

**The President's  
Corner**  
*Jared DeMarinis  
President*

Dear Rolling Knolls  
family and friends:

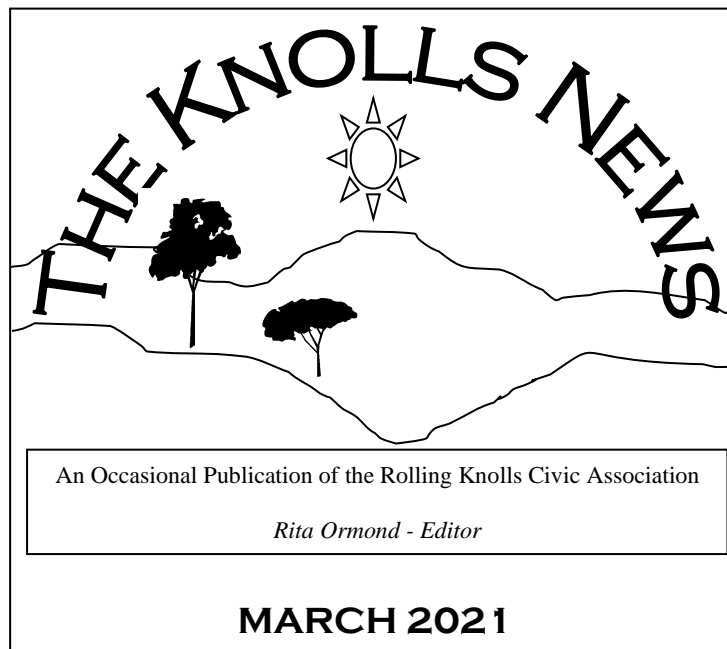
Well, it is now official, my term as President is coming to close. It has been a privilege to navigate the community through unprecedented times. As the Board balanced safety and health of the community, we wanted the community to remain united and in touch with some community events. In isolation, the Rolling Knolls community was even more important. I was very thankful that lived I here during those quarantine days. Rolling Knolls is a very special place.

My presidential top priority was to address the safety issues facing the community. The Board engaged State and County officials to make sure your voices are heard and demands met. While assurances have been made to construct a new sidewalk along Valley/Knollwood Road intersection to the school, the Board will not stop until the project is completed. No more walking in the middle of the street now.

I would be remiss if I did not address a safety issue discussed on Next Door. Rolling Knolls is home not only to us but some wonderful wildlife. I enjoy walking with my girls picking out the different types of birds, deer, and foxes. Yes, there have been coyote sightings, however, one should never take matters in their own hands and hunt in our community. Hunting and discharging a firearm is illegal. That activity is extremely dangerous. Please contact Animal Control if you have a need.

The quarantine has been a boon for the dogs in the community. Please make sure you scoop the poop during your walk. Just be kind and courteous to your neighbors.

As the COVID-19 nightmare is looking more in the past than in the future, the Board is going to start doing more community events. Please be on the



lookout for events on Next Door, Facebook, and flyers. Additionally, this spring, the Board will sponsor a community Pickleball tournament. I am in contact with County to have another Pickleball court painted on the tennis courts. Stop me on one of my walks for details. If you never played, it is a blast and

easy to learn.

Again, I would like to thank our Internal Vice President Becky Fox, and all the community volunteers who make every event at Rolling Knolls a fun and enjoyable time for the family. I would also like thank Ashley Daumit for organizing the food trucks. They have been a welcomed treat during this past year. I would like to thank the entire Board for their time and dedication to making Rolling Knolls the community we all want to live in. They are a dedicated group of individuals trying to make Rolling Knolls the best place to be. It was a pleasure serving as your President.

Don't forget you may attend our monthly Board meetings if you have a subject you wish to discuss. Contact a board member for information on how to attend. Recently, we have been having virtual meetings. We have many exciting things going on and we need your input and participation. Elections for new officers will be held in April. The April meeting will be held outside at the school playground. Masks and social distancing will be honored.

Please get vaccinated and be safe. The future is looking better but we need to stay safe and smart to avoid any spikes in COVID-19 cases.

