

**The President's  
Corner**

**Michael O'Halloran**  
*President*

Dear Rolling Knolls  
family and friends,

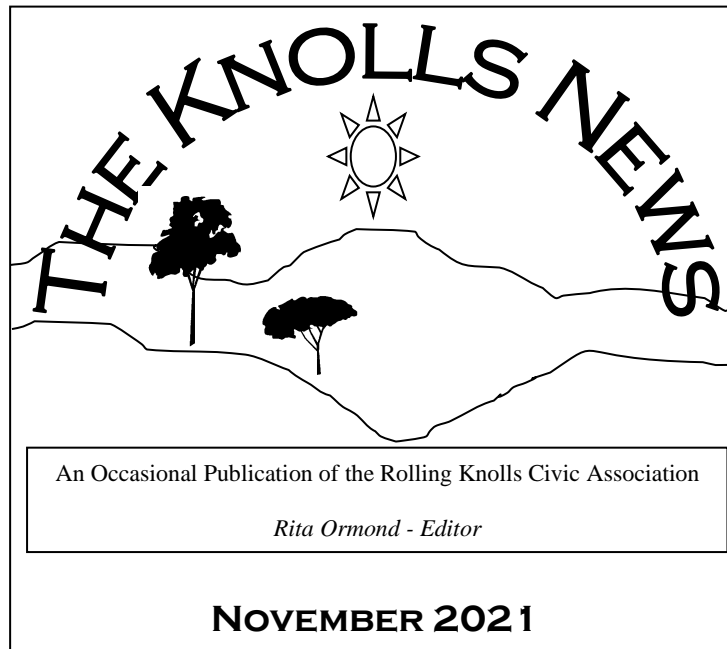
I am so excited to take the helm of the Rolling Knolls Civic Association. But first, I'd like to thank Jared DeMarinis for all of his hard work leading the Board over the past several years. His efforts to make a safer and more accessible community leave big shoes to fill.

Though my wife and I have only lived in Rolling Knolls for a little over a year and a half, we have strong connections to this neighborhood – chief among them her growing up on Ridge Road. We can't say enough good things about our community and it's our friends and neighbors that make it the wonderful place it is.

With that in mind, I hope to continue the great work the Board has been doing over the years. Their dedication has brought results that benefit us all – new streetlights (thanks to our Treasurer, Kari Mack), forthcoming sidewalk towards the front of the neighborhood (thanks to Internal VP, Becky Fox), food trucks (thanks to Director, Ashley Daumit) – the list can go on.

Also special thanks to Chrisy Boomer who has served the community on the Board in many positions, President, Director and lastly Secretary for many years. Thanks for all your service to the community. You will be missed.

There is always room for improvement and new ideas, so I challenge each of our residents to attend, volunteer, or reach out to the community in some meaningful way over the next 12 months. Things like attending



one of the community events, sitting in on a Board meeting, or just touching base with a Board member. Any one of these helps keep Rolling Knolls the special place it is.

I got to meet many of you at our Fall picnic and the children's Halloween Parade. Both were a huge success thanks to the time and effort put

it in by Board members and neighbors alike. But it's the participation from folks in our neighborhood that make these such great events.

As always, you'll find some useful information in this edition of our newsletter. I ask each of you to take special note of our "safety around the school" section. Traffic from parents dropping off and picking up their students can get backed up on the best of days. But given the recent issues surrounding bus driver shortages, these backups are seemingly worse. Keep this in mind if you need to be somewhere during drop-off and pick-up times. Your best bet is to give yourself more lead time. Your worst bet (and an illegal one at that!) is to try driving around the backup on the opposite side of the road. That needlessly puts students, teachers, and other drivers in danger. Thank you for your cooperation!

Finally, as I mentioned, I'm just beginning my tenure as President of the RKCA. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me out and about. I'd love to meet and hear from you! Bonus points if you have a baseball glove on you and want to have a catch.

Best,  
Mike (or you can call me "Mikey")  
Ohalirish@msn.com

## Election of Officers

The Election of Officers was held at the Community Meeting on November 9, 2021. Eva Bowie was confirmed as Secretary replacing Chrisy Boomer, and Lauren Dorsey replaced Rita Ormond as Director. Thank you Chrisy and Rita for your years of service on the Board. Welcome to the Board Eva and Lauren.

