

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

October 2013

School redistricting

Idlewylde and Loch Hill were each represented at a stakeholders' meeting with Superintendent Dance on Sept 19. Three proposals are currently on the table:

- Renovate the old Loch Raven ES building to provide 500 new seats.
- Do this and also convert Halstead Academy ES into a magnet school, possibly STEM or Visual and Performing Arts, while transferring the current HA students to Loch Raven.
- Add 289 seats to Cromwell Valley ES and make it a neighborhood (rather than county-wide) magnet school, thus ensuring that all its seats serve the overcrowded York Rd Corridor.

These proposals would go a long way to supplying the 1200 new ES seats that BCPS estimates are needed.

Comment. These options are less than ideal. Magnetizing Halstead sounds like a good idea, but Loch Raven ES is in the current Pleasant Plains ES zone and re-commissioning it will entail rejigging the zones.

Re-opening LRES while maintaining HA as a regular ES would be worse, since it would create a 500-seat vacuum east of Loch Raven Blvd which is bound to suck in students to the west. Our kids might end up at Pleasant Plains ES, which is certainly not in the same league as Stoneleigh. This is not an option. The main overcrowding problem is west of York Road, and that's where it should be solved.

☞ **A community meeting will be called to discuss our way forward on Monday, September 30 at 7 o'clock.**

ICA September general meeting

In the president's unavoidable absence, a select gathering of community-minded folk and a cute and attentive 10-month-old enjoyed a long discussion of community issues under the leadership of John Keenan. Topics included school redistricting, proposed construction on the Stoneleigh Woods site, and issues on the Sherwood Rd commercial strip.

As Treasurer, John reported a healthy financial position, including total financial assets of \$59,519

and a surplus of \$2,406 for the year ending August 2013.

A new board was elected (see back page). For the second year in a row it includes two new members. New blood is the lifeblood of a thriving community association, and the newcomers are the more welcome for living at opposite ends of the community. Dana lives in Maxalea and Pete a stone's throw from Overlook Park.

Councilman Marks to announce in Idlewylde

*County Councilman David Marks will announce for reelection here at Idlewylde Hall on **Wednesday, October 9** at 7:30 PM. Councilman Marks has been a friend to Idlewylde. He worked to eliminate truck traffic in our neighborhood streets, championed the construction of the Stoneleigh Elementary School addition, and has been fighting to keep Idlewylde as part of the Stoneleigh district. All residents are welcome to attend this event and meet Councilman Marks.*

– Tom Lattanzi

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Mike Snyder has taken over from Susanna Elliott as web-master of the ICA web site. Mike brings a new level of expertise to the job and plans several innovations, including installation of a Pay-Pal facility to make it easier for us to pay our dues.

In the meantime, folks should feel free to use the dues form on the back of the block party flier and seize this last chance to support our suffering US Postal Service by subscribing to the ICA by mail.

**Olivia Bell will celebrate her
8th birthday on November 13**

Idlewyld Citizens on Patrol

The COP rides again! Jim DeBesse and Mary Beth Collins are taking over as joint directors of this operation, building on the foundation laid by Derald Dudley last year.

A training session with Officer Kristy Fuka of the Towson precinct will take place on **Wednesday, October 23** at the community hall, starting at 7 PM. If you are interested in training for the COP, or you've already done that and would like to sign up to patrol, please contact Jim at <jamesdebesse@yahoo.com>.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hello, it's your friendly neighborhood **folk singer** who is great at turning a pre-school through 2nd grade **birthday party** into a song and a dance! Please call me at 410-828-4070 or go to my website: *www.spicesings.com*. PS: I am also a handywoman and can do odd jobs, yard work, painting, or helping out an elderly relative or neighbor. *Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann*, Arts Integration Educator and Music Teacher, Woman's Health Educator.

HOME AND GARDEN

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ANOTHER CRAZY "SAVE THE DATE"
ANNOUNCEMENT!

A HALLOWEEN PARTY

is being planned for
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
If you would like to help, please contact Joayne at *joayne@gmail.com*

Nancy L. Hofmann,
ABR, CRS

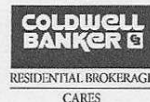
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**Idlewylde and Loch Hill United
for Access to Quality Education**

COMMUNITY MEETING

to discuss

THE NEXT STEP

**Monday, September 30
7:00 PM**

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The Board usually meets at the Community Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. All members of the ICA are welcome, but please contact a board member to confirm.

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