



Summer 2010



Neighborhood Newsletter

VOLC Block Party a **GREAT** Success!

May 30th the weather was perfect, and the food was awesome! More than 40 neighbors and visitors enjoyed the first Village of Long Creek block party – a cookout celebrating Memorial Day, the start of the summer season, and the growing camaraderie among neighbors in the VOLC community.

Special thanks go to Benchmark Builders for providing the tent, tables and chairs, to Joe Doto for cooking up all the burgers and hotdogs; and to the organizing committee for putting it all together so well.



Everyone agreed it was a lot of fun, and are looking forward to doing it again next year. Photos courtesy of Bob Greenblatt.



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Landscaping Update

By Joe Doto

Joe Doto met with Brian Rickards of Benchmark Builders in mid-May to discuss several items:

- 1) The mulching under the bump-outs which has been completed.
- 2) The second fertilization and the weed killer application were finally done. Brian indicated that it was late being applied this year because of an unusually wet spring.
- 3) Joe reminded Brian that Forever Green Landscaping had agreed to conduct a soil analysis in our development last year so that the fertilizer applications could be modified to meet our soil needs. The soil samples were finally collected on June 10.

It will be several weeks before the Landscaping Committee can meet with Brian and Forever Green to discuss the results and what changes need to be made to improve our lawn care.

- 4) Joe talked about the use of the large riding mower in our development. Last year we had convinced Forever Green not to use the large equipment because of the numerous tire marks it was leaving in the grass. Brian said that the riding mower was only to be used in the back and the walk behind mower was to be used on the side and front yards. Joe told him that rule was not being followed since he had observed the riding mower being used the day before on the side yard of several properties. Brian did contact the President of Forever Green and reviewed procedures with him. Joe told Brian he would let him know if Forever Green doesn't follow the rules.

Quest for the Best – Chinese Food!

By Bob Greenblatt



Bob Greenblatt (41), Vinnie Moricone (101) and Anna Lagrasso (101) have been on a two- year quest to find a decent Chinese restaurant. Just about all of the local Chinese restaurants feature similar food and even have similar red and white menus. And of course, the décor is Modern Plastic.

The hunt has finally ended. We feel we've found the best Chinese restaurant around – Sanlin East, located at 953 West Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921. We didn't take any pictures but you'll know it's different before you even get inside. The exterior features a giant Buddha and lanterns strung in the trees. The inside is really different and probably unlike any restaurant in the area. The service was good (we got there early and were the only ones there so that might explain the prompt service). The food was excellent.

Within ten days we were back for takeout (do yourself a favor and call ahead). The restaurant is located about 9 miles west on Rt. 40. When you see a hardware store on the left be prepared to make a right turn (it's actually hard to see from the road). We give this place 4 stars on the *Blatt-Icone Meter*.



Ice Cream Social!!!

July 10, 12p.m.(time is tentative)

In the Dickinson Sample House

Come meet and greet your current VOLC neighbors plus new and potential residents to our community. Sponsored by Benchmark Builders. More information will be sent soon.

Notes from the VOLC Social Committee

In response to the high level of interest to form various clubs and activities, the Village of Long Creek Social Committee met on June 13 at the home of Jo Ann and Richard Skidmore (18). Notes from the meeting were provided by Barb Doto. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, contact the individual(s) who will be organizing them. Questions? Contact Barb at jfdoto@verizon.net.



- ✓ Jo Ann Skidmore would like to create a list of reputable, reliable and good vendors that people have used for various jobs in their homes. This list could then be published for those who wish to use it. It's hard for people who are moving in from other areas or states to find good workers. She thought this would be an advantage to many of us. People can email their favorite vendors to Jo Ann at mamajo102@aol.com and she will take care of creating the list.
- ✓ We are working on putting together another picnic. The covered pavilions at the parks are booked months in advance. We have \$58.00 left over from our other picnic however to rent a tent, tables and chairs would cost \$358.00. We need to get a feel from everyone as to how much they would be willing to put in to have another picnic.
- ✓ There was a great deal of interest in having a regular " happy hour. " The Skidmores will host the first Happy Hour in the fall. Everyone will BYOB and the hostess will serve light hors d'oeuvres. Residents will take turns doing this once a month.
- ✓ Mary and Gary Legried will arrange Wii bowling tournaments. They are very eager to get a series of weekly/monthly playoff games organized. You are encouraged to contact the Legrieds at 834-2378 or mrlegreid@gmail.com as soon as possible so that a schedule can be created.
- ✓ The University of Delaware and Chapel Street Playhouse will not have their fall play schedules out until at least the middle of July. Barb Doto will be taking care of these two activities, once we can get the schedules.
- ✓ Patti Abernethy (pabernethy@verizon.net), will organize a trip to the Nemours Mansion, hopefully sometime this summer while the gardens are in bloom. Tours are 2.5 hours long and the cost is \$15 per person, Tuesday through Sunday. **Contact Patti no later than June 30th** if you are interested.
- ✓ Maria Tricarico (lott2do@comcast.net), will be organizing the ladies for a movie outing and she is also researching a picnic at Lums Pond.