## 2021 RKCA Board of Directors

President	Michael O'Halloran	614 Glenfield Ct
Internal VP	Becky Fox	550 Rockwood Ct
External VP	John Demyanovich	611 Glenfield Ct
Secretary	Eva Bowie	519 Ridge Rd
Treasurer	Kari Mack	1988 Valley Rd
Director	Brandon D'Apice	617 Wayward Dr
Director	Ashley Daumit	620 Wayward Ct
Director	Lauren Dorsey	1960 Sigfrid Ct

## Rolling Knolls Social Media Accounts

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

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

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

## Dues

*Kari Mack, Treasurer*

We will continue to collect dues for 2021 until the end of the year. These dues provide funding for not only our wonderful community events, but also for welcome baskets for new neighbors, costs related to flyers and newsletters, dues to Generals Highway Assn, maintenance of our entrance sign, and much more. We accept your \$25 checks payable to RKCA dropped off at 1988 Valley Rd, (rollingknollsinfo@gmail.com) or Venmo (@Rolling-KnollsCA).

Notices for 2022 dues will be distributed in the Spring.

Thanks for your participation!

## Sidewalks

*Becky Fox, Internal VP*

The Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation informed us that they will be contracting for the installation of sidewalks from the fire-hydrant at 1988 Valley Road to the crosswalk at the school. Additional information will be posted as it is received.



## Street Light Replacement Project

*Kari Mack, Treasurer*

The street light replacement project has almost been completed. The only remaining lights to be replaced are on Fairglen Lane, Thoreau Court, and Sigfrid Court. I am still waiting on the status for these replacements and will update with a Nextdoor post as soon as I receive it.

We will also be adding a new light at the corner of Wayward Drive and Valley Rd once the Valley Road sidewalk project has been completed.

If you ever notice any streetlight with a blue or purple color, flicker, or outage, please report them at [bge.streetlightoutages.com](http://bge.streetlightoutages.com) and BGE will replace these lights. Just type the address and click on the light for repair.

Any questions or concerns on this project, please contact me at [karimack624@gmail.com](mailto:karimack624@gmail.com)



## Anne Arundel County Leash Laws for Dog, Cats & other Pets

Leash laws in Anne Arundel County require owners to keep their dogs, cats, and other pets on a leash when they are not secured in your

home/yard. 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.

Always check your surroundings when you are parking your vehicle and ask yourself whether it could be considered a hazard.

### Home Sales



1984 Glencrest	\$540,000	Sold
628 Harberts Ct	\$586,950	Sold
513 Knollwood Dr	\$400,000	Pending
1963 Sigfrid Ct	\$615,000	Sold
1960 Valley Rd	\$625,000	Sold
2009 Valley Rd	\$499,900	Listed
608 Wayward Dr	\$479,000	Listed

### Speed Limit

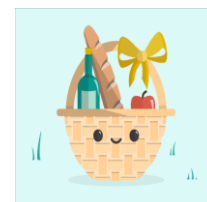


Please adhere to our 25 mph speed limit throughout the community.

Please note that Anne Arundel County Police frequently park at the school and on Valley Rd, and have recently issued a number of speeding tickets.



When you bag your doggie's presents, please take it with you, and do not leave your bags on the cable boxes, on the school sidewalk, your neighbor's sidewalk, or their trash cans. Thanks so much.

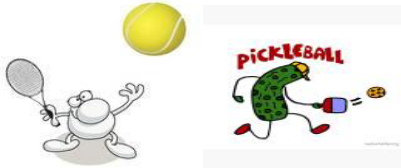


### Welcome Baskets

The community has had a long tradition of distributing welcome baskets to new residents. If you know of a new resident on your street, please contact Amy Carrodine at 443-951-1126 or [duckndine@verizon.net](mailto:duckndine@verizon.net).

### Parking in Rolling Knolls

Anne Arundel County § 12-3-102 states a person may not stand or park a vehicle within **30 feet** of a stop sign, located at the side of a roadway, within 20 feet of a crosswalk; or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.



### Tennis/Pickleball Courts

The tennis courts have been repaved, lines have been painted, and are ready for community tennis and pickle ball players to try them out.

### Safety around the RK School

Please drive carefully on the roads leading to Rolling Knolls Elementary School. Drop off hours at the school are 9-9:30 am and pick up is from 3:45-4:15 pm. In addition to elementary school drop-offs, we also have middle and high schoolers being picked up at other stops in the community.

Since Anne Arundel County Public Schools have had a shortage of bus drivers this year, parents have been driving their children directly to school. This has caused an enormous number of cars at the school on Valley Rd and sometimes backing up onto Knollwood Dr almost to Generals Highway.

Please follow the speed limit and drive with utmost caution during these times as there are many children walking to school from home as well as crossing the crosswalk at the intersection of Wayward Drive and Valley Road. Some of these elementary school aged children are still learning road safety. Out of concern for the children, one of the teachers volunteered to act as Crossing Guard, in addition to his teaching duties. Please be polite and respectful to the crossing guard.

