## Knettishall Community Association
## 2025 Annual Membership Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Calendar Year: 2025

Email Address: _____

Regular Membership $25 _____ Senior-Citizen Membership $15 _____

I would like to help with: Dumpster Day _____ Decorations/ Gardens _____
Newsletter Delivery:_____ Other: _____

*Please make all checks payable to* : **Knettishall Community Association Inc.**

*Please mail or drop off this form and payment to:*

**Treasurer, Knettishall Community Association Inc.**
**1627 Aberdeen Road, Towson, MD 21286**

***OR ONLINE VIA PAYPAL AT [WWW.KNETTISHALL.ORG](http://WWW.KNETTISHALL.ORG)***

***Member Benefits***

- Annual Town Hall
- Voting Privileges
- Community Newsletter
- Representation to local government
- Citizens on Patrol
- Dumpster Day
- Entrance Garden and Community Signage
- Social Events
- Code Enforcement Assistance
- Community Yard Sale
- Holiday Decorations

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# Knettishall Community Association Newsletter Summer 2025

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## Entrance Garden Sign Installed!

**As you may have noticed, the new entrance sign and pollinator garden at Loch Raven and Putty Hill was installed in May! It has taken a herculean effort to get this done but your community association has completed this project.**

**It was in the summer of 2022 that a reckless driver destroyed our previous sign, installed over twenty years ago. Due to issues with the State Highway Administration and our insurance provider, replacement has taken a long time. The new sign should last another twenty or thirty years.**

**We would like to thank the following for their financial assistance in getting this project to completion:**

- **Members of Knettishall Community Association - like YOU!**
- **The Towson Communities Alliance**
- **Baltimore County Government**
- **Baltimore County Department of Planning**

**Special thanks go to the Mui Family for their help keeping the garden alive during the drought that followed its installation.**

**DUES AND DONATIONS**

Annual dues for calendar year 2025 are now payable. The more money we raise, **the more we can do FOR YOU !**

If what happens in your community is important to you, then make sure you to join for this year. All contributions are tax deductible.

Send in your annual dues of $25 using the tear-off portion of this newsletter or visit us at **Knettishall.org**.

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## ENTRANCE GARDEN UPDATE!

As you saw from the front page, our new sign is installed in the pollinator garden at Loch Raven and Putty Hill. While we did have generous support from outside agencies, this project went over budget. If you would like to contribute towards this project, you can add onto your annual dues payment. All donations to KCA are tax deductible since we are a federally registered 501c3 non-profit organization.

The entrance garden was replanted as a native-pollinator garden. Don't let the looks fool you – it is designed to be a habitat for our local insects and butterflies. We hope you enjoy it year-round.

## INDOOR PICKLEBALL LEAGUE FORMING

Thanks to the congregation and leadership at Babcock Presbyterian Church right here in Knettishall, an indoor pickleball league is now getting underway.

The League is currently being formed and new players are welcome. League members play on the indoor courts at Babcock Presbyterian on the third floor. Membership is $10 monthly and includes access to the pickleball court during the following hours:

- Weekdays: 8AM- 9PM
- Saturdays: 8AM-9PM
- Sundays: Closed

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18. Membership includes, court access, use of restrooms on the second floor and reservation of the court for tournaments and league play.

The courts and restrooms are *not handicapped accessible* and are only accessed by stairs.

For more information or to join, email office@babcockpc.org or call the church office at 410-825-3314.

## PARKING ETIQUETTE

*Baltimore County Police has asked that we remind residents that street parking must be with the flow of traffic.*

Vehicles parked facing against traffic risk ticketing. BCPD has increased its ticketing! It is also illegal to have non-driving vehicles including trailers even when attached to a truck or car- parked on the street. Cars with flat tires, expired registrations or other issues should be reported to the police for towing and removal.

## GUTTER, ALLEY & SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Did you know that residents are responsible for cleaning leaves and debris out of the gutters in front of their homes? Baltimore County will sweep the gutters only once a year.

