

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
"Community Commitment since 1947" April 2013

COP and esprit de corps

It was only last Fall that one of our neighbors was physically assaulted and the perpetrators of that and other crimes were arrested. There was a large and emotional outcry at the time with concern about crime in the neighborhood, and Derald Dudley revived and redesigned our extinct Citizens on Patrol program in answer to a request for it to be done. It seems thirty to fifty people signed up to back our COP program.

Despite my doubts as to the usefulness of COP, I signed up and was lucky to be teamed with Jim Debesse. Given demands of vacation time and passing sickness, Jim and I have been pretty good about rolling out at regular intervals. In looking back through the Wiggle calendar, I can only see about ten names on the schedule and the desire to patrol quickly faded to the level of a current six persons. There may be folks who are patrolling on an irregular and casual basis, but I have no knowledge of this.

Crime knows no season, yet Spring is approaching and one can guess that the younger element of the population will be prowling around and committing crime simply out of bravado, if nothing else.

If you really believe in the efficacy of COP, and its benefit to the safety of your neighborhood, then you really must follow up on the emotional intent of last Fall. It is your neighborhood, and you are it.

— Donald Hart

Casey's angle

A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under whose shade they will never sit.

(Greek proverb)

In the time you've lived in Idlewylde, have you done anything for your neighbors?

Have you watched their children or their pets? Picked up their papers when they were away? Shoveled their walks or driveways? Have you even met your neighbors?

Donald Hart points out one way we can help each other. Volunteer an hour a month to join the COPS program and help keep our neighbors safer. Just one hour a month.

We are blessed with having a hall where we can do so many things for our children, our neighbors and ourselves. *Give us ideas how we can utilize the hall* for you, your children and our neighbors. You can join with friends and new neighbors to assist in planning and coordinating an event at the hall.

We want to hear your ideas. We also want your participation. Let us know. Get involved!

As the great philosopher, Casey Stengel, once said: "There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, 'what happened?'"

Which are you?

—Tom Lattanzi

☞ If you are interested in joining the Idlewylde Citizens on Patrol or have questions, please email Derald Dudley, ICOP Director, at Derald.Dudley@dot.gov.

Buyer beware. Our neighbor Kim Deinlein reports that Comcast bases its service on zip code, and for that reason *Idlewylde residents can't get a local phone number from them*. They give you a city number, and if you call 911 your call is routed to the city and then has to be transferred to the county.

BIRTHDAY

NATALIE BELL of Regester Ave celebrates her 10th birthday on May 22.

The **Towson Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, is seeking **craft vendors** for its outdoor **May Day Eco-Fair** on **Saturday, May 18** from 10 am to 5 pm. Spaces (10'x12') are available for \$50. Preference will be given to purveyors of eco-friendly products and services or original art or crafts with a fairy theme.

For a vendor registration form and more information, go to www.towsonuuc.org or contact rawc@towsonuuc.org.

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HOME AND GARDEN

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.

ARTS

Piano lessons are available in Idlewylde. Children and adults are welcome. 20+ years teaching experience. For more information contact *Carolyn Weglein* at littlelway@aol.com or 410-377-5323.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi! This is Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann and I live on Regester Ave. and would love to organize a pulling invasive weeds from the park and cleanup party. I would like to propose Saturday April 20th in the morning and I would like to propose that our community bring snacks and drinks. We have a big problem in Overlook Park and Idlewylde and Baltimore and the US and the world when it comes to invasives and we can stop or slow down the spread of them.....*If English Ivy is growing up your tree, you should cut it off at the base and then 2 feet up and leave a wide swath so the upper ivy will die and the lower ivy will not spread as quickly.* These trees are weakened by the ivy and can come down more quickly in bad storms. We have done this in the park many times but the ivy keeps coming back. We also have pulled many of the Trees of Heaven which spread really quickly. You must get the whole root up or else they will keep growing.

My favorite trees in the neighborhood are the huge prize winning pink dogwood on Overbrook, the willow on Overbrook and the weeping cherry on Regester near the daycare. Let's beautify and enjoy!!

– *Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann (410-828-4070, 443-465-1660)*

HOUSE BIRTHDAY

Lou Lind of 912 Regester Ave reports that his home is 100 years old in April 2013. It was the very first house built when the land was subdivided here.

IDLEWYLDE: TALKING TO EACH OTHER

The Idlewylde Community Yahoo! Group is a site where residents can post notices (including crime alerts), ask for contractor recommendations, advertise giveaways or stuff for sale, and raise issues for discussion.

How to join:

- go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Idlewylde_community.
- click on the blue "Join This Group" button and follow the instructions.

You'll have to set up a yahoo.com e-mail address, but you don't ever have to use it. Once you've joined, you can simply substitute another address for Group messages.

Privacy note. When you set up a Yahoo ID, you are asked for certain personal information: name, gender, and birthday. This info appears in the Group members list on the website. *However*, you have the option of keeping it confidential.

Questions? Contact Amy at everestgc@yahoo.com or Paul at paulromney03@aim.com.

Sleeping Giant stirs

The Country Club of Maryland recently applied for permission to build a golf-cart path connecting their existing path with the proposed Stoneleigh Woods subdivision at the top of Sherwood Rd. The club has approval to build 36 rowhouses, but an age restriction makes the homes unmarketable to couples who might have been attracted by the proximity of Stoneleigh Elementary School. The club is therefore aiming to target golfers instead.

The ICA had legal representation at the Development Review Committee hearing, which was also attended by Peggy Squitieri and myself. Since the proposal was thought to be a “refinement” and not a “material amendment” of the plan, it was waved through.

This change has pluses and minuses for Idlewylde. The downside is that it may make the development more feasible. The upside is that, if building does proceed, our new golfing neighbors won’t have

to drive through our narrow streets to reach the first tee.

– Paul Romney

Crumbling Idlewylde

In response to reports of planned roadwork in Rodgers Forge next year, the ICA board contacted Councilman David Marks to press the case for repairs in Idlewylde. According to Councilman Marks, the Department of Public Works agrees that certain of our streets could use some work but says that they are “all in the overall fair condition and not in our targeted poor and terrible category.” DPW says many of these roads have three years left in their lifespan.

This seems reasonable. Bad as some of our streets are, they are not as wretched as those in Rodgers Forge, especially the eastern part. Anneslie’s roads are also worse – certainly Overbrook and Edgewood (the one Anneslie street slated for repair next year).

–Paul Romney

Nancy L. Hofmann,
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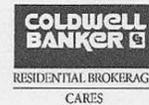
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“I grew up in Idlewylde and have been assisting buyers and sellers in the neighborhood for more than 23 years. My continued support for the neighborhood includes a donation to the Idlewylde Community Association for every home I sell .”



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