

# ASPENWOOD TIMES

Quarterly Newsletter

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## STOP THE FREE NEWSPAPERS!

As you are probably painfully aware by now, Aspenwood is being flooded with free newspapers from *The Baltimore Examiner*. Though no one asked for them, they are here to stay unless each household makes a separate call requesting that delivery be stopped. Unfortunately, *The Examiner* has the right to continue delivering papers in the community unless someone calls on behalf of each address. However, calls by some residents did not solve the problem, though for others it did.

So what is the answer to getting rid of the free paper? Well, how about the community working together? *The Examiner* needs to be convinced that it is more trouble than it is worth to continue delivering the paper in the community. Daily calls for several weeks might just do the trick. So, if the last two digits of your house address is an even number, then call *The Examiner* on even number days, and if your address ends in an odd number, call on odd number days. And if you want to ensure they are getting calls daily, call them every day. If everyone follows that simple plan, *The Examiner* would get more than 100 calls per day. That should send a clear message that their paper is not wanted.

**To stop delivery of *The Examiner*, call 1-800-387-6090 and give them your address.** And remember, you must call for your address / household in order to stop delivery of the newspapers. If of course you want the paper, it is not necessary to call them.

If you are having the same problem with *The Baltimore Sun*, call 1-888-539-1280.

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### Community Tip

To help lower energy costs, consider unplugging electronics such as DVD players, TVs, cable boxes, and VCRs when not in use. Even when turned off, they still use energy due to their standby features.





## JOIN TOWER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

### Take Advantage of the Credit Union Difference

As an Aspenwood Homeowners Association member, you are eligible to become a member of Tower Federal Credit Union. Tower offers all of the benefits of a full-service financial institution, including the convenience of online Home Banking, eStatements and free Bill Payment with three or more payments each month. Take advantage of free checking, debit card and direct deposit, plus low-rate auto, mortgage and home equity loans.

### Why Should I Refinance With Tower?

Refinancing your mortgage can save you money. Refinance your current loan with a lower interest rate to reduce your monthly payments. Or, reduce the term of the loan to save money over the life of the loan. Compare Tower's low mortgage rates with local bank rates. Then come to Tower for some of the lowest rates around!

Refinance your mortgage loan with Tower through June 30 and receive \$100 off closing costs. Plus, get \$200 off settlement fees when you choose Tower Title Services for your settlement. If you have questions about mortgage loans, visit [towerfcu.org](http://towerfcu.org) or call Real Estate Lending at **301-497-7000** or **800-787-8328**.

### Apply for Membership Today

To join Tower, visit [towerfcu.org](http://towerfcu.org) and apply for membership quickly and easily online. You'll then be eligible to sign up for Home Banking. Membership questions? Call the Member Service Center at **301-497-7000** or **800-787-8328**. Visit [towerfcu.org](http://towerfcu.org) for branch and ATM locations near your home or work.



### Still Calling the Gardeners!

It is not too late to be a part of the Aspenwood Gardening Committee. Members will determine where flowers should be planted, what flowers should be planted, and when flowers should be planted, then they will help plant the flowers.

So, if you want to lend your expertise for the community, contact TMGA via phone or go to [www.aspenwoodtownhomes.org](http://www.aspenwoodtownhomes.org) and click **Contact** to let the Board know. This is Spring planting time so contact TMGA now.



**Every Three Minutes  
Another Woman is Diagnosed With  
Breast Cancer**

On **May 3-4**, I'll be walking a marathon in the **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**, an annual event to support the **Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade**, a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to provide access to care and to work toward finding a cure.



**Please help to support us and the breast cancer crusade by making a generous contribution to my efforts.**

You can make your donation **online** at [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) or send a **check made out to "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer"** to the address below.

Be sure to provide your name and address for your tax receipt.

Please remember as you're making your donation that in less than the time it took to read this flier, another woman in the U.S. was diagnosed with breast cancer.

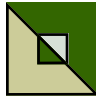
**Thank you for your support!**

Your Neighbor,

Brandi Baldwin  
8812 Willowood Way



## TMGA Corner



## While You Are Away on Vacation....

### *Architectural Changes*

If you have questions about architectural changes, please e-mail TMGA so the ARC can respond. Replies are sent in a timely manner. The ARC greatly appreciates all those home owners who submit ARC Requests.

### *Parking Courtesy*

Please be considerate of your neighbors when parking. If your household has multiple vehicles, please only park one in a space directly in front of houses. It is more neighborly to park other vehicles from your household in spaces that are further from the houses. Throughout the community there are spaces directly in front of the houses, and spaces that are island or further from houses. Parking in those spaces, for those who have multiple vehicles, is the courteous and neighborly thing to do. And, courtesy and consideration go a long way toward being good neighbors in any community where there is shared parking.

### *Vehicle Rules*

Please remember that there is a Vehicle Rules Policy in effect for all vehicles in the community. The policy can be found on the website on the **Rules / Policies** page. Please review the policy so that you do not violate any guidelines that would lead to your vehicle being towed.

Taking some simple steps prior to your departure can help prevent a break-in or other security problem during your absence:

- ◆ Make arrangements to stop delivery of mail and newspapers.
- ◆ Set timers for lights to give that "at home" impression.
- ◆ Make arrangements for proper lawn care.
- ◆ Notify your security service when you will be out of town.
- ◆ Leave emergency contact information with a neighbor or friend.

Making appropriate arrangements for your home can give you peace of mind while you are gone.

Enjoy your vacation!



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