

Franklinton Community News

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FCA President's Message

United We Stand

This motto gained significant popularity during the July 1942 flag-cover campaign. The American flag and the motto were prominently displayed on the covers of a great number of American magazines that summer of 1942. The motto originated in a patriotic ballad, *The Liberty Song*, written by John Dickinson in 1768:

*"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all,
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall;
In so righteous a cause let us hope to succeed,
For heaven approves of each generous deed."*

In times of national crisis, most recently the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the motto again becomes a rallying cry for the nation to come together.

The same is true for Franklinton. While we do not face any threats as direct and horrific as 9/11, it is important that we stand united as a community to solve the many challenges that we do face. The scourge of illegal drugs, threats to the beautiful environment we live in, low school performance, neglect of vulnerable neighbors, dilapidated buildings, abandoned cars, trash and litter can all have a negative impact on our quality of life. Solutions to these problems require taking personal responsibility and being a united community.

Some people are too ready to point out the different interests we have, even within Franklinton: individual interests, city interests, county interests, business interests, community interests. The problem is not acknowledging that different interests exist; the problem comes when grownups can't play in the same sandbox together.

To get along in the sandbox, I'm advocating greater communication and sharing. It's only by talking and negotiating that we can find the common interests we share. Working in community without communicating is not just paradoxical; it causes differences where they probably don't even exist.

Sharing is one of those values we should have learned early on in the sandbox. If not, we're going to be miserable. One of the great lessons of living in a community is learning to share -- there's so much to do, we've got to share with each other to get it all done! Sometimes one person gets something done and the group praises him or her. Sometimes the group gets something done together and they all celebrate.

Through communication and sharing our differences dissolve. Then we stand united and, together, solve the challenges that we face.

Jack Lattimore
President

Membership Drive Pays Off

---Pam Cheesboro, FCA V.P.

As most residents are now aware, in September the Association conducted an intensive drive to increase membership and to survey the community to advise the Board on those issues most important to the majority of the community.

Members developed and assembled 468 packets of information and hand-delivered them to the front doors of all our residents. The response from the community to the membership drive has made the work worthwhile. We received responses from 12% of the surveys. Respondents named the following as the top four community assets:

- Quiet streets
- Location
- Good neighbors
- The natural beauty of the area

The top 4 neighborhood concerns from the survey were

- Public safety & the current open air drug market
- Maintenance of property (abandoned cars, trash, etc.)
- Traffic calming
- Cleanliness/litter

After the drive, the membership count reached an all-time high of 111 members, an increase of 99.9%.

As an incentive for participation in the drive and a thank you to already paying members, all members were entered in a drawing for one of ten \$50.00 gift cards from Home Depot. Congratulations to the winners-- Lois and Sue on North Ave., Sam on Hamilton St., William on Sun Briar, Raquel on Park Place, Nick and Sherri on Clifton Ave., and Emmitt and Mary on Muth Ave. There was also a drawing for members and guests who attended the November general meeting of two \$25.00 gift cards from Safeway.

A project of this size takes a lot of time and effort, from the writing of the proposals through distributing the survey and organizing the data. The board would like to recognize and thank the following persons for their efforts in making this project a success: Jerome Butler, Pamela Cheeseboro, Mae Conway, Bill Eberhart, Jr., Steve & Mary Fleagle, Sue Jackson-Stein, Jack & Sue Lattimore, Ruffie London, Thomas Merkle, Deborah Patton, Lee Smith, Sam & Bonnie Speesler, George & Carolyn Tyson, George & Frances Washington, Dorenzer Wilson, Fred Worthington, Ray Ziegler, Bryce Kaspar and Donald & Irene Zimmerman. We would also like to thank Rick Purnell for the donation of envelopes and paper, and Kernan Hospital for use of its facility for organizing the materials.

The Board is committed to maintaining and improving our neighborhood's assets and

to addressing and eliminating neighborhood concerns. Of course, this is more work than can be accomplished by 14 volunteers; it will take the efforts of the entire community. I want to encourage you to attend the general meeting and even stop by and join the Board meetings, which meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to all residents. (Call Deborah Patton, 410-448-0098 for meeting place.) Many of you who stated on the survey that you might be interested in being involved in various neighborhood initiatives will soon be hearing from a Board member about how you can be of help.

Thank you for your words of encouragement on the survey. A copy of the full results of the survey is available by calling Pamela Cheeseboro at 410-448-5321.

Look for details about a community celebration in the upcoming newsletters!

