rights of the drivers and always give the vehicle the right-of-way with plenty of clearance and visibility.**

**We don't want any tragedies! Whenever and wherever possible, please strive to have children play in designated areas at your own residence within the boundaries of your property or the community Tot Lot. This respects and protects the personal property of your neighbors and ensures the safety of our kids at play. This also applies to the school busstop areas as well!! So look out for those children, all of them whether they are yours or not please, and teach them the 'unwritten' laws of safety and neighborly behavior!**

**Thanks All... Play Safely... Be Respectful.. . and THINK SPRING!!! :)**

**Best,  
Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President  
Revell Downs Community HOA Board**

# Traffic Calming Meeting

*Thanks to all who showed up for the meeting. It is essential that we have community support at these meetings.*

Residents in attendance met with Ed Horky, Asst. Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, to discuss traffic violation complaints.

Complaints included:

1. Parking allowed to close to stop signs.
2. Vehicles running stop signs
3. Speeding on Secretariat
4. Illegal parking by Bay Head park
5. Dangerous intersection of East College Parkway and Bay Head

Mr. Horky addressed the complaints in the following way:

1. The county will put up “no parking” signs free of charge anywhere with the communities written request. It is also illegal to park within 30 feet of a stop sign so, perhaps that’s a good place to start. No parking within these perimeters will help distance visibility. This will be discussed after the traffic monitoring is completed.
2. Islands can be installed at troubled stop signs which will prevent the vehicle from “clipping” the turn and encourage a stop.
3. Monitoring will be conducted by the County at an unspecified time during this year. Problem solvers that are appropriate for the community were addressed.
4. The Parks service has already requested no parking signs and it is being worked on.
5. The first 30 feet off of East College parkway is easement that belongs to the State and the County doesn’t have jurisdiction over this section.

## Revell Downs Community Association 2009 Budget

**Revenue**

Annual Assessment	\$ 20,025
Uncollected Assessment	\$ 9,653
HOA Doc Fees	\$ 350
County Playground Grant	\$ 1,000
	\$ 31,028
	\$ 31,028

**Cash On Hand**

Checking	\$ 3,275
Savings	\$ 22,954
	\$ 26,229
	\$ 26,229

**Expenses**

BG&E	\$ 1,800
Landscaping	\$ 9,105
Storage Room	\$ 1,272
Chesapeake Insurance - Crime Policy	\$ 500
Chesapeake Insurance - Liability Policy	\$ 1,040
Management Company	\$ 4,500
Easter Festival	\$ 1,000
Post Office Box	\$ 286
Other/Incidentals	\$ 1,000
2X Garage Sales	\$ 120
Lawyer/Collection Fees	\$ 3,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 350
Broadneck Federation	\$ 75
	\$ 24,048
	\$ 24,048

**Projects**

Pavilion	\$ 12,000
Storage Shed	\$ 3,000
Tot Lot	\$ 1,000
Basketball / Tennis Courts	\$ 1,000
	\$ 17,000
	\$ 17,000

Total Assets	\$ 57,257
Total Liabilities	\$ 41,048
+/-	\$ 16,209

## NEIGHBORHOOD MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Our neighborhood will be part of Anne Arundel County's Mosquito Control Program this year. Guidelines for the program are summarized below. If you do not wish to participate, an exemption form is available on the neighborhood's website for you to complete and send to the county. All instructions for completion are on the form. If you have questions regarding the County's Program, please visit the AACounty website at [http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito\\_control/](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/)

### STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES- 2009

The Anne Arundel County & City of Annapolis Mosquito Control Program is conducted by the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland

Department of Agriculture, located in Annapolis, under cooperative agreement with the County and City Governments. The following services will be conducted in the indicated time frames:

- County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: March - October
- Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: Starting June 1, 2009-September

### OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES/LARVICIDES

Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Inspector determines it is necessary.

Nuisance Abatement Thresholds for Ground Based ULV Treatments:

Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count

Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap

24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap

• SPRAY/APPLICATION SCHEDULE FOR LARVICIDES/ADULTICIDES:

Larvicides (Treatment for mosquito larvae) - Monday - Friday

Adulticide (Treatment for adult mosquitoes) - Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community) After 7:30 p.m.

Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.

• The Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges that swarm on homes, boats, trees and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow moving water ways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### Newsletter Advertising

Business Card - \$25

Half Page - \$75

Whole Page - \$135



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# Easter Egg Hunt 2009

**Sat., Apr. 4th – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

@ the Tennis/Basketball field off Secretariat



## Free Fun:

- Easter Bunny Pictures
- SPCA Adoption
- Pony Rides!
- Face Painting
- Moon Bounce
- Fire Truck
- Police Unit – Educational

Foods: \$4-5 combos



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2:00, *to participate, please* bring 12 plastic eggs and 1 bag of wrapped candy per child to: 400 Master Derby Ct, no later than Mar 30th. That will give your child a free-admission ticket!

