

# EVERGREEN

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## Rethinking Spring



WELL, TIME IS NEVER PLENTIFUL, AFTER winter hunkers down and pushes us indoors for several months. I find that

I'm more apt to take work home with me, deal with the holidays, and rethink my entire future when I am holed up indoors, trying to keep warm. I am sure we all miss the distractions of warm weather, and our mindsets will soon soften as the snow melts. What better time to hope for the spring! And for new

direction, new purpose. I am constantly struggling to make time for this newsletter, and hope more community members make time for improving our humble piece of the world! Here's looking forward to a warmer year. One full of promise and action.

Hooray Spring is Near!

Kristine Willett



## The Weed That Roars

THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST DANDELIONS IS A 3'-HIGH, healthy lawn that's dense enough to keep their seeds from getting a foothold. If they do get started, pulling when the soil is moist and before they go to seed is best for small patches and is also a good workout. Be sure to get most of that taproot—a dandelion will grow back if more than a third of it is left behind. If there are more dandelions than you can shake a weeder at, several environmentally friendly products are available, including Mycogen's Scythe, a nonsystemic contact herbicide that is more effective before the enemy grows 6 inches high.

And remember, one man's weed is another's salad. Seeds of these bright yellow flowers with broad, sharply indented leaves were brought from Europe as a valued green vegetable for salads and cooking. Dandelions are nutritious, tasty, and useful from root to flower. This spring, try exchanging your weeding fork and herbicide for a salad fork and vinaigrette!

—From *Garden Design Magazine*, Dora Galitzki

## Spring Cleaning

Following are some helpful numbers to know.

**Baltimore Bureau of Solid Waste Management**  
410.396.4515

*Cleaning your basement after a long winter slumber? Not sure what to do with those empty paint cans and garbage? Outdoor litter? Call the above number for help.*

**Bureau of Animal Control**  
410.396.4694

*If you find snakes, unwanted possum nests, stray animals, bats, you name it... call animal control for tips on what to do.*

## It's here, grab a fork!



In all its glory, the evergreen community recipe book is here. (for your copy, write to the address below.) If you would like additional copies, please send \$5 per each additional to our p.o. box 5685, baltimore md, 21210.

## Did You Know...

THAT THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION received a \$1000.00 award from the Margaret Rosch Jones foundation. This was presented along with a governors citation to Evergreen representatives Mr. and Mrs. Beer at the Maryland Environmental Trust Alliance Conference on November 15th, in Westminster Maryland. The money will go towards continuing preservation Stoney Run. Congratulations Evergreen!

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"It's a warm wind, the west winds, full of birds cries" — John Masefield