

President's Report 2/21/2024

- Family Fit Night was a huge hit with great attendance and great fun – thanks to Amber Elliott and her volunteers for hosting an awesome event that got all members of families moving and smiling!
- Next up is Family Loteria and Bingo Night on April 11th (rescheduled date) from 5-7pm.
- One School, One Book program has again garnered great community support and involved all Bluebirds. In our family, this even includes a former Bluebird who has “flown the nest” 😊
- Spring Fling is coming on May 4th! Casey Massicott is still looking for an additional co-chair for the event, to assist Fanya O'Donoghue, who has committed as immediate Co-Chair – THANK YOU, FANYA!
- Looking to the '24-26 two year terms for Board positions, we need a new President, VP Communications (we do have some interest in this role!), and VP Volunteers! Good news is that there's a playbook and tons of support for all of these roles!

Community Updates – Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens update:

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING: The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a virtual hearing and/or in person (upon request) on the property identified herein as follows:

- CASE NUMBER: 2024-0047-X 200 E. Padonia Road Northwest side of East Padonia Road, 150 ft. northeast of Hartfell Road 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens Special Exception for a funeral establishment in a DR zone.
- **Hearing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. For information on how to participate in the hearings please go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/adminhearings no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing.** You will be asked to provide your contact information and the case number provided above. You may also call 410-887-3868, ext. 0.

The Springlake Community Association met on 3/13/24 to share what they have learned about the ongoing DVMG plans and gather community thoughts and concerns regarding the topic. They will have representatives speak at the hearing against the development plans, on behalf of the combined Springlake and Coachford communities.

(Notes from previous communications for reference – no updates:) DVMG have restarted with plans to build a “Commercial Retail” Funeral Home on the property of the Dulaney Memorial Gardens. Their intent is to build a “commercial retail” funeral home with 111 parking spaces behind the pet cemetery, hosting up to 5 events a day, and would require entrance/exit reconfiguration.

The owners need to obtain a special zoning variance from the county for the parking spaces and the environmental issues concerning the runoff to the stream that feeds in the Springlake Community Pond. As of this time they have not applied for the variance.

The Springlake Board of Directors and a group of Coachford Residents believe that the addition of a large commercial funeral home along East Padonia Rd. will negatively impact those residential communities. With the addition of a large retail funeral home facility, they are voicing concerns regarding increased traffic congestion along East Padonia Road and throughout the community, and negative environmental impacts from the paving over of green space and installation of parking lot lights, regardless of any remediation DVMG is required to complete.

If you share similar concerns, the Springlake BOD is encouraging impacted parties to start writing our government representatives to express your opposition to DVMG's expansion – we have attached a template email they have authored, as well as representative contact information, in the links on the meeting website. The Springlake community will be holding a future open meeting to further discuss the proposed project and we will share meeting location and time as soon as we receive confirmation.

Ongoing Business:

- Please remember to utilize the new PSE Community Outreach account with Kid to Kid Timonium: Families and caretakers are welcomed to contribute to our "community closet account". Upon buy-out check in, punch in the main number for PSE (443) 809-7648 and the account for Pot Spring Elementary Community Outreach will auto-populate in the buy system. Then select that you'd like to receive their "payout" in store credit. When the buyout is complete, it will generate an auto email to Ms. Hall to advise regarding credit added. The credit will be gifted forward in the form of Kid to Kid gift cards distributed to PSE families in need of clothing/footwear assistance for children.
 - If you've never shopped at Kid to Kid, we can give you a referral certificate through which you can receive an additional \$5 in credit towards your purchase, and our community account will receive a \$5 credit as well. Please ask in the front office.
- Arrival and dismissal: Please, please, please help us keep our children safe! During pick up and drop off there is NO PARKING on Springlake Drive on the school side and on Downshire Court on the residential side. If you're interested in joining our sporadic volunteer traffic crew, please let me know!
- Vacant positions: We have several: Membership Coordinator, Community Outreach/Book Nook Coordinator, Landscaping, Staff Support. If you are interested in any of these positions, please email Jen Patterson at vpvolunteerspsepta@gmail.com. Looking ahead, we will be in need of volunteers to take over from our current Board members. President, VP Volunteers and VP Communication will be up for election in the spring, and it would be easier for the incoming Board members if they can start following along now. Curious? Email me at presidentpsepta@gmail.com.

Please feel free to contact me: Lauren Rosenthal - presidentpsepta@gmail.com