

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

August 2012

Time to Renew

By the time you get this newsletter, you may already have received your ICA membership notice in the mail. If not, it's on the way!

The June newsletter led with an article about all that the Community Association does for Idlewylde, and why it's important that *you* should join it. So please respond promptly to the notice.

Don't put it aside, don't let it slide.

We aren't some business that will bill you and bill you until you pay. We aren't a big non-profit or magazine that will send you multiple renewal notices, starting six months before your subscription expires. We are your Community Association, and you will hear from us just *once*.

So please act now!

Help for your Loved Ones

Many people are finding themselves in the position of caring for a parent or other older loved one.

Or it may be you, as an older person, who needs some assistance.

When that happens, it's often hard to know where to turn for help. We are blessed with a wonderful aging network across the nation. Unfortunately, many people simply don't know about this helpful resource.

Nationally, the **Administration on Aging** is at the top of the network, and every state has a State **Unit on Aging** and one or more "area agencies on aging" (AAA). These agencies offer lots of resources and information on many topics including

- what to look for when searching for care,
- what to expect from Medicare,
- what in-home services are available,
- support for families who are caregiving for their loved ones,

and lots more.

So when you find yourself saying:

- "My mom is getting out of the hospital and I don't have a clue what to do,"
- "I don't know how much longer I can do this by myself,"
- or: "How can I remain in my home with my health issues?"

– whatever your individual situation – staff at an AAA can help guide you.

In Maryland, there are 19 AAAs covering all counties and Baltimore City. Our local AAA is the **Baltimore County Department of Aging** (410-887-2594, <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/aging>).

If your loved ones are in another county or state, you can start with the Baltimore County AAA or you can find the local AAA by using **Eldercare Locator** (1-800-677-1116, <http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare.NET/Public/Index.aspx>).

Maryland has an information and assistance program at each AAA called **Maryland Access Point**. Check out the on-line database that covers resources for aging and disabilities at <http://www.marylandaccesspoint.info>. You can also find information at the **Maryland Department of Aging** website (<http://www.aging.maryland.gov>).

Need support as a caregiver? You are a caregiver if you are assisting someone who has trouble caring for themselves. This can mean grocery shopping for or taking a loved one to medical appointments, living with and providing total care, or the wide range of helping that falls in between.

You are every bit as important as your loved one. Take care of yourself too, and know that you are not alone. In Maryland, there are upwards of 600,000 family caregivers. Check out the **National Family Caregiver Association** (<http://www.nfcares.org>) or **Family Caregiver Alliance** (www.caregiver.org).

Whatever your situation, there are resources out there to help you find your way.

– Sue Vaeth

Are You New in Idlewylde?



A new Community Directory is in the works!



Please let us know if you want in.



Entries can include multiple names, phone numbers and emails, as well as your street address.
Contact Marcia Ferguson at ferguso@comcast.net or 410-377-0887.



Every household in Idlewylde gets a free directory.

Mister Katt Wants In

Small as cats go: an orange long-hair with a flat face and a bushy tail sticking up a bit like Tails, Sonic the Hedgehog's sidekick in the video-game. My wife called him Tails; I used "Tail," since – unlike Sonic's buddy – he had only one.

Very friendly, too – always ready to roll over for a tummy rub. Unlike our own Princess Inky the Great (plain Inky to her people), who is not (a) friendly to strangers, (b) *ever* going to roll over for a tummy rub. He visited regularly for a while, till Inky made it clear he was Not Welcome. Since he was the only cat around that Inky was bigger than, that was going to stick.

Year after year, I would see him now and then at the other end of the block as I puffed up the street after my run. Friendly as always. Always ready to roll over.

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Then, recently, he started coming round again. Did he sense that Inky, now pushing 17, was not quite the menace of yore? Or was it simply that she was not outdoors as much, spending most of her days curled up on our bed? Her unguarded water bowl had always been a lure to patrolling cats.

But perhaps he had been abandoned, or otherwise separated from his people? He did seem a little unkempt. Was he needy too? My wife offered him a few bits of Inky's crunchy food, which he gobbled down greedily – almost as if he liked the stuff – which Inky, again, would never do.

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I called a neighbor up the street, close to Tail's habitual stamping-ground. "Small marmalade cat, long hair." She immediately knew what I was talking about. She told me he had a home, a name, and human property of his own. I hope you're not feeding him, she said.

Mister Katt's secret was out. He wasn't needy and homeless; he was a crafty freeloader, a would-be accumulator of homes and humans. A predator.

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Did he sense we knew? Soon after, when I went to the back door to speak to my wife, she shouted: "Don't open the door!" Mister Katt was lurking, ready to rush in. When my wife tried to come in, he lunged for the opening. Held at bay by a poised foot, he hissed in frustration. No more Mister Nice Guy! No more tummy-rubbing affability. In an act of calculated effrontery, he leapt onto one of our patio chairs and curled up. He knew where we lived, and he could wait ...

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So, Mister Katt's human property, if you are reading this, know that Mister Katt is a cheatin' cat, who will roll over for anyone but give his heart to no one.

A hard pooch to keep on the porch, as they say. Be warned.

– Paul Romney

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stray Cats

There are numerous cats running loose in the neighborhood. Perhaps people are unaware that Baltimore County has a leash law for cats. It is against the law to allow cats to roam off of your property. There have been recent incidents of cats being killed by cars, or poisoned. As pet owners, we must be responsible for our pets and respectful of our neighbors. Please do not allow your cat to be a nuisance. It is the law.