To donate **store baked goods for Cake-Walk**, contact Peggy @ 410/757-3466,

**\*\*\*Help Needed!!** Contact Casey @ 443 782 1616 or Denise @ 443 433 0108

*Rain Date: Sun. Apr. 5th. Bring your beach chairs and floor blankets for a fun day!  
Please, no pets or alcoholic beverages.*

## CRIME WATCH PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

**Mission Statement** - The Revell Downs Community Neighborhood Watch is an active crime prevention program. Neighbors make a commitment to each other to look out for each others property and safety in an organized effort with each other and the police.

**Neighborhood Watch Process** - In a Neighborhood Watch, neighbors make a commitment to each other to call the police when they see a crime take place or suspicious activity in the neighborhood. After they call the police, they notify other neighbors of the activity going on so other neighbors are aware of the activity. Including other neighbors can help in visually tracking the activity of the suspect and provide other witness for the police. Neighborhood watching can be in a formal process, such as a patrolled walk in groups or in an informal process as looking out your window during the day or night or when driving through the neighborhood.

**Role of Neighbors in the Program** - You as the citizen are the first line of defense for a neighborhood. You are the eyes and ears for the neighborhood to initiate a response from the police. You have the job of reporting crimes, reporting suspicious activity, being a witness, making formal complaints, providing pertinent information to the police to solve crimes and going to court and testifying against criminals that threaten the peace of your neighborhood.

**A Block Captain** will be recruited for each street to keep their street organized. Responsibilities include:

- informing neighbors of issues
- recruiting new block watchers
- delegating work
- greeting new neighbors

### What this program is:

- Keeps crime out and creates a safe neighborhood
- Builds relationships with neighbors

### What this program is not:

- Participants will not apprehend criminals
- Participants will not put themselves in danger

**Other activities:**

Reporting activities and time to the Community Watch Manager through the community website form for metrics purposes  
 Metrics reported in monthly neighborhood association newsletter  
 Brief Community Watch Meetings will be held every other month to promote the program, announce metrics, and provide training and information  
 Once a year pot luck block party  
 Support pamphlets available at each Home Owner association meeting and crime watch meetings  
 Participation in National Night Out - Tuesday August 4th, 2009

**Resources:**

Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute -> <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/aboutdpscs/pct/ccpi/>  
 Anne Arundel County Community Crime Watch -> <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/crimeWatch.cfm>

**Action Plan:** Over March and April

Recruit block captains and participants by signing up providing name, address, phone number  
 Advertise program at next association meetings, community newsletter, website, and easter egg hunt  
 Have website administrator set up web form to allow participants to submit

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING – PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [CRIMEWATCH@REVELLDOWNS.COM](mailto:CRIMEWATCH@REVELLDOWNS.COM)

<b>MINUTES</b>	<h1>Revell Downs HOA Meeting Minutes</h1> <p style="text-align: right;">12/3/08 ~ 7:00 P.M. Broadneck High School</p>
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Note taker:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Attendees:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, Rhonda Feist-Vice President
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:03.
<b>Minutes Last Meeting</b>	Minutes from last month's meeting were not yet transcribed
<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative duties require redistribution among remaining Board members. Secretary position now available (due to November 2008 resignation).</li> <li>• Rhonda Feist coordinated public meeting with County officials regarding Traffic Study for community</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	None.
<b>Bylaw Report</b>	None.
<b>Newsletter Report</b>	None- Newsletter production on hold.
<b>Broadneck Federation</b>	None.
<b>Architectural Report</b>	Need committee/resident participation.
<b>Website Report</b>	Existing setup being revamped with changeover to webhosting services by fee to Bill White on quarterly basis.
<b>Crime Watch Meeting Notes</b>	Program under development.
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

# MINUTES

# Revell Downs HOA Meeting Minutes

1/7/09 ~ 7:00 P.M.  
Broadneck High School

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Note taker:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Attendees:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, Rhonda Feist-Vice President, Randy Moy-Treasurer, Bill White-WebMaster, Peggy Murchake, Barry Lazar, Holly Thompson
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:05.
<b>Minutes Last Meeting</b>	Minutes from last month's meeting were not yet transcribed.
<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative duties require redistribution among remaining Board members. Secretary position remains available.</li><li>• President met with new management company owner to turn over financial documents necessary for tracking payments made or due for annual HOA dues by residents and/or owners. Legal action will occur via the Complete Management Svcs., Inc. in the effort to recoup unpaid dues from residents/owners.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	None.
<b>Bylaw Report</b>	None.
<b>Newsletter Report</b>	None- Newsletter production on hold.
<b>Broadneck Federation</b>	None.
<b>Architectural Report</b>	Need committee/residents participation.
<b>Website Report</b>	Bill White- Web hosting switchover complete so existing invoices for hosting/domain will not be renewed (allow to expire). Discussed adding Bylaws/Covenants to site. Add new management company info (Complete Management Services, Inc., PO Box 882, Pasadena, MD 21123, #(410)255-4255, <a href="mailto:SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com">SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com</a> ) to site. Also embed links, etc. to advertisers/classified ads (i.e. online yard sale for residents to post items/services) but must be controlled posts for 18years old and above due to open Web access to site. Add community photos to website for Spring.
<b>Crime Watch Meeting Notes</b>	Program under development.
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned at ~8pm.