Sincerely,  
Jared DeMarinis  
President  
jdemarinis@gmail.com

## 2021 RKCA Board of Directors

President	Jared DeMarinis	2191 Glenfield Rd
Internal VP	Becky Fox	550 Rockwood Ct
External VP	John Demyanovich	611 Glenfield Ct
Secretary	Chrisy Boomer	1982 Glencrest Ln
Treasurer	Kari Mack	1988 Valley Rd
Director	Brandon D'Apice	617 Wayward Dr
Director	Ashley Daumit	620 Wayward Ct
Director	Rita Ormond	613 Wayward Dr

### Board Member Positions

*Rita Ormond, Director*

We have several board members positions open to be filled. Our President, Jared DeMarinis' term was up in 2020, but he agreed to stay over as President since we did not have an election meeting in November 2020 due to COVID. Michael O'Halloran has agreed to run as President. Chrisy Boomer has been our Secretary for many years and is ready for a break (*she has also served as President and Treasurer before becoming Secretary*). Her position is open for filling, and she is happy to help the next person learn the ropes of the Secretary's position. In addition, the Director position previously occupied by Alex Gomez, (until he moved away late last year), was filled by Ashley Daumit. She has agreed to run for that position. If anyone would like to be placed on the ballot for any of these positions, please email Director, Rita Ormond at [ormond51@outlook.com](mailto:ormond51@outlook.com) or call 410-224-2756, and we will place your name on the ballot.

Duties of the vacant offices (as stated in By-Laws):

**President.** It shall be the duty of the President to act as general executive officer of the Association and of the Board of Directors; to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors; and further, the President shall have the right to attend all committee meetings in ex officio capacity.

The President shall have the power at any time to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint all Committees unless otherwise provided for.

No president shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Officers hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

**Director.** Directors carry out the purposes of the Association according to law and as provided in the bylaws. Terms run for 3 years.

Additionally, In November 2021 Rita Ormond's Director term will end. Please let her know if you are interested in running for or if you would like more information about the position.

### Annual Meeting with Elections

*Rita Ormond, Director*

Our election meeting will be held on April 13 at 7:00 pm at the Rolling Knolls Elementary School field. Bring a chair, we will socially distance and wear masks as necessary.

### Proposed Ballot

President - Mike O'Halloran  
Secretary - open  
Director – Ashley Daumit

If you feel unsafe attending, we have the capacity to have you attend virtually. If you are interested in attending virtually, please contact Rita Ormond at [ormond51@outlook.com](mailto:ormond51@outlook.com) or by phone at 410-224-2756 and we will give you the information to attend virtually.

### Dues

*Kari Mack, Treasurer*

Happy 2021! In hopes of (safely) ramping up our community events, this is a reminder that our annual contributions not only support our holiday and social gatherings, but also benefit so many other areas to support our community; welcome baskets for new neighbors, costs related to flyers and newsletters, paying dues to neighboring associations, maintenance of our entrance sign, and much more.

We have extended our deadline to May 31st for the collection of the \$25 (or more) 2021 community contributions. We accept checks payable to RKCA dropped off at 1988 Valley Rd, PayPal ([rollingknollsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rollingknollsinfo@gmail.com)) or Venmo (@RollingKnollsCA).

Thank you again for your participation!



### **Easter Egg Hunt**

*Becky Fox, Internal VP*

The annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the fields of Rolling Knolls Elementary School on Saturday, April 3rd at 3:30 pm. The rain date will be Monday, April 5th at 3:30pm.

Please email Becky Fox by Tuesday March 30th at [rdmf78@gmail.com](mailto:rdmf78@gmail.com) if you would like to sign your child(ren) up for the hunt. To ensure we have enough eggs for all the children participating, please make sure you RSVP by the 30th.

The hunt will be divided into three groups, ages (0-3), (4-7), (8-12). One chocolate bunny will be given as a prize for the golden egg hidden for each age group. Please bring your own baskets. There will be a check-in table open at 3pm. Please be sure to check in your children early so your kiddos don't miss out. Thank you and looking to a fun event!

*\*\* mask requirements will follow MD State mandates on date of the event\*\**

### **Food Truck**

*Ashley Daumit, Director*



Kooper's Chowhound Burger Food Truck is booked for April 3rd from 4-7:30 pm. They will be parked along Valley Road in front of the school.