The Franklinton Police Substation at Kernan: A Vision Made Real

In the fall of 1998 a small group of residents from Franklinton participated in the Anti-Drug Workshop offered by CPHA (Citizens Planning and Housing Association). Our group included Mae Conway, Ruffie London, Lee Smith and Pamela Cheeseboro. This three-month course introduced the participants to different crime prevention strategies, created fellowships among communities facing similar problems and helped coordinate partnerships with government agencies such as local police districts, the office of probation, etc. One of the major criteria for completion of the program was a written action plan outlining the problem's causes, concrete solutions and their effects. We successfully completed the course, and the Association was awarded a \$1000 grant to implement an action plan.

Under the leadership of Bill Eberhart, Jr. the Association organized a workshop at Kernan Hospital. Kenya Scott-Garrett, an associate of CPHA, and a professional group,

hired with funds allocated through the grant, facilitated the meeting.

The first step for implementing the action plan was a brainstorming session involving stakeholders in our area. These included the Forest Heights Apartment Complex, the AMOCO Station owner/operator and corporate office, city and county delegates, area police districts and many others. From this workshop came the idea for a permanent police substation that would be used by both the county and the city police departments to address the burgeoning open-air drug market on Forest Park Avenue and Windsor Mill Road.

Participants settled on using the Gatehouse at Kernan Hospital. Kernan not only agreed to this but also agreed to do major financing for painting and repairing the building. By the fall of 2000 the Gatehouse was being used sporadically by the county and city police. In spring of 2001 the Franklinton C.O.P., under the guidance of Sam and Bonnie Speesler, went beyond painting and maintenance by creating an inviting environment for the police and the community.

Through this project, the C.O.P., with the support of Jack Lattimore and the new Association administration, has strengthened communication with Kernan Hospital, the city's Southwest District and Baltimore County Precinct 2. In 2001 CPHA allotted another \$1000 grant to the Association to purchase the sign that now marks the substation at Kernan.

The vision for a substation that functions as a hub in our community for both police districts and the community at large began with the commitment of one person, who was joined by another, then a spouse, a friend, a neighbor. Moved forward by a few, it engendered a level of communication and cooperation among the community, Kernan, the police, C.O.P. and community-based businesses to make it a reality. Imagine how effective we could be if all 468 households, businesses, churches, and schools in our community spoke out loud and clear to those who choose to ignore the law—*Not in our community!*

Just a Few Reminders from the Franklinton C.O.P.

Happy New Year 2003! The Franklinton C.O.P. was busy during the holiday season. For the Woodlawn precinct's officers' holiday party, Mason Simms donated two huge sub sandwiches and the C.O.P. gave the makings for nachos. In addition, the C.O.P. went to the Wilkens Avenue police station in the city and helped pack 350 food boxes that were distributed throughout the precinct.

The PCR (Police-Community Relations) meets the second Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at County Precinct 2 on Windsor Mill Road.

The PCR meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the city's Southwestern district.

The C.O.P. meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Gatehouse.

The C.O.P. was founded to help each of us make our community a better and safer place to live, and to be the eyes and ears of our police department. We need your help to keep it going and growing. The C.O.P. is here to help neighbors, not to pit neighbor against neighbor. Zoning issues, abandoned cars, run-down property, etc., are handled by the Franklinton Community Conservation Association Solution Line at 410-448-1383. Leave a message, and a project manager will return your call.

Remember, the C.O.P. is always looking for people to help with neighborhood watch. Students who join can earn community service-learning hours. There is also a youth mentoring program and an explorers program for young people interested in learning more about public safety. For more information call Sam at 410-298-6344.

About Those Holiday Gifts...Two Ideas

Noticed all those boxes for new electronics in the trash or recycling? So do thieves. Here are two ways to help protect against residential robbery: Break down the packaging boxes and turn them inside out for disposal. It pays to NOT advertise!

This time it DOES pay to advertise! Robbers avoid homes whose possessions are clearly marked. The C.O.P. will lend you the materials you need to engrave your valuables. The use of the diamond engraver and a lesson in the use of "Operation ID" stickers are free. This national anti-theft program is a proven success.

