

# IDLEWYLDE\*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

June 2014

## A Busy Year!

It's been a busy year for the ICA.

**School Redistricting.** It's just a year ago that the Board of Education's plans hit the fan. Remember that first community meeting at the Hall? For all I know it's still posted on Youtube.

As a result of that meeting, Idlewylde and Loch Hill set up a joint committee to make sure that both communities stay zoned for Stoneleigh Elementary School – our neighborhood school, to which we in Idlewylde have been sending its kids since the school opened in 1930.

We did a lot of lobbying and a lot of demonstrating. We spoke at Board meetings and wrote letters. The Board and the politicians seemed to listen, and we've received the reassurances we sought.

But the process continues, and we need to keep our eyes peeled. Those signs summoning the community to meetings are in storage, ready to be posted again at need..

**Stoneleigh Woods.** Back in 2005, the Country Club of Maryland sought planning permission to build 56 homes at the north end of Sherwood Rd. There was a doozy of a meeting at the Hall about that.

The ICA spent many hours and thousands of dollars on that fight. We got the number down to 36 homes and a 55-plus ownership restriction imposed on the project, along with a bunch of restrictions on the building process.

Then the property bubble burst and the project went into hibernation, only to wake up last year. Since then, your board and your lawyer have been keeping a close eye on the process, making sure that the developer adheres to the letter of the agreement signed in 2006.

**Family Dollar.** Last fall, the proposal to build a ridiculously large store on a ridiculously small lot opposite the Hall burst on us out of the blue. Ever since then, your community association and your lawyer have been on the job.

Some weeks ago, our lawyer sent them a letter telling them that – after our representatives listened to their pitch and reported back to the community –

we feel that the Family Dollar is not a good fit.

So now the ball is back in their court. With any luck, we won't have to hold a doozy of a meeting at the Hall. But if we have to, we will.

**The other stuff.** That's just the big stuff. There's also the community block party and other social events. Dumpster Day. The community yard sale. Cranking out this newsletter. Overseeing the Hall that generates much of the revenue that makes this stuff possible. Keeping track of the revenue.

Our webmaster spent long hours revamping the ICA website to make it prettier and more useful. Adding a PayPal function to facilitate the membership process was a huge step forward.

And, not least, our COP directors labor valiantly to keep that show on the road.

I mention no names, because this is about the ICA, not individuals. But you can find the names in this newsletter.

**The thing is ...** If you value everything the ICA does to protect and improve our property values and quality of life, and want to lend a hand, you will be welcomed with open arms. The ICA is always 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.

– Paul Romney

## HAPPY BIRTH DAY

*Jessica and Andrew Hart, of Arran Rd, welcomed the birth of their first child, a healthy and happy baby girl, Isabella, on March 21.*

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### ARTS

**Piano Lessons** are available in Idlewylde. Children and adults are welcome. 20+ years teaching experience. *Summer is a great time to start.* For more information contact **Carolyn Weglein** at *littlelway@aol.com* or 410-377-5323.

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### ILDEWYDLE: The Community That Cannot Type its Name

Can you type *Idlewylde* ten times quickly? Or is it for you, as for me, the typing equivalent of a tongue-twister?

In the last newsletter I mentioned the letter that the ICA board sent to County Councilman Wayne Skinner in 2000 about the zoning of the lots opposite the community hall.

That letter is immaculately written and typed – except in one respect. It names our community three times. And it gets it wrong twice.

Idlewylde (good start) ... Idlwylde (oops!) ... Idlywylde (ouch!)

Me? I normally bang out some variant of the version in the headline.

– Paul Romney

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### Moving on

*Stephanie Foy*, of 1201 Overbrook Rd, a longtime Idlewylde resident, will retire from Baltimore County Public Schools effective July 1, 2014, after 35 years of teaching in local elementary schools.

She has taught at 5 schools during her career. They include Immaculate Heart of Mary (1977-81), Seventh District Elementary School (1981), Seneca ES(1981-83), Pine Grove ES (1983-88), and most recently Villa Cresta ES (1990 to the present). Most of her years were spent teaching fifth grade.

She was recently honored at 2 retirement events. The Baltimore County Public Schools honored retirees from the entire system on May 8th with a dinner and program at Martin's Eastwind. Then, on May 15th, a retirement party was held by Villa Cresta ES at Pappas Restaurant. There were 80 family members and colleagues in attendance. Guests roasted Stephanie "until she was well done."

Stephanie is looking forward to beginning a new chapter in her life.

### GRADUATES

*TREY CREAMER* is graduating from Stoneleigh ES and will be going on to Dumbarton MS.

*JULIA CONNOLLY* is graduating from Dumbarton MS and will be going on to Towson HS.

*BAILEY CREAMER* is graduating from Dumbarton MS and will be going on to St Timothy's HS.

*JOSH COCHRAN* is graduating from Towson HS and will be attending Gettysburg College.

### IDLEWYLDE COP

Summer is here, and with it generally comes increased petty street crime.

With the warmer weather we're hoping to increase participation in our COP program and get a steady schedule of regular patrols going. If everyone signed up would patrol at least once a month, we would have a very effective program.

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*If you're not signed up, this is what to do*

- Go to [Wiggio.com](http://Wiggio.com).
- In black header bar, see NEW USER? Sign Up Now.
- Register as new user.
- In new screen, see JOIN A GROUP in black header bar. Click.
- Enter IDLEWYLDECOP in Group Name box.
- Enter password: 22wwssxx

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*To schedule a patrol*, click on the CALENDAR tab, click on a date box, and enter time of patrol. You are scheduled!

If you have any questions or concerns, just contact *Jim DeBesse*, 443-250-4001 or [jamesedebesse@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesedebesse@yahoo.com), or *MaryBeth Collins*, 443-220-3864 or [mbcollins03@gmail.com](mailto:mbcollins03@gmail.com).

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THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!

– Jim DeBesse



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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. It is also the first stop for ICA announcements.

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



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



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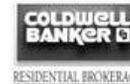
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### NEW ICA WEBSITE

We've made several changes to the ICA website over the last year in order for it to be better looking and easier to use, so now's the time to make it even easier to get to. In order to be consistent with the ICA being a non-profit organization, we've moved the ICA website from [www.idlewylde.net](http://www.idlewylde.net) to [www.idlewylde.org](http://www.idlewylde.org).

The old website address has been set to send you over to [www.idlewylde.org](http://www.idlewylde.org) automatically, so all existing bookmarks and links to the site will continue to work as they always did.

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- Michael Snyder