Clogged storm drains WILL back up INTO your home!

Lawn clippings and leaves blown into the storm drains also contribute to watershed pollution and the practice is illegal because of it.

New residents should also know that parking in the alleys is also illegal. Residents may stop or stand a vehicle in the alley for a maximum of 2 (two) hours but only if you are actively loading, washing or performing repairs such as changing a tire. Alleys must be kept clear of debris at all times.

## BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

We need additional block captains for the remainder of this year and next!

What is a Block Captain? Block Captains are the association representatives for their street or immediate group of houses. Block Captains are included in association communication efforts and help to pass along important information to and from residents.

Block Captains also help with delivery of this newsletter. By charter, this newsletter is required to be printed and delivered to every home in the community.

For more information or to volunteer, please email knettishalltowson@gmail.com.

## REPORTING TENANT/ COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Social Host Ordinance covers rental properties in Towson which includes Knettishall and Loch Raven Village. Under this law, landlords are fined for disruptive behavior by their tenants. If a tenant is being disruptive and loud, **residents should call 911 to report it.** *Do not call the non-emergency line. That line is for administrative reports and reporting non-moving traffic issues only.*

If the tenants are Towson University students, residents should first call 911 to report the issue and then call the *Towson University LifeLine* to report it to student life representatives at 410-704-5433.

Issues pertaining to property maintenance/yards should be reported to Baltimore County Code Enforcement. You can report a community or animal related issue online here: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/report-problem#/

## EVENTS FOR SUMMER

- **Towson Farmers Market:** Now through November, Thursdays 10AM-2PM, Allegheny & Washington Ave
- **Shakespear Beyond** July 19 &20 @ Cromwell Valley Park, Dusk/ Sunset
- **New-Neighbor Social at Babcock Church**: August 16, 4PM @ Babcock Church, Loch Raven and Loch Ness
- **4th of July Parade & Race,** 400 Washington Ave @ The Historic Courthouse, 8:15AM for the Race and 10AM for the Parade
- **4th of July Fireworks:** Loch Raven Academy Middle School – Upper Fields for the viewing area. Grounds open at dusk and the show will begin at full dark, usually around 9PM. *Drones not permitted.* Rain Date: July 5th

## NEW NEIGHBOR SOCIAL

Are you new to the neighborhood? If not, you are still welcome to join and meet the newcomers to our community.

In partnership with the Associates of Loch Raven Village and Babcock Presbyterian Church, Knettishall is sponsoring a new neighbor social! Get to know your neighbors over a cookout and ice cream on the lawn at Babcock Church on August 16.

The grills will get fired up at 4PM - sodas and water will be provided - BYOB.

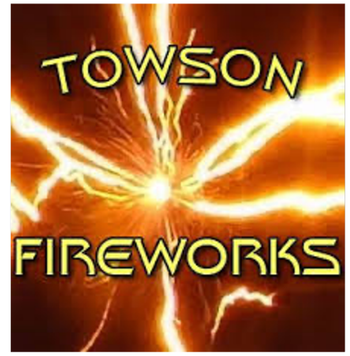
## TOWSON PLACE COVENANT UPDATES

Over the last several months, representatives from Loch Raven Village and Knettishall have met with KIMCO, the owner of Towson Place regarding tenants, updates, & planned changes at Towson Place shopping center.

We can share that KIMCO is planning to redevelop the former Walmart space and is bringing in new exciting tenants to the existing spaces.

We will keep you informed of any new changes. All changes to this shopping center must be approved by our association and others.

## 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS




The 4th of July fireworks are returning to our community! Independence Day Fireworks are schedule for July 4th at Loch Raven Academy. The viewing area is the upper field by the tennis courts. This event is entirely community funded. Rain date will be July 5th.

If you would like to give, visit towsonfireworks.com/donate/

For assistance, please email knettishalltowson@gmail.com

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