### **Rolling Knolls Holiday Happenings Review**

*Becky Fox, Internal VP*

Like everything else we celebrated the holidays a little differently this year. First, instead of the normal Fire Department Santa Run, the West Annapolis Fire Department started a Go Fund Me Account and raised over \$27,000 to give 1,700 children from Annapolis and Anne Arundel County a \$25 gift card to Franklins Toys or Third Eye Comic. Thank you to the residents who pitched in to make Christmas brighter for less fortunate children in our city and county.

Second, we still had "Santa visits" but we used a decorated golf cart as his sleigh and he visited the children outdoors, leaving candy canes and wishing our younger residents a Merry Christmas from a safe distance. Santa made about 15 visits this year. A special thank you to Santa and Chrisy and Sean Boomer for making a special night happen for the youngsters in our community!

Third, it was another beautiful year for holiday decorations in the community! It is always such a delight to get the family in the car and drive around our neighborhood to take in the pretty lights. The winners of the lights contest this year are as follows:

Third place: 2003 Valley Road  
Second place: 1957 Valley Road  
First place: 2177 Glenfield Road

Prettiest street award goes to Glencrest Lane again this year. Great job guys! It felt like you were driving through a Christmas wonderland when you rolled down your street!

Thoreau and Sigfrid Courts also looked beautiful this year and came in second and third behind Glencrest Lane.

"Children's favorite" goes to 521 Ridge Road with its beautiful sparkling roof and many fun, festive blow ups.

Prettiest Driveway went to 516A Ridge Road with its beautiful lights and stars stretching all the way down the long drive.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated!

### **Sidewalks**

*Chrisy Boomer, Secretary*

The Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation confirmed that the installation of sidewalks from the fire-hydrant at 1988 Valley Road to the crosswalk at the school is listed in the 2021 capital improvement budget.

### **Wildlife in Rolling Knolls**

*Rita Ormond, Director*

Rolling Knolls is home to a wide variety of wildlife and birds. We have chipmunks, coyote, deer, fox, opossum, raccoons, and squirrels, just to name a

few. When you walk your pet at night, should you get nervous if you encounter one of these animals, think about carrying an alarm device, whistle, or squirt gun loaded with a mixture of water and vinegar to spray the content in the direction of the animal, if necessary. In addition, the first step to keep wild animals out of your yard is to keep your yard clean.

Remove all food and water sources so the animals are not drawn to your property. Your garbage cans should have an airtight lid, and you should be sure to bring all pet food indoors, especially at night.

### Anne Arundel County Leash Laws

Leash laws in Anne Arundel County require owners to keep their dogs and other pets on a leash when they are in public. Anne Arundel County Code § 12-4-905 (2005), prohibits animals from running at large. If you see animals running loose, you may report the animal at large to Animal Control by calling 410-222-8900.



### Home Sales

1989 Valley Rd	Sold	\$540,000
566 Wayward Dr	Sold	\$485,000
639 Wayward Dr	Sold	\$550,000
511 Ridge Rd	Sold	\$435,000
523 Ridge Rd	Sold	\$525,000
630 Rolling Dale	Sold	\$380,000

### Tennis/Pickelball Courts

*Jared DeMarinis, President*



Residents may now use one of our tennis courts to play pickelball as it has been painted to play either sport. We are also working on having the other court painted as well.

### Speed Trailers

*Rita Ormond, Director*



Becky Fox met with Anne Arundel County who placed speed trailers on Valley Road, Wayward Drive and Ridge Road to measure the speed of vehicles traveling in the community. The posted speed limit for our community is 25 MPH. Many vehicles have been way over our speed limit, in some cases up to 50 MPH. We have many children traveling to school, riding bikes and many walkers in the community. Please slow down for the safety of our residents.



### Protect Our Trees

Many properties in our neighborhood have English ivy growing on the trees. English ivy can cause structural and health problems if it can climb tree trunks. Ivy traps leaves, debris and water and can cause stress and disease. Winter ice loads up to thousands of additional pounds and can fell trees. Eventually the tree will die. Cut vines at the tree base and leave them there to die/disappear. Pulling them down can harm the tree.

### Rolling Knolls Social Media Accounts

[www.rollingknolls.com](http://www.rollingknolls.com)

<https://nextdoor.com/RollingKnolls>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rolling-Knolls-Civic-Association/542639642505813>