– Janice Phillips

The Idlewylde Community Association

is looking for

a VOLUNTEER

to run its web site

www.idlewylde.net

Please contact ICA President Tom Lattanzi at 410-377-912 or tomlattanzi@comcast.net



For info about the job please contact the current Webmaster, Dori Stickles, at dori521@verizon.net

Good for Idlewylde

Councilman David Marks has introduced a bill to down-zone more than 44 acres along Loch Raven Blvd near the City line. This includes 37 acres at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course and seven acres of privately owned land west of the golf course.

The 44 acres is zoned DR 16 right now, allowing up to 700 apartments, townhouses, or condos. Marks recommended lowering the zoning to DR 1—one house per acre—on the privately owned land, and DR1-NC on the City-owned golf course. This matches the current use of the property—open space—and the City will need to communicate with the County if there was ever an interest in selling it.

The County Council will vote on the changes, along with all other rezoning issues, in late August.

– Tom Lattanzi

Nancy L. Hofmann,
ABR, CRS

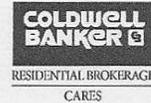
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"I grew up in Idlewyde and have been assisting buyers and sellers in the neighborhood for more than 23 years. My continued support for the neighborhood includes a donation to the Idlewyde Community Association for every home I sell."



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DID YOU KNOW that your child can take **Suzuki piano lessons** in your own neighborhood? I have been teaching Suzuki piano since 1981, and currently teach at Peabody Preparatory, Annapolis, and at my home in Idlewyde. At this time, I am finalizing my schedule for the coming academic year and may have a few openings on Wednesdays or Thursdays. This is the time to contact me if you have any interest, so I can fit you into the schedule at a time that works for you. Please contact me, *Betsy Stocksdale*, at *betsylstocksdale@gmail.com* or 443-255-5688. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Middle Eastern dance classes start Sept. 3 and 5 in Idlewyde. Open to all ages and genders, beginning and advanced class available. Preregister to guarantee a spot; only ten dancers in each class. Fun, self expression, cultural awareness, grace! *www.NinaAmaya.com*

Fairy Tale told in Dance and Music! Come see our new dance show, *The Ugly Goblin*, at Babcock Church on September 21st, 2012. Written and directed by *Nina Amaya*. As seen at Artscape, but this time, without the rain or high temperatures, and in your own neighborhood. Details at *www.AubergineBellyDance.com*

Piano lessons are available in Idlewyde. Children and adults are welcome. 20+ years teaching experience. For

more information contact *Carolyn Weglein* at *littlelway@aol.com* or 410-377-5323.

Art Lessons. Beginning to advanced. Drawing and painting, watercolors, oils and pastels for children and adults, College professor with BFA and MA degrees. Please call *Bonnie Printz* at 410-377-9342.

HOME AND GARDEN

Registered Daycare Provider has two full time openings available for ages 2 and up available immediately. Loving, learning, spacious, fun and clean environment. Licensed in Idlewyde since 1990. Excellent references. Contact *Susan Gourley* at (410) 377-3371 or *susan083@hotmail.com*.

Babysitting/Pet Sitting/Housesitting. *Cassie Springer* is 17 yrs old, Red Cross certified, responsible, and loves children and animals. Siblings *Jake* (22) and *Morgan* (20) are in college but return home for breaks and can also be available. Please call 410-377-8060 for more information.

Light hauling/towing. Home Depot, landfill, etc. *Dennis Crawford*, 410-960-2442.

Liza and Jason Schklar, with their son Jacob, welcome ELIJAH RHO SCHKLAR. Born March 4, 2012. 8lbs 11 oz, 20 inches long. We are all very excited and can't wait to introduce him to everyone!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR HOME IS WORTH?



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Property Values!

Call today for a **FREE** market analysis of
your home **OR** a list of the sold comps in the
neighborhood!

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Idlewylde Community Association



FALL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 PM



Venue: Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



Household membership \$20 for one year,
\$30 for two years



We will elect officers for 2012-13 and conduct any
other business.



*This meeting is for members of the ICA only. If you
are not currently a member you will be able to join or
renew at the door.*

IMPORTANT!!

The **Idlewylde Block Party**, announced for Sept.
15, has been canceled.

Dumpster Day is postponed until next spring.

Stoneleigh School Speed Camera

This has been placed on Regester Ave, one block west of
Sherwood. For 30 days after activation, motorists exceed-
ing the speed limit by at least 12 MPH will receive warn-
ings rather than citations.

In compliance with state law, the camera will only be
in use Monday-Friday, between 6 AM and 8 PM. It will
remain in use throughout the summer, as school sites are
used for summer school, recreation and parks activities,
summer athletics, and other child-oriented activities.

IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 66106,
Baltimore, MD 21239, www.idlewylde.net. Dues are \$20 for 1-year
membership, or \$30 for 2-year membership. Please contact Member-
ship Director.

BOARD (2011-12): Tom Lattanzi, *President* 410-377-9172; Kim
Deinlein, *Vice-President* 410-812-6908; John Keenan, *Treasurer* 410-
377-0563; Cynthia Jabs, *Secretary* 410-377-7252; Karen Bracken,
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2357. **The Board usually meets at the Community Hall on the first
Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. All members are welcome, but
please contact a board member to confirm time and place.**

OTHER OFFICERS: *Membership Director*: Marcia Ferguson, 410-
377-0887; *Webmaster*, Dori Stickles, 410-377-0455.

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