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- ✓ The walking club will be walking weather permitting at 7 pm each night. Those wishing to walk may join in as the group goes by your house.
- ✓ Betty Schinzel will be organizing a monthly ladies luncheon and book club (schinzel4371@yahoo.com).
- ✓ For anyone wishing to play golf, we have a few golfers that you may want to contact for a possible game. Those golfers are Kay Bennet (kay_bennett@verizon.net), Paul Wellborn (pwellborn@verizon.net), Lenny Tricarico (lott2do@comcast.net), Ray Schinzel (schinzel4371@yahoo.com).
- ✓ Several people were interested in bicycle riding. We are going to ride at 7 pm each night (weather permitting). Some of those riders may choose to take off on longer rides into the development behind ours. That will be up to the group that decides to ride.
- ✓ Sam Ferrara (ferrarasamnancy@aol.com), has agreed to organize the billiards and ping pong group.
- ✓ We have also had a suggestion to get together on a weekend and go to the Chesapeake Inn for dancing. This will probably not be until the fall unless people indicate they would like to do it sooner.
- ✓ There are several people that want to play scrabble and several that would like to play cards. We thought it might be a good idea to have a game night and set up different tables for various card games and board games. No date has been established for this yet.

Sales Update from Benchmark Builders

Ginger Moran reports that there has been a nice upswing in home sales this year! Six homes have been sold since January, plus there are 2 others carried over from last year. Great news, considering the struggles in the housing market in recent years. As of this publication, a total of 45 homes have been sold in the community.

Strike Up the Band!

The 45-piece **Newark Community Concert Band** will perform on Wednesday, June 30, at Battery Park, New Castle, DE as part of the City of New Castle Concert Series.

The concert is from 7 PM until dusk and is free. Just bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

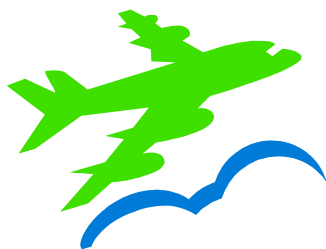
Music will include a nice variety of marches (Sousa's "Stars & Stripes Forever"), patriotic ("American Patrol"), Broadway show tunes (Phantom of the Opera), novelty selections (Casey at the Bat), Celtic music, and other enjoyable tunes from such American composers as Leroy Anderson and Henry Fillmore.

In case of questionable weather, call the City of New Castle office : (302) 322-9804 from 10 AM - 5 PM.

For directions to Battery Park New Castle, click on the link below, or just use a search engine such as Google, and type in "Battery Park, New Castle, DE".

[Battery Park New castle DE - Google Maps](#)





Thinking of Taking a Trip?

Carol Thompson (62) is a Travel Consultant, specializing in vacations and honeymoons for more than

29 years. If you're considering a vacation, or know someone who might benefit from Carol's expertise, give her a call during regular business hours at 302-595-2717 (home) or 302-547-5483 (cell). Carol is also available to meet weeknights after 5:30 and on Saturdays from 9 to 1 by appointment.



Patti Abernathy is organizing a trip to the Nemours mansion this summer. If you are interested, contact Patti no Later than June 30th. You can email her at pabernethy@verizon.net

Contact the Legreids if you are interested in participating in Wii Bowling. Call Mary or Gary at 834-2378 or send an email to mrlegreid@gmail.com



Odds 'n Ends

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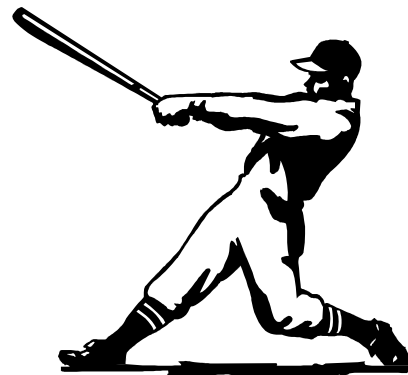
Diamond State Vintage Base Ball Club Game

An 1860s era baseball match featuring the Diamond State BBC and the Dauntless BBC of Havre de Grace, MD. A fun event for the entire family, mixing baseball and history. See baseball the way it was originally intended to be played.

Location:

DuPont State Park
Delaware City, DE
302.981.5972

www.diamondstatebaseball.org



8/23/2010

CarFit

The Newark Senior Center is offering **CarFit**, an educational program that uses a 12-point checklist to help older drivers determine how well their vehicle "fits" them on Monday, August 23rd, 10a.m. Steering wheel height, seats, mirrors, head restraints and many other elements of the vehicle must be adjusted to accommodate the physical changes associated with aging. The entire process takes about 16 minutes and provides recommended car adjustment and adaptations, a list of resources in the area and greater peace of mind. This program is offered at no cost. To make a reservation, contact the Newark Senior Center reception desk at 737-2336. The center is located at 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark.