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Do Not Enter: Street Access Limits

Great Hikes for Crisp Fall Days:

C & O Canal, Great Falls

Cabin John Park by the one Tane bridge on Wilson

Rock Creek Park by Military Avenue

Billy Goat Trail, A C or B

Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg

Little Bennett Regional Park, Clarksburg

and for big adventurers:

Sky Meadows State Park Delaplane, VA

Important Phone Numbers:

- Montgomery County Police Non-Emergency: 301.279.8000
- PEPCO Report Outage: 877.737.2662
- Verizon Report Outage: 800.837.4966
- Xfinity Report Outage: 800.934.6489
- Best Real Estate Advice: 301.802.3793

Thousand of people commute to downtown Bethesda every day, many by car. Instead of lining up on Wilson Lane or Old Georgetown Road, they may just take a quick shortcut right down your street!

If you have kids headed to the school bus, walk your dog, or walk to the metro, you've probably had to duck a fast moving commuter, or heard the scrape as they hit a speed bump.

Over twenty years ago the Montgomery County Police/Traffic Division attempted to minimize the problem by installing "Do Not Enter" signs, applicable during the hours of 7 - 9:30 am and 4 - 7 pm.

During this time there are only five legal entry points to the neighborhoods:

- Hampden at Wilson
- Moorland at Wilson
- Stratford at Wilson
- Exeter at Wilson
- Moorland at Huntington
- Plus Aberdeen & Del Ray

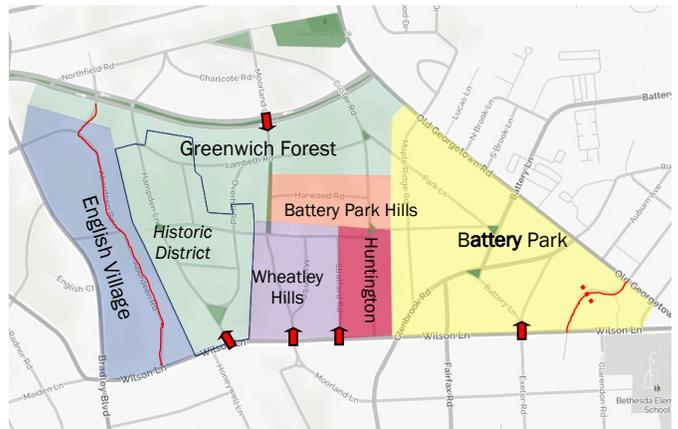
Using any other street to enter the neighborhood during these hours could result in a hefty fine, \$80 to \$200 depending on how the infraction is ticketed.

But wait! I'm a resident - I can turn into my own street any time, right?!?

No. There is no exemption for residents. One unlucky neighbor on Custer Road was ticketed \$200 for driving to his own home during restricted hours.

Enforcement by MCPD is inconsistent, but it does occur. Residents can request a traffic patrol officer during peak times, but we hesitate to ask due to the number of neighbors who routinely cut through. When residents cut through commuters follow our example, thinking "they did it, must not be a problem".

Let's try using the power of the crowd. Follow the limits for your own driving, and set a



We All Live in a Village!

Bethesda Metro Area Village, that is!

BMAV is a neighborhood-based, non-profit organization that helps members remain in their homes as they age.

If you live in our area, you are eligible to be a full member, a social member, or you can pitch in as a volunteer.

Full Members can attend any BMAV social events, including lectures, garden parties, and movie outings.

Full members can also request assistance with basic tasks such as a ride, changing light bulbs, or assistance with personal technology.

BMAV Social Members are welcome at all events. A social membership is a great way to join at any age before you need assistance from the group, enjoying activities and outings.

Volunteers do not need to join as members! Your skill and time can be matched with a member's request. Volunteers are vetted and trained, and the commitment is totally flexible.

More information is available on the web site:

www.bmavillage.org

Or contact the Director, Elizabeth Haille at (240) 630-2628

4 Stages of Trick or Treat

October 31 is upon us! Trick or Treaters will be out in force Tuesday night. Do you welcome, repel, or rejoice in your Trick or Treat Traffic?

Here are the four basic levels of **Halloween Enthusiasm**. See where you fall on the candy corn scale:



Stay Away. I'm not home, no candy, I'm not interested. Lights out, no decorations, no sign of holiday cheer. Fortunately our area does not attract too many pranksters, most kids just move on to the next house.



I'm a nice neighbor but don't want to answer the door and interact. Simply turn the porch light on, put a bowl of candy out with perhaps a skeleton nearby. Add a sign that says "One piece each, please." The danger is the bowl is emptied into the first bag of the first Trick or Treater. **Note to parents:** Please Discourage This Behavior!



I love Halloween, I have kids, or both! Orange lights, skull lanterns, or spooky flickering flames brighten your house. A carved pumpkin with a candle on the porch is a great indicator of this level of Halloween enthusiast. Decorations and a friendly adult with a full candy bowl greeting the Trick or Treaters makes this the classic standard for a Halloween House.



Halloween is the BEST time of year! The house is a fully decorated spooky, glowing, theme specific wonderland, and it is a kid magnet. Adults are in costume and encouraging the Trick or Treaters to approach. Their might be a haunted house feature, a floating ghost, or a pet in costume. Something moves, something howls, and the candy is the absolute best. These are the houses that make Halloween memories, and kids plan their route to be sure and stop by "Halloween House".

How Much Candy?!??

If you're planning to turn that light on and distribute candy, how many Trick or Treaters can you expect? **How much candy will you need?**

6:00 The little ones (with parents) start just before dark, and tend to follow well lighted streets and areas with sidewalks. Cute, cute, cute!

2 to 3 bags of candy

By 7:30 The streets are filled with 3rd thru 8th graders. They roam further afield, can travel on their own, and usually have creative costumes.

2 to 4 more bags of candy

By 8:30 it's the veterans, older kids with more minimal costumes, traveling in packs.

1 to 3 more bags

High School Trick or Treaters? Yes, it's fairly common. Don't be alarmed, consider these nice words from the mother of a six foot Trick or Treater, Marion Franck:

So here's what I can pass on, if you don't have your own 15-year-old boy.

When a crowd of under-costumed teens shows up on your doorstep, welcome them. It's a big group because they find strength in numbers.

They're not wearing costumes because they didn't realize that they'd want to go — nor how badly.

Give them big bars. Don't tell them they're too old. They already know that.

Let them pretend it just isn't so.



Local Market Activity since May 1, 2017

Status	Subdivision	List Date	Close Date	Days on Market	Address	List Price	Close Price	Year Built
ACTIVE	BATTERY PARK	17-Aug-17	-	63	8013 MAPLE RIDGE RD	1,800,000		1922
ACTIVE	BATTERY PARK	18-Apr-17	-	184	7804 FAIRFAX RD	2,900,000		2007
ACTIVE	ENGLISH VILLAGE	31-Aug-17	-	49	5715 BRADLEY BLVD	1,769,000		2017
ACTIVE	ENGLISH VILLAGE	3-Oct-17	-	16	5717 BRADLEY BLVD	1,899,900		2017
ACTIVE	GREENWICH FOREST	5-Oct-17	-	14	8012 HAMPDEN LN	1,529,000		1938
ACTIVE	GREENWICH FOREST	2-Jun-17	-	139	8006 OVERHILL RD	1,599,000		1986
ACTIVE	WHEATLEY HILLS	6-Oct-17	-	13	5418 YORK LN	2,695,000		2017
CONTRACT	BATTERY PARK	15-Jun-17	30-Oct-17	73	5105 BATTERY LN	2,475,000		2014
SOLD	BATTERY PARK	23-Feb-17	31-May-17	44	7802 FAIRFAX RD	1,195,000	1,160,000	1933
SOLD	BATTERY PARK	4-Apr-17	1-Jun-17	0	8013 MAPLE RIDGE RD	869,000	855,000	1922
SOLD	BATTERY PARK	24-Feb-17	23-Jun-17	62	8012 OLD GTOWN RD	895,900	880,000	1926
SOLD	BATTERY PARK	2-Jun-17	1-Aug-17	8	8003 MAPLE RIDGE RD	2,695,000	2,625,000	2015
SOLD	BATTERY PARK HILLS	18-May-17	29-Jun-17	8	5411 YORK LN	974,900	954,000	1987
SOLD	ENGLISH VILLAGE	4-Mar-17	25-Apr-17	23	5817 BRADLEY BLVD	800,000	750,000	1949
SOLD	ENGLISH VILLAGE	5-May-17	8-Jun-17	13	8014 ABERDEEN RD	2,689,000	2,710,000	2017
SOLD	ENGLISH VILLAGE	2-Jun-17	30-Jun-17	0	7816 ABERDEEN RD	1,441,000	1,380,000	1938
SOLD	ENGLISH VILLAGE	24-Feb-17	13-Jul-17	58	7827 ABERDEEN RD	1,299,000	1,296,000	1941
SOLD	ENGLISH VILLAGE	19-May-17	18-Aug-17	58	5801 BRADLEY BLVD	999,900	927,000	1936
SOLD	GREENWICH FOREST	16-Mar-17	6-Jun-17	37	7820 HAMPDEN LN	2,395,000	2,265,000	2007
SOLD	GREENWICH FOREST	15-May-17	15-Jun-17	2	5600 HUNTINGTON P	849,900	849,900	1956
SOLD	GREENWICH FOREST	14-Feb-17	22-Aug-17	293	5509 WILSON LN	1,690,000	1,620,000	2005
SOLD	GREENWICH FOREST	28-Aug-17	2-Oct-17	8	8103 HAMPDEN LN	1,249,000	1,249,000	1952
SOLD	HUNTINGTON	25-Aug-17	3-Oct-17	4	7810 CUSTER RD	2,099,000	2,100,000	2017
SOLD	WHEATLEY HILLS	7-Feb-17	10-Mar-17	5	7802 MARION LN	950,000	1,046,000	1951
WITHDRN	BATTERY PARK	8-Jul-17	9-Aug-17	32	8020 PARK LN	1,200,000		1926

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Would You Buy a Haunted House?

Would you ever live in a haunted home? A new survey from realtor.com® shows most folks won't shy away from a spooky space—so long as the price is right.

In September, realtor.com® surveyed more than 1,000 online respondents. The verdict? Thirty-three percent were open to living in a haunted house, 25 percent might be, and 42 percent are not open to the idea.

So what factors impacted these results? Let's explore:

- Forty percent of respondents indicated that they need a price reduction in order to choose a haunted home over a non-haunted home;
- 35 percent require a better neighborhood;
- 32 percent need larger square footage; and
- 29 percent would do so if more bedrooms are involved.

Who minds a few spooky spirits if there's a third bedroom, amiright? From the survey,

47 percent of participants indicate they would live in a home where someone died, 27 percent said they might, and 26 percent said they would not.

The survey also showed certain paranormal activities are preferred over others. Forty-eight percent of those surveyed didn't mind a few cold or hot spots in their home, whereas 45 percent could get down with unexplainable noises, and 39 percent are willing to tolerate strange, freaky feelings in certain rooms. Thirty-five percent of folks could deal with shifting shadows, but only 20 percent were alright with levitating objects or the sensation of being touched.

Of those surveyed, 28 percent believed they already have lived in a haunted house, with 14 percent unsure and 58 percent quite sure they've never been haunted.

What do you think? Would you be willing to room with a ghoul for more square footage, a lower price tag or a finished basement?

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