Coming Soon to a Computer near You! -- *Thomas Merkle, Webmaster*

Over the past few months, the FCA Website Committee has laid the groundwork for our new community website and is happy to announce that a tentative template will soon be online! Our group of eager volunteers has been indispensable in bringing this project to fruition and hopes that the FCA website will serve as a valuable resource for current and future residents alike. Our current plans for the website's content include sections detailing the functions of the FCA, a history and overview of the area, an online membership form, listings of useful public agency contact numbers, a community events calendar, a neighborhood photo gallery, online copies of the newsletter, and interactive community forums where you can post messages for discussion with neighbors, list "for sale" ads, or address neighborhood concerns. We expect to have a test version of the website online within the next several weeks and want to hear your comments, criticisms, and suggestions! The FCA website (and our contact information) will be located at www.franklinton.org.

Area Dumping

Franklinton is facing an epidemic of tire dumping and littering. Ignoring the problem only exacerbates the situation. Standing trash encourages more dumping. It also says to the world that the neighborhood has no pride in itself. And, believe it or not, there is a direct correlation between trashy areas and crime! If you see excess litter and dumping, call the **SOLUTION LINE, 410-448-1383**. FCA will contact the proper agencies. The City and County can't clean up the problem unless they know it exists!

Traffic Calming Update

The FCA Traffic Calming Committee's purpose is to identify streets where neighbors feel better traffic controls are needed and to present their concerns to the relevant city or county officials.

In August 2002, the committee requested that the Baltimore Office of Transportation evaluate the 5000 block of Carmine Ave. (off Forest Park) for speed hump installation. We received the completed investigation report in December. The request for humps was denied because the average speed along Carmine was 27 mph, and traffic volume was only 32 vehicles within a four-hour period. The criteria require that average speed be 10 mph over the posted speed.

The committee found that the investigation was done at an inappropriate time (12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., not at the peak traffic hours). Our future request will specify a time when speed and volume are higher (rush hours from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. or 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.)

If you observe speed or traffic problems in any area of Franklinton, inform our committee through the ***Franklinton Solution Line 410-448-1383***. Phone Ruffie London at 410-298-3088 if you have questions or if you would like to join the committee.

At this time Baltimore County does not install speed humps. There are, however, other speed and traffic control options, for example,

3-or 4-way stop signs, traffic circles, safety signs, etc. There is much we can do together. Please join us to make our voice stronger.

Hubcap Business is Down

---Nancy Masters-Long

In years past, people would drive up the Forest Park hill in what seemed a proper lane and suddenly--Bang! A hubcap rolled onto somebody's lawn. Their car was damaged. They had hit the curb where the lane ended and the road narrowed. Their day was ruined. This happened to someone two or three times a week. That was before the striping and lane markers were painted on the 1700 and 1800 blocks of North Forest Park Avenue. Accidents and hubcap collections have since dropped from 100-plus to about five a year.

Attention Gardeners

Would you like a little more space for some vegetables besides tomatoes? Like to meet some nice neighbors who share your love of digging and planting? Sign up for a plot in the Carmine Community Garden, located on Carmine Avenue, one block east of the 1900 block of Forest Park Avenue.

It's time to get organized for the spring! Plots are 4'x 8' and cost \$5 per plot. We encourage children to enjoy a plot all to themselves. There is also some extra space for community-shared vegetables such as corn and vine crops too big for individual plots. Call Debbie Brazak for a sign-up sheet at 410-265-5413.

Community Garden and Greening Classes

The Maryland Cooperative Extension Service has just announced its Winter 2003 Gardening and Greening Classes for everyone interested in learning more about different aspects of gardening, especially for urban residents. Classes are free and open to the public; however, you need to register to let them know how many to expect. Classes will

be held at the Waverly Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library on Saturday mornings from 10:15 am to 12:00 noon every Saturday starting February 1 through March 29th.

You may register by email: db288@umail.umd.edu . Or you can call Dennis Bishop, 410-396-1888, who will mail you a registration card where you can check off the classes you plan to attend.

The topics are as follows:

Feb. 1	Baltimore's Community Gardens
Feb. 8	Soils and Composting
Feb. 15	Street Gardening
Feb. 22	Growing Kids in Gardens
Mar. 1	The 4-Season Vegetable Garden
Mar. 8	Getting and Conserving Water
Mar. 15	Native Plants for City Gardens
Mar. 22	Tough Perennials for Urban Gardens
Mar. 29	Top 10 Pest Problems and Integrated Pest Management

On April 12, participants will gather to practice what we preach and work on several community projects at the 2nd annual Community Gardening and Greening Day.

It would be great if we have enough interest to car-pool. Call Carolyn Tyson, 410-448-2362.