### House Numbers

Emergency responders wish to remind county residents that Anne Arundel County Code Article Code 12, Title 5 § 5-101. Display of Address requires homeowners to post their property number or letters designating the address assigned to the property in block style at least three (3) inches high on a contrasting background clearly legible from the street named in the address of the property.

The Postmaster also requires your mailbox to have the same numbers/letters on the mailbox.



### Bushes, Trees & Leaves

Please trim bushes and trees on your property that overhang the sidewalks, so they do not cause dangers to children and residents walking by.

In addition, the County asks that you please do not rake your leaves into the roads, drainage ditches or curb lines. Since we live within a watershed, whatever enters the storm drain or ditch near your property runs directly into the closest tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. In autumn large amounts of leaves become a source of water pollution. The leaves release nutrients that contribute to accelerated growth of algae which are detrimental to fish and other aquatic life.

Also leaves in roadways can cause very slick roads for pedestrians, vehicles, and cause flooding of the road.

## **Fall Events Wrap-up**

*Becky Fox, Internal VP*



We had a lot of fun here in our neighborhood this fall. On October 9th we had a lovely community picnic with beautiful weather, lots of great food, drinks, and company. We even had a moon bounce for the kiddos.



On October 30th we held a community Halloween parade. Children marched around a festively decorated bus loop at the school to classic Halloween tunes. Then children made crafts, played games and ate snacks. . Halloween musical chairs, "pumpkin dodgeball", pumpkin tic-tac-toe and pin-the-nose-on-the-witch were some of the fun games available for children to play. Kids also had the opportunity to decorate a pumpkin cookie made by our fellow neighbor, Kim Haggard. The event was well attended and made me so happy to see so many neighbors come together. I love seeing the children and their parents/grandparents smiling, having fun and getting the opportunity to meet new neighbors and make new friends.

I also appreciate all the people who helped Ashley Daumit and me make this event a success. We are grateful to Stacy O'Halloran for creating the beautiful balloon arch that gave the event such a festive entrance. We are grateful to Uyen, Cooper and Parker Joebchen for helping us run the games. A big thank you to Scott and Cathleen Rawlings for helping us set up and decorate as well as the contingent of Dads who lent us a hand with every last-minute task I could think of- Paul

Suriyachaiwat, Patrick Hildt, Mikey O'Halloran and my husband, Andrew Fox. Thank you all!

## **Halloween Decorations Contest Winners**

506 Ridge Road - First Place (and a \$25 Home Depot gift card) - very festive, fun and scary! Great job guys!

We had three runners up who all received a bag of Halloween M&M's:

2193 Thoreau Court - the most small-child friendly decorated house in the neighborhood! Lots of fun blowups that little kids loved as well as bright and festive.

1966 Valley Road- these guys went big this year, starting with a huge Nightmare before Christmas blow up, tons of spider webs and lots of Halloween characters in their yard.

1989 Valley Road - lots of Graves, scary people (watch out for the guy on the porch!) cobwebs and a cool glowing spider web at night.

Thanks to all who participated!

## **Upcoming Holiday Events**

*Becky Fox, Internal VP*



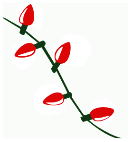
### **Santa Run**

The West Annapolis Fire Department will have their annual Santa Run this year, on Sunday, December 12th at 6pm. Santa will arrive at the RK School on a firetruck along with some fire department elves. He will greet children and give out candy canes. Please bring an unwrapped new toy to donate. The RKCA will provide hot cocoa, mini-marshmallows, and festive music to keep everyone warm and in the holiday spirit. Hope to see you there!

## **Santa Visits**



This year Santa will be visiting the children of Rolling Knolls on Sunday, December 19th. If you would like to schedule Santa to visit your home or driveway to say hello to your little one(s) please email Becky Fox at [rdmf78@gmail.com](mailto:rdmf78@gmail.com) with your address, your children's name(s), ages and a phone number, in case Santa needs to reach you. The visits are made from about 6-8 pm.



## **Holiday Decorations Contest**

Every year the community has a Holiday Decorations Contest. This year the judging will take place on Wednesday, December 15th. Please remember to turn your lights on by 6 pm. The winners will be announced in the next edition of the Knolls News and on Next Door.

## **The Knolls Newsletter**

*Rita Ormond, Editor*

This is my last issue of the Knolls News as your Editor. I have enjoyed providing the news to you for the last seven years. We are still seeking a new editor. Please let me or one of the Board members know if you are interested. I will be happy to provide you the information and newsletter logo templates for this position.

## **Newsletter Articles**

Many articles in the Newsletter are prompted by questions submitted to Board members by concerned RK residents.