

# IDLEWYLDE\*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

June 2013

## ***In Appreciation***

The Idlewylde Community Association board bids a fond farewell to *Tom Lattanzi*, who resigned from the board this Spring after two terms as President. We are grateful for his never-ending public-spiritedness and his many contributions to our community, especially during his time on the board.

As board President, Tom took great pains to cultivate relationships with our local political representatives. All of them know Idlewylde and our issues better now than they did before their many conversations with Tom. He also arranged several Q and A sessions for them to meet with interested neighbors.

He helped organize block parties and other community events. He welcomed new neighbors and recruited new members for the Association. He sorted thru some sticky community disputes. And he always encouraged anyone with ideas about how to improve the neighborhood.

He will be missed on the board. But, knowing who he is, we expect he'll show up round the 'hood in other volunteer capacities.

Thanks, Tom!

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*Board Vice President Jamie Kass takes over as President for the remainder of the 2012-13 year.*

## ***Board vacancy . . .***

### ***only interested neighbors need apply!***

The Idlewylde Community Association will elect new officers in the Fall. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact any current board member.

The board meets once a month. The work of the board is far easier these days, as the hall is running smoothly and producing enough income to cover the cost of running it *and* yield a bit extra for community projects. Meetings are brief and a great way to get to know some of your neighbors while doing some good for our wonderful community.

We're looking for neighbors with new ideas for neighborhood improvements. And if there are public issues you'd like to take on, there's no better way to approach the powers that be than as a member of the

Idlewylde Community Association board.

ICA members are welcome at board meetings, so if you are considering taking a turn on the board you can come to a meeting this summer and check it out. Just contact a board member to find out when it's going to be.

– *Cynthia Jabs*

## ***What is the ICA? What does it do?***

### ***... and what can you do?***

The ICA's purposes are listed in its by-laws, which are posted on our web site

**<http://www.idlewylde.net/ICA>.**

Top of the list is "To own, maintain, and promote the use of the property known as the Community Hall."

**T**he ICA is very anxious to promote the use of the hall. As Tom Lattanzi wrote in the April newsletter: if there's something you'd like to make happen at the hall, just let the board know.

Want to run a Hallowe'en party for the kids? A Valentine's party for adults? The ICA has funds to back you up. A few months ago two board members organized an enjoyable St. Patty's Day party. But you don't have to be on the board to do something for the community. You just need the will and the skill.

**O**ther purposes concern the welfare of our community: maintaining the appearance of the neighborhood, protecting and enhancing property values, sharing useful information, and expressing views on public policies affecting the community.

That covers a bunch of things, from organizing an annual dumpster day to taking part in meetings of the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations. It covers this newsletter and the web site.

**W**hen weeds grow tall on absentee-owned property, the board contacts the County. When our streets pit and crumble, ditto. When school issues, zoning issues, districting issues are on the agenda, *(continued on p. 3)*

## CLASSIFIED

### ARTS

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### HOME AND GARDEN

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**Babysitting.** Idlewylde grandmother resident for 28 years offers evening babysitting. *Morgan Ebaugh*, 443.465.2828.

**Babysitter.** Also available for **dog/pet sitting.** Experienced 18-year-old available for days and evenings through July 13th (and some of August). *Mikela Murphy*, 410-377-0887, [mikelamurph@comcast.net](mailto:mikelamurph@comcast.net).

**Babysitting/Pet Sitting/House Sitting.** *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.

### Fight crime through safety!

Idlewylde is a low-crime neighborhood, but it's not a no-crime neighborhood. These warm nights are ideal conditions to stroll the streets checking for unlocked doors.

Here are a few basic tips to keep the strollers at bay:

\*Lock all doors and windows – *in half of all residential burglaries, thieves gain entry through doors or windows that have been left unlocked.*

\*Lock car doors and close windows. *The Towson police are constantly stressing the number of crimes that occur through failure to do this.*

\*Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Better yet, try motion-detection lighting.

\*If you travel, invest in lights with timers. *Lights on 24 hours a day signal an empty house.*

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\*If a stranger comes knocking, ask for ID before you open the door.



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the ICA is there.

- The ICA led the fight against the Country Club of Maryland's plan for 56 townhouses at the top of Sherwood Rd.
- The ICA opposed plans for a subdivision on the old Genstar site, and today that site is Overlook Park.
- The ICA scored those traffic-calming curb extensions on the 6300 block of Sherwood, and the recent signage and other measures to keep 18-wheelers from ending up on the 6300 block of Beechwood.

Today the ICA is seeking solutions for the unsightly hulk of the old Armacost nursing home at Sherwood and Register.

The Idlewylde Community Association does parties, but that's just the icing on the cake. The ICA is Idlewylde – Idlewylde associated for community purposes. Purposes such as good schools, a safe neighborhood, robust property values. Join up and join in. Idlewylde can use your help.

– Paul Romney

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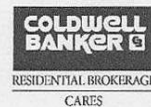
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*"I grew up in Idlewylde and have been assisting buyers and sellers in the neighborhood for more than 23 years. My continued support for the neighborhood includes a donation to the Idlewylde Community Association for every home I sell."*



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## 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](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 Everest at [everestgc@yahoo.com](mailto:everestgc@yahoo.com) or Paul Romney at [paulromney03@aim.com](mailto:paulromney03@aim.com).

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