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## ANNUAL EASTER



### Who would shoot the Easter Bunny?

What villainous fiend would do such a dastardly deed?

Who will save the Easter Bunny? We will! 😊

Join us for a morning of family fun at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Come meet our Easter Bunny. It'll be a lot of fun!

**SATURDAY, March 31st AT  
11:00 AM SHARP**

**IN THE FIELD ON BROADWATER ROAD**

(.7 MILES FROM MAGO VISTA ROAD-ON YOUR LEFT)

**CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 10**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BASKET OR BAG TO COLLECT EGGS.**

**WE WILL HAVE PRIZES FOR EVERYONE.**

Parking is severely limited (on street only)  
so please walk or get dropped off.

Sorry.... No Rain Date!

Refer Questions to Robin Graves 410-382-9896

PRESENTED BY YOUR LOCAL  
MAGO VISTA AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Happy Easter!!



*A Message from the President:*

It is truly an honor and pleasure to serve you as the newly elected President of the Mago Vista Area Civic Association. Over the previous year the MVACA Board of Directors has been busy on the communities' behalf. We have lobbied the county for additional traffic signs or speed bumps to maintain safer streets for our children. We have offered county officials solutions for better lighting at Mago Vista Park. We've asked for more police presence in our community and we're currently working with the county on two traffic safety issues on Jones Station Road. As you can see we've cleared out and cleaned up the Mago Vista signage area on College Parkway and we're currently preparing to rejuvenate the Jones Station Garden plant area on Jones Station Rd.

The MVACA meets the second Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Library at Belvedere Elementary. Our hope is to have a representative from each community on the Board to ensure that all 1,820 households of our neighborhood are heard. Please join us and become a Board member. In addition we're asking each household to invest in the MVACA by paying the annual \$10.00 membership dues. The money is used to support the quarterly newsletter, the Easter Egg Hunt, and Santa's Ride in addition to maintaining the sign on College Parkway and various other requests. The MVACA is only as strong as we make it. Let's make it a voice to be heard on the Broadneck Peninsula.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you at the next MVACA meeting.

Barbara Cox

*New Restaurant Coming Soon to the Ferry Point Marina.....*



**Traffic Issues**

The Board has received concerns over a couple of local traffic issues.

**#1** The left turn lane at Ruxshire Dr. & Jones Station Rd. Some Wexford area residents have expressed concern that the two center yellow lines are not properly aligned causing south bound traffic going downhill towards College Pkwy to pass too close to the incoming left turn lane. County traffic engineers have looked at the alignment of the left turn pocket's left stripe. From aerial photos they found that the two center yellow stripes have not changed from their earlier alignment. The perceived problem may be the speed of vehicles going down hill towards College Pkwy. At this time no action is planned.

**#2** Coordination of the lights on College Parkway going past the College. Some timing changes have been made. From 7 to 9:30 am preference is given to the college students and staff entering or leaving the college. From 9:30 to 11:30 the lights favor College Pkwy traffic, coordinating the timing of the two traffic lights together, in free movement. From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm preference is again given to college traffic entering or leaving onto College Pkwy. From 1:30 to 4:00 pm preference is given to College Pkwy traffic. From 4 to 7, preference is given to traffic leaving the college. After 7pm the lights are again coordinated, with non-recording cameras monitoring traffic leaving the college. Once a camera sees an outbound vehicle waiting to leave the college, a signal is given and a 50 second delay is instituted, giving college traffic that amount of time to leave. College Dr. traffic from Campus Green residential area, and Peninsula Farm Rd have a 20 second delay allowing for traffic to exit from the residential areas.

If you have any questions or other traffic concerns, call Rich at 410-975-0335. He's a retired land use planner with extensive experience dealing with public agency staff.