Recycling Tidbits*

Every 3 months, enough aluminum is thrown away to rebuild the entire United States commercial air fleet!

One ton of recycled paper saves 3,700 pounds of lumber and 24,00 gallons of water.

In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times her or her adult weight in garbage!* From The Re-Source, a newsletter of the Baltimore County Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Management

Some Pet Advice*

Homeless pups and kittens are the result of unneutered pets being allowed outdoors. It is sure to happen if you allow your pet to roam freely, which is a violation of the law. It can happen even if you simply confine your dog in the yard. To avoid the problem, please have your pet dogs and cats neutered before you let them go out of your house. Tell a friend or neighbor about the certificates that can be obtained for this purpose at the SPCA at 3300 Falls Road in Hampden. Most veterinarians will honor them, and they will save a good amount of money.

It is best to keep cats indoors, of course, and the law requires dogs to be walked on leashes. Do not tie up your dog in your yard. Not only is it cruel, but your dog's barking can be a nuisance for your neighbors. Remember also that, contrary to myth, dogs do get cold in severely cold weather. Many have been known to die from the cold.

Having a pet imposes upon you the responsibility to care for it. It does not give you the right to allow your pet to be a nuisance for your neighbors. It does not give you the right to allow your pet to have babies for which you are not also going to be responsible. Please help to keep free-roaming and homeless animals out of the neighborhood.

** This article, written by Elke Straub, our neighbor across the park, originally appeared in the Windsor Hills News and Views, Nov./Dec 2002.*

Maryland Legislature Opens in Annapolis

The Maryland General Assembly's 2003 began its work on January 8th. The reelected 10th District County legislators and the new City 41st representatives were sworn in at the opening session Jan. 8. Barring unforeseen problems, it will continue for 90 days.

The State budget, programs and initiatives are given life at this time. The 2003 General Assembly session will be more than challenging. Much is at stake, in particular, for the Franklinton community: school funding,

police and fire fighter support, environment, roads, smart growth, etc.

If you want to keep on top of pending legislation and committee hearings, you can easily do so via the Internet. (The State website is www.mec.state.md.us and citizens can subscribe for various free, automatic updates.) Both the Pratt and Woodlawn libraries will be happy to connect you using the computers at the branches during regular hours.

The Maryland Electronic Capital Site contains news of all branches of State government: Legislature, Executive, and Judicial, as well as the various departments and committees that do the work. The City's 41st District Senator and Delegates as well as their 10th District County counterparts can be reached by mail and phone at their local offices:

Baltimore County District 10

Sen. Delores Kelley, 3100 Timanus Lane, Suite 101, 21244, 410-298-9707

Del. Adrienne Jones, 3100 Timanus Lane. 21244, 410-298-9707

Del. Emmet Burns, Jr., 8419 Liberty Rd., Suite B, 21244, 410-922-8474

Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, 4200 Edmondson Ave. Suite 103, 21229, 410-947-7050

Baltimore City District 41

Sen. Lisa Gladden, 4811 Liberty Heights Ave. 21207, 410-367-5811

Del. Nathaniel Oaks, 3443 Edmondson Ave., 2nd Floor, 21229, 410-494-2192

Del. Jill Carter, Lowe Office Bldg., Room 317, Annapolis 21401, 410-367-3939

Del. Samuel (Sandy) Rosenberg, 733 W. 40th St., Suite 105 21211, 410-243-8100

The Rail Plan and Franklinton

---George Tyson

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has a new plan for a Baltimore rail system. However, we Franklinton residents seem unlikely to benefit from it as the line from downtown to the west (an MTA priority) will come no closer than Edmondson Avenue and Cooks Lane or perhaps somewhere near Social Security Headquarters. The MTA map is deliberately vague because no specific plans have been drawn up—everything is merely conceptual.

Another problem for us is the time involved to fund, plan, and build the west line. We'll be lucky if it is in operation before 2015.

For the official version of this plan, go to www.mtmaryland.gov.

The Baltimore-Washington Maglev Proposal

---An editorial by George Tyson

The proposal to build a four-billion dollar Maglev line from Camden Station to BWI to Union Station should be scuttled as soon as possible. The main reason is that the State has already spent millions of dollars studying and promoting it and will continue to do so until it is stopped. Another reason is that with anti-railroad/anti-transit administrations in both Washington and Annapolis, the project is unlikely to be funded anyway. Let's cut our losses by stopping now!

