

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

January 2014

ICA Enters 21st Century!

The Idlewylde Community Association is pleased to announce the release of a redesigned community website at www.idlewylde.net. The new website will be launched February 1st.

The site has been redesigned to be easier to use, to highlight community events, and to make newsletter downloads more accessible. Another new feature of the website is the ability to pay your Idlewylde Community Association membership dues online using **PayPal**. This payment method is secure and very convenient.

If you have any questions or comments about the website, please contact the ICA webmaster, *Michael Snyder*, via email at me@michaelsnyder.me.

– *Michael Snyder*

Your Community Hall

Your Community Association was founded in 1947 to serve a community that was already more than 20 years old. The first thing it did was build a community hall. An unpretentious building – a big box with electric lighting and an HVAC system. You may not enter it from one end of the year to the other. But it's your community hall, and it matters to you.

Nearly 30 years ago my wife and I looked into buying a house in Homeland. It's one of those fancy neighborhoods where everyone has to join the community association, which means that the association can charge a hefty membership fee. And in 1986 that fee was \$200. **Two hundred dollars**. The realtor said it was in case the association needed to hire a lawyer.

Right now Idlewylde has a lawyer working on two crucial issues. He's helping us make sure that the Stoneleigh Woods developer keeps to the settlement we agreed to 8 years ago – a plan that cost us about \$20,000 in legal expenses. And he's helping us fight the proposed Family Dollar store on Sherwood. But the ICA's membership dues are \$20. **Twenty dollars**. And that's because of the hall. The revenue from commercial rentals is what makes the difference.

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But we can still use your twenty bucks. The hall is currently yielding about \$10,000 a year in profit, and the ICA has plenty to spend it on besides lawyers. Last year we spent more than \$4,000 on community events, and roofs and HVAC systems don't last for ever.

Even more important than the zoning issues is our fight to stay zoned for Stoneleigh Elementary School. The

ICA hasn't had to hire a lawyer for that, but it still cost us about \$1,500 last year. (\$2,200 actually, but we recouped \$700 from tee-shirt sales.)

Block parties. Hall events. Santa's Ride. Street signs announcing meetings or the annual yard sale. This newsletter. They all cost money. The hall revenue is a powerful multiplier, but the ICA still relies on Community Commitment – and has since 1947.

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Besides – senior citizens excepted, that twenty bucks is the only thing that makes you a member of the ICA. And why would you *not* want to belong to an organization that exists solely to solidify our community and speak to our shared concerns? Where would we be if no one joined? What schools would your kids be going to?

So why not check your checkbook and make sure you wrote that check that makes you a member of the ICA for 2013-14? If you didn't, it's not too late. Why not go to idlewylde.net and try out the new PayPal facility?

Or you can do it the 20th-century way. Grab your scissors and cut out the membership form in this newsletter. Fill in the blanks and seal in an envelope with a check for \$20 to ICA. Address as indicated, stamp and mail.

Or you can be sociable and sign up at the Spring General Meeting.

Remember: Idlewylde is nothing if not you.

– *Paul Romney*

Idlewylde Community Association SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 23 at 5 PM

Business meeting at 5:00, Potluck dinner at 6:00

Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd

Get together with your neighbors.

Get an update on community affairs.

Dinner. The ICA will provide a main dish.

Potluck suggestions: If your last name ends in:

A thru G – salad or side

H thru P – non-alcoholic beverage

Q thru Z – dessert

(These are just suggestions. Bring what you please.)

This meeting is for members of the ICA. You can attend the business meeting, the dinner, or both. If you are not currently a member, you will be able to join or renew at the door.

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ARTS

Belly Dance performance and instruction. *Nina Amaya* has been studying Middle Eastern dances since 1997 and is the director of the Aubergine Bellydance troupe. Performances for parties, corporate events, and discounts for nursing home shows. Workshops for children and adults. Arabian, Turkish and Greek dances. Specializing in sword, veil, candle and finger cymbals. Instruction by private lesson. Children's class, Tuesdays, Feb. 4-Mar. 11, 7pm, 6 classes for \$50. All ages bellydance 101, Friday mornings 10:30am, Feb. 7- Mar. 14, 6 classes for \$50. 443-834-3191, ninadances@gmail.com, www.NinaAmaya.com.