# **A Gentle Man Remembered**

Do you who remember how the right side of Jones Station between Mago Vista Rd. and Ruxshire Dr. looked a few years back? In contrast do you see how nice it looks now? Its upgrade began about 3 years ago when a retired local man, Walter Blasingame, Jr., a quiet African-American, decided to personally undertake a beautification project. He mowed grass, cleared weeds, cut dead shrubs and brush, and trimmed back trees; generally improving the overall appearance. Another retired man, Rich Warden saw Walter's efforts and volunteered to haul away the brush. Walter's efforts inspired the Mago Vista Area Civic Association to approve funds for the gardens, located near Ruxshire Dr. following in Walter's footsteps, Cyndi Duke has taken on the overall task of maintaining and improving the garden site. Volunteers are welcome. If you'd like to help call Cyndi at 410-544-7546.

After he and his wife Geraldine were married in 1962, they looked for suitable housing, moving to the Wexford community in 1972. For 38 years he took great pride in maintaining an immaculate yard as an inspiration to other residents. The Jones Station project was not the first time Walter decided to improve the local area. To ensure his children and other children attending Belvedere Elementary would not walk in the road; he had the county build a raised walking area adjacent to Mago Vista Road. Additionally, he had the county install larger stop signs at the 3 way intersection of Jones Station Rd. and Mago Vista Rd. to prevent accidents and ensure that drivers could turn to the right from Mago Vista Rd. onto Jones Station Rd. without having to stop. He has left us all a valuable legacy of safer streets for our children and ourselves.

Sadly for our community, last June 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Blasingame passed on after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Many of us remember his quiet gentle manner; a true gentleman in every respect. Born in 1936, he was a native of Griffin, GA. He came to Annapolis in 1961 to accept employment as a Physicist at the U.S. Naval Experiment Station, just the third African-American to be hired by the Laboratory. He was a well known leader in the local chapter of the NAACP, earning many honors, including being one of two persons asked to represent the City of Annapolis at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He had a real passion for education, worked with the Board of Education, and was an active tutor and mentor in hopes of inspiring and elevating the academic levels of black students. He in fact inspired his eldest daughter Rebecca Blasingame-White to pursue a career in education; she is now a principal at Frank Hebron-Harmon Elementary School. Also inspired by her father's work in government and advocating for the rights of others, his youngest daughter Cynthia Blasingame-Baker went on to practice law as a labor attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Baltimore.

In his honor the Board of the Mago Vista Area Civic Association voted unanimously to name the garden area along Jones Station as the **Walter Blasingame, Jr. Memorial Garden**. We have instituted a maintenance fund. If you would like to contribute please call our Treasurer, Robin Graves at 410-382-9896.

His legacy of community service is an inspiration to us all. If you see something that needs improvement and would like to see it done, don't wait. It can be as simple as picking up trash along our road or streets. If you are unsure how to proceed, contact Rich Warden, VP at 410-975-0335. Formerly a land use planner he is well versed in the ways of land improvement.

We also invite you to attend our monthly board meetings; we meet **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM** in the library of the Belvedere Elementary School. If you have an issue for our agenda, please call Barbara Smith-Cox, President at 410-903-2031. Please --- do come! Visit our website at [www.magovista.org](http://www.magovista.org) for more information and a complete meeting date schedule.

## **A little help for Senior Citizens**

If you are a senior citizen, or know one, who needs a little occasional help please contact me. I am a retired gentleman with a reliable "senior" pick up truck. Every now and again I help an elder neighbor with help around their house and yard, things you used to be able to do but are no longer able. No charge. Rich 410-975-0335

# STEVE GRAVES

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## We Need Your Support to Maintain Our Community Sign!!



Plants, Mulch, & Maintenance all cost money. We would like to add lighting & seasonal plantings. Please contact Cyndi Duke at 410-544-7546 to help with Jones Station Gardens or Karen Sale by email: [magovistasports@aol.com](mailto:magovistasports@aol.com) to help with the gardening at the Sign Island.

**We would like to Thank those who have sent in Donations to help maintain the Community Sign Island. We have received \$428 in Donations. Please continue to send in your Donations to help maintain the Sign Island.**

Please send your Donation to:

**Mago Vista Area Civic Association  
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