Maglev is a new form of railroad in which the vehicles are suspended above the rail by magnetic levitation. There is no wheel on rail contact as with other rail lines. This arrangement makes the system incompatible with ordinary railroads—a passenger could not ride from Baltimore to Washington and continue to Richmond on the same train. This lack of compatibility means that building new lines, stations, and repair shops will be necessary and very expensive.

CPHA to Lobby for the Region

Join Citizens Planning and Housing Association and citizens from around the region at the annual "Lobby for the Region Day" on February 11, 2003, in Annapolis. Help fight for the implementation of the Action Agenda for the Baltimore metro region, including:

- Dedicated funding for revitalization of older communities
- A new regional strategy on affordable housing that allows lower income families to live near their jobs
- Better regional transit, including Phase 1 of the Baltimore Regional Rail System Plan
- Full funding for drug treatment on demand
- Sprawl control measures to preserve rural areas such as farms and forests

To get involved in this growing movement to unite the Baltimore region and achieve a better future for all, call CPHA at 410-539-369 ext. 225 or visit the website at www.rallyfortheregion.org.

Dead Run Stream Restoration

Baltimore County continues its ambitious project of stream and flood plain restoration along Dead Run that parallels Dogwood and Franklinton Roads. David Carrol and Karen Ogle of the Department of Environment and Resource Management met with Franklinton representatives and explained that pollution and uncontrolled rainwater runoff are major sources of stream degradation

A new initiative will focus on major improvements near Old St. Agnes Lane and the streamside at Old Ingleside Avenue. These include native plantings and stabilization to control erosion and to beautify the gateway to Baltimore County.

In addition, Franklinton Community Association applied for a Community Conservation grant that will compliment this effort. Called "Dogwoods for Dogwood Road,"

the project envisions plantings of this native tree all along Dogwood Road using materials from TREE-mendous Maryland. Other native flowers and trees will be interspersed. We'll keep you posted. Volunteers will be needed!

School Bus Safety

Ever notice how many motorists ignore the flashing red lights on a stopped school bus and keep on moving? These law-breakers endanger the lives of children every day. In their hurry to be "where ever" one of our kids could be injured or killed just going to school! This is a serious offense, and those caught will not be dealt with lightly.

At the January 8 meeting of the Woodlawn Police Community Relations Committee, Captain Hannon stressed that police are increasing enforcement of traffic laws concerning school buses. In some jurisdictions, officers are actually riding the bus and in communication with a nearby squad car or following right behind to apprehend offenders.

FYI: Autos must make a **complete stop** (going both directions) on any undivided road when red lights are flashing on a school bus. Caution (slow down) whenever a bus flashes its yellow lights, because it will likely stop soon.

If you see someone pass, get the vehicle tag number, call in the information with the description of the vehicle, location and time to the police. If you notice there are frequent violations at a particular school bus stop, call the police and ask if an officer could monitor. Again, give exact information.

The Woodlawn Villager is Back!

We didn't know that we missed it until it was gone! Well, now it's back! A group of interested volunteers led by Dave Greenfield (Woodlawn Pharmacy) and Bill Obrecht (Security/Woodlawn Village Business Association) published a pilot Dec/Jan issue of the Villager. The community newspaper's revival was enthusiastically received by area residents and businesses...Franklinton's

Police Substation was featured in the first issue!

The Villager is the main vehicle for advertising small, local businesses, school and church news, Parks and Rec. schedules and local events. It was a major cohesive force in our pocket of the County (and City!) that had been largely ignored by the Catonsville Times and the Liberty/Randallstown corridor publications, and, of course, The Sun (which has little positive news about this area).

The Villager is currently being published every other month until advertising increases allowing for monthly publication. The current circulation is 10,000 copies, and it can be found at the Woodlawn Library and area businesses.

Are YOU a frustrated journalist? The Villager is interested in items of local interest in the Woodlawn or Franklinton area: church and youth activities, births, marriages, obituaries, and school news). Classified and business advertising are welcome. Call 410-944-4600 or email www.woodlawnvillager@hotmail.com for information.

Woodlawn Community Health Fair

Date: March 25, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM-12 Noon

Place: St. Luke's United Methodist Parish Hall
2119 Gwynn Oak Ave, 21207

St. Luke's is sponsoring a Health Fair that is free to the public. There will be breathing profiles, blood pressure screening, vision screening, health information and low-cost blood profiles (12 hr. fasting, \$15). Participating hospitals include Northwest Hospital Center and Kernan. National health organizations will be there to provide information and counseling. There will be raffles and more. If you'd like more information, call Nancy Lafferty, 410-786-5116, at work.