# MINUTES

# Revell Downs HOA Meeting Minutes

2/4/09 ~ 7:00 P.M.  
Broadneck High School

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Note taker:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
<b>Attendees:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, Rhonda Feist-Vice President, Barry Lazar
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:20.
<b>Minutes Last Meeting</b>	Minutes from last month's meeting were not yet transcribed.
<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative duties require redistribution among remaining Board members. Secretary position remains available.</li><li>• Residents will be reminded to update their online electronic payment accounts with the info for the new management company for annual HOA dues payments (Complete Management Services, Inc., PO Box 882, Pasadena, MD 21123, #(410)255-4255, <a href="mailto:SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com">SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com</a> .</li><li>• President met with former accountant for HOA (Millie Schutte) to acquire closeout materials for services previously provided. A token gift of appreciation for her past services will be purchased.</li><li>• HOA packet requests being addressed/handled by Rhonda Feist.</li><li>• Barry Lazar removed unauthorized advertising/solicitation ads from front of community area.</li><li>• Easter Egg Hunt planning and coordination being handled mostly by Denise Figueiredo (Big Thanks!!). Scheduled for April 4. Need volunteers. Need to contact landscapers to schedule field touchup prior to event. Stephanie, Randy and Denise met with contractor supplier for event (Events by Thomas) to sign contract for services.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	None.
<b>Bylaw Report</b>	None.
<b>Newsletter Report</b>	None- Newsletter production on hold.
<b>Broadneck Federation</b>	None.
<b>Architectural Report</b>	Need committee/residents participation. Need to touch base with Ann Fisher on status of letters.
<b>Website Report</b>	None. Need to bring Minutes and Newsletters up to date on site.
<b>Crime Watch Meeting Notes</b>	Program under development.
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	Clarification needed re: mailing address updates/Change Of Address forms for Association per paperwork received from Millie (prior accountant)
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<b>MINUTES</b>	<h1>Revell Downs HOA</h1> <h2>Meeting Minutes</h2> <p>3/4/09 ~ 7:00 P.M. Broadneck High School</p>
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<b>Facilitator:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
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<b>Note taker:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, President
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<b>Attendees:</b>	Stephanie Rauscher-Finn, Rhonda Feist-Vice President, Randy Moy-Treasurer, Kipp Snow, Bill White-WebMaster, Peggy Murchake, Barry Lazar, Andrea Depanise
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<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:20.
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<b>Minutes Last Meeting</b>	Minutes from last month's meeting were not yet transcribed.
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<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative duties require redistribution among remaining Board members. Secretary position remains available.</li> <li>• Residents will be reminded to update their online electronic payment accounts with the info for the new management company for annual HOA dues payments (Complete Management Services, Inc., PO Box 882, Pasadena, MD 21123, #(410)255-4255, <a href="mailto:SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com">SMcLeod@CompleteMgt.com</a> .</li> <li>• HOA packet requests being addressed/handled by Rhonda Feist. Several checks turned over to Randy for deposit.</li> <li>• Mail/Invoices turned over to Randy to be addressed/paid.</li> <li>• HOA Tax forms received to complete. Will coordinate with Randy.</li> <li>• Easter Egg Hunt planning and coordination being handled mostly by Denise Figueiredo. Scheduled for April 4. Need volunteers. Randy will contact landscapers to schedule field touchup prior to event.</li> </ul> <p>*** FILL EGGS AT APRIL 1 MEETING! ALL ADULT VOLUTEERS APPRECIATED!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice/Fax and email accounts switched over and being managed by President.</li> </ul>
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<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Post 2009 budget on website.
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<b>Bylaw Report</b>	None.
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<b>Newsletter Report</b>	None- Newsletter production will be handled by Kipp Snow for Mid March delivery- forward all items for printing to him. Printing confirmed via Bill White that Lisa White will continue this service (Big Thanks to her and Champion Realty for this voluntary service!).
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<b>Broadneck Federation</b>	None.
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<b>Architectural Report</b>	Need committee/residents participation. Need to touch base with Ann Fisher on status of letters. Fence request reviewed and approved. Homeowner contacted re: approval to proceed.
<b>Website Report</b>	None. Need to bring Minutes and Newsletters up to date on site.
<b>Crime Watch Meeting Notes</b>	Kipp Snow presented Program outline and will manage further development of this initiative. Neighborhood website will host program overview on how residents can participate. Now looking for neighborhood participants to be involved..
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned at ~8pm.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	