Piano Lessons are available in Idlewylde. Children and adults are welcome. 20+ years teaching experience. For more information contact *Carolyn Weglein* at little1way@aol.com or 410-377-5323.

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Babysitter. *Lily O'Mara* – American Red Cross Certified in Babysitter Training. Cell: 443-791-8230. Home: 410-377- 2205.

Idlewylde 2014 Garden Tour!

This year's Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 10am to 2pm. As always it takes lots of volunteers to make this event possible. We are looking for attractive yards to share.

Maybe you have a deck or patio you would like to show off, or perhaps a flower or vegetable garden you are proud of! There are a number of neighbors with water gardens too. Please consider opening up your yard so we can all enjoy the fruits of your labor.

If you would be willing to open up your yard for that 4-hour period, please contact *Jamie Kass* at 410-377-6728 or jamieandhenry@yahoo.com.

In addition to volunteering to show off your yard, we will need help with organizing this event. This means help with signage, ticket sales, etc. We have had a great group in years past that made the job pretty easy.

Let me know if you have interest in helping this year. It's a great way to meet some great folks in our neighborhood. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Look for information on ticket sales in the next newsletter!

– *Jamie Kass*

Two other dates to note

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Saturday, May 3 (rain date Sunday 4).

DUMPSTER DAY – Saturday, May 17 (tentative).

Important: The ICA had some lawn signs made to advertise the Yard Sale on the street. Last year we were unable to locate them. If anyone has them or knows where they are, please contact any board member. Thanks!

– *Paul Romney*



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Jamie Kass has joined Coldwell Banker's Towson office. She is a long-time Idlewylde resident as well as a past ICA President.

Together we are committed to offering exceptional service in assisting our Idlewylde neighbors with all their real estate needs.



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Idlewylde COP

We encourage everyone to participate in Idlewylde's Citizens on Patrol program!

We had a BCPD training session at the Hall, in October, that was not well attended. The good news is, if you missed the training session, no big deal. There's not much to it. Get in your car, at any time you can, navigate the streets of Idlewylde, and if you see something out of the ordinary, call Baltimore County 911. Don't get out of your car, don't interact with anyone, just try and recall enough about the situation, persons, time and location as you can, and relate all that info to the police.

If everyone patrolled once a month or so, soon enough we'd see a reduction in petty street crime. If perpetrators never know when they might see the COP signs and the flashing amber light, they just might just move on to a neighborhood where the citizens aren't as watchful. Patrolling is each person's own initiative. No one will be calling to remind you. Patrolling with a partner can make things much less tedious. You might come to enjoy the quiet time in the car!

To schedule a patrol:

1. Go to **Wiggio.com**
2. In the black header bar, look for NEW USER? Sign Up Now.
3. Register as new user.
4. In the next screen, see **JOIN A GROUP** in the black header bar. Click.
5. Enter **IDLEWYLDECOP** in Group Name Box.
6. Enter password- **22wwssxx**.

Now you should be in!

Once you're on the Idlewylde COP page, you'll see **Calendar**, **Feed**, and **Folder** tabs.

Schedule a patrol in **Calendar**. Communicate with other participants and read messages in **Feed**. Maps, training literature, and other info stored in **Folder**, along with info on retrieving the magnetic signs and car-light.

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Please don't hesitate to contact Jim DeBesse or MaryBeth Collins with any questions.

Thanks for patrolling!

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THE LAW AND YOU

The first in a series of talks by

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Long Term Planning *and legal issues affecting the elderly*

Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd

Tuesday, February 18, 7:30-9 PM

What protections can be put in place for you and your assets as you age? How to care for a loved one who has become ill?

I will discuss strategies and options available to people in different stages of their lives to protect themselves, their families, and their assets in later life.

The Law and You

The notice next to this announces the first of a series of talks by our neighbor Duncan Keir, who lives on Arran Rd. The talks will probably be monthly, and other topics to be covered will include matters of family interest such as real estate and traffic law. Duncan can be reached at [<dkeir@fixedcostlaw.com>](mailto:dkeir@fixedcostlaw.com).

The ICA needs volunteers to deliver the newsletter six times a year on Southwood Rd, Falkirk Rd and Loch Crest Ct. Please contact Jamie Kass at 410-377-6728 or jamiemandhenry@yahoo.com.

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