Woodlawn May Fest

Once again, the Woodlawn community is gearing up to celebrate! There's always a lot going on at this day-long celebration of our community: food, local performers, school groups, and craft tables. For information about reserving a craft table or volunteering, call St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 410-944-4111.

Milestones

Rene Freund Anders Dies at 91

---Claire Pfeiffer

Born in Kent County, Md., June 13th, 1911, Rene was a daughter of James A. and Grace F. (Gage) Bigelow. She and her sister, Meade, grew up on a farm outside of Chestertown where Rene attended high school. A career in teaching called, so she moved to Baltimore where she could attend the (then) Towson State Teachers College. After completing the two-year certification program typical of the time, Rene began teaching in the lower elementary grade levels in the Baltimore public school system.

Love was to come to her life in the person of Robert Harvey Freund. They were married in March 1937. Their first and only child, a son, James, was born five years later. In 1947 Rene and Bob purchased their first home at 5107 Carmine Avenue, a one-lane gravel road. Their happy marriage ended suddenly in 1959 with Bob's untimely death. Many years later Rene married Clarence (Bill) Anders with whom she continued to reside on Carmine Avenue.

Rene loved her home and the four acres on which it sat. Each spring the crocuses and daffodils burst from their hibernation by the hundreds. The seasons brought colors in all sizes and varieties, while her garden filled with vegetables and berries. The house was

always full as any stray animal that wandered in was welcome and usually stayed. She especially liked her well water, and somehow avoided hooking up when the city ran public water lines through the neighborhood.

Rene continued her studies graduating from Towson State University, then earned a Masters degree from Johns Hopkins. Her career, spanning 40 years, was primarily in elementary education, but eventually she was selected for administrative roles. At the close of her career she was an assistant principal of a large inner city school. But while her first love was hands-on education, she became increasingly involved in teaching organizations outside the school.

Her involvement with the Baltimore Public School Teachers Association led to her eventual election to the organization's presidency. Following retirement she transferred her energy to the Maryland Retired Teachers Association where she chaired its Legislative Committee for many years. Her lobbying activities extended beyond education issues, and she became a champion of the elderly on issues affecting them.

A member of the National Education Association and Alpha Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Kappa education sororities, Rene was also a member of the Maryland Gerontology Association, Maryland Advocates on Aging and National Council of Senior Citizens. Her contributions over the years were recognized publicly when she was elected to the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 1987.

Carol Mintmeier Dies

---George Tyson

Carol Mintmeier, our neighbor at 5102 Maple Park Avenue since 1991, died on January 9 at age 55 in Johns Hopkins Hospital after a long battle with Crohn's Disease. She is survived by her partner of 16 years, Linda Aydlett; two sisters, Doris Brehm and Barbara

Garrett; two bothers, Darrell and Daniel Mintmeier, and many nieces and nephews.

Carol was born in Johnstown and came to Baltimore when she was 18. After 20 years as a Greyhound ticket agent, her position was terminated so she decided to go to technical school to learn about computers. She was so good at it that she obtained a job at Martin Marietta and worked there about 10 years until the onset of her illness.

Carol was an avid gardener and was known as "The Tomato Lady of Maple Park." She cultivated 14 varieties of tomatoes in her garden and supplied tomatoes to her doctor's office as well as to her neighbors. Even during her long illness, Carol kept her great sense of humor. We will miss that and her laughter.

Volunteers Needed at Kernan

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Kernan Hospital Gift Shop on Tuesdays and Saturdays and/or to fill-in as needed. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to work in the Gift Shop.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Cindy Miller at 448-6748.

For Sale

Ellen Power asks, "Help me find a good neighbor for my neighbors." She would like to sell her home at 5300 North Ave. Call her at 410-448-3338 after March 2nd.

Scandia woodstove, front and side load, \$250. Glass fireplace doors with screen, \$25. Call Steve Fleagle, 410-944-0835.

Submit your ad to Steve Fleagle, 410-944-0835 or Sue-Jackson Stein, 410-944-4869. We will include them as space permits.

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P.O. Box 7537
Baltimore, Maryland 21207-0537

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FCA Board Vacancy

Jonathan Shue, who was elected to the FCA Board of Directors in 2002, is no longer able to serve in this capacity. If you have a desire to become more actively involved in your community by becoming an FCA Board member, call Jack Lattimore at 410-944-1849.