

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

June 2015

Traffic Calming on Regester

Our push, along with Loch Hill, for action to deter speeding on Regester Ave. has borne fruit. Councilman David Marks has issued the following statement:

At the request of the Idlewylde and Loch Hill communities, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works conducted a traffic speed study for the 1200 through 1400 blocks of Regester Avenue.

The Department has now proposed installing two small median islands and brick pavement to help protect crosswalks and slow traffic on Regester Avenue at the intersection of Overbrook Road and the western intersection at Loch Hill Road.

These median islands will be placed outside the crosswalks and not affect access to roadways or driveways. Both median islands will be 4 feet wide and paved.

This is a \$45,000 project supported by neighborhood leaders and the offices of Councilwoman Bevins and Councilman Marks.

I would like to thank Councilwoman Bevins for her advocacy, County Executive Kamenetz for funding the project, Idlewylde President Peter Ismay and Loch Hill President Lysh Lorber.

School updates

Dumbarton Middle School upgrade. Schematic designs were presented at the May 11 PTA meeting. Construction is expected to begin next summer (2016) and last about 18 months.

There will not be an addition to the physical building of the school. Instead, the internal layout will be changed to make better use of the space.

Air conditioning is included in the renovation plans, which will be done in multiple phases since students will be occupying the building during construction. BCPS is finalizing the planning of these phases of construction, so the timing of when air conditioning will be installed has not yet been determined.

Design plans will be published on the BCPS website after they have been presented to the Board of Education (no date was given, but it will be some time before the end of the school year).

Magnet schools. At the Board of Education meeting on May 19, BCPS presented plans for the future of its magnet schools program to take effect in the 2017-18 school year. The Board will vote on the proposed changes on June 9. Proposed changes include:

- Halstead's magnet program will be phased out.

- Cromwell Valley ES (CVES) will continue as a magnet school, although the current focus of the magnet (technology) will change. No decision has been made as to what the new program focus will be.
- CVES will have a "small" boundary for walkers that would affect around 100 students who live within walking distance of the school.
- The boundary study process for CVES is expected to occur during the 2016-2017 school year. The boundary study committee is expected to include representatives from several neighboring elementary schools (including Stoneleigh ES).
- Carver HS will add instrumental music to its program.
– Aimee Freeman (aimeefree@gmail.com)

Towson Recreation Council presents TOWSON SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Participants Ages 5-12

Rodgers Forge Elementary School

June 22 – July 31

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Participants will be engaged for six full weeks with passive and active games, theme days, guest presenters, field trips, arts and crafts. and so much more! Sign up today! Limited space is available.

To register

Visit www.towsonrec.com. Click on *Camps* link to find the Rodgers Forge Summer Playground.

Or: Walk-in registration, Thursday, May 28, 5:30 – 7 PM at the Towson Recreation Office at Dumbarton Middle School (located on side of building facing the fields, look for the green sign).

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Towson Recreation Office: 410-887-5883

10 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday – Friday

Should you require special accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreter, large print, etc.), please give as much notice as possible by calling the Therapeutic office at 410-887-05370 (voice) or 410-887-5319 (TTY/deaf).

Idlewylde Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)

Imagine this: It's a beautiful summer night, your sweetie or good buddy is at your side, and you're cruising around the neighborhood listening to great music. No kids, wearing your cool Citizens On Patrol t-shirt, driving around with a flashing amber light and magnetic C.O.P. signs.

YES! THIS COULD BE YOU!

The good news is that there's no formal training to attend! You only need a willingness to help keep an eye on the neighborhood. Just sign up on the Wiggio website, read the training manual before you go out, and schedule a patrol.

If you aren't comfortable using the internet, just give me a call to let me know you'd like to patrol and we'll make it happen! If you'd like to go out for your first patrol with a regular C.O.P. participant, we can match you up with somebody.

To sign up, this is what to do:

- Go to www.wiggio.com
- In black header bar, see **NEW USER? Sign Up Now.**
- Register as a new user.
- In new screen, click **JOIN A GROUP** in black header bar.
- Enter **IDLEWYLDECOP** in Group Name box.
- Enter password: **22wwssxx**

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

It's simple really... Just cruise around, call 911 or 410-887-2222 (non-emergency) if you see something suspicious, and just don't get out of your car and chase anyone. Let's all pitch in and

KEEP IDLEWYLDE SAFE!

If you have any questions, just contact Katie McCabe at 301-922-2743 or ktmccabe2@gmail.com

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!

– *Katie McCabe*

ICA Looking for a CPA

The ICA bylaws require that a statement of the financial affairs of the association, including a balance sheet, be prepared by a certified public accountant who is not a member of the association. The statement is to be presented at the September general meeting.

If you know of a CPA who might be suitable for and interested in this job, please contact the ICA treasurer, *Dana Reed*, at 443-869-3670, or danareed802@gmail.com.

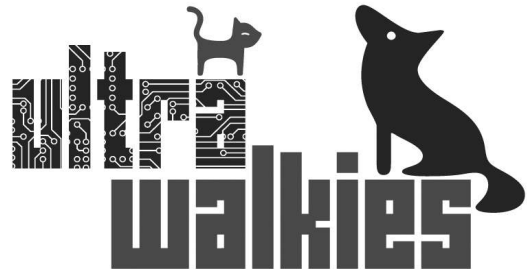
An Idlewylde Centenary

This summer the Idlewylde United Methodist Church celebrates the centenary of its founding. Originally organized as a Sunday school, it soon became a venue for informal Thursday-evening prayer meetings. Before the end of 1915 it was formally constituted as the Idlewylde Methodist Episcopal Church. Construction of a chapel building commenced in the fall of 1916, and the cornerstone was laid in August 1917. The church was dedicated on December 2nd, 1917.

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SAVE THE DATE !!

Yes! There will be a community block party this year. It will be on Saturday, September 12, starting at 3 PM. Look for more info in the August newsletter and online.

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Idlewylde's Fuzzy Boundaries. Part 1.

A few years ago I was delivering newsletters on Maxalea Ave, and a resident remarked that he and his neighbors didn't really feel they were part of Idlewylde. They thought of Idlewylde as "over there" – he waved towards the southeast, across Sherwood and Register.

Fair enough. The state real property database tags the properties on Maxalea and its two cul-de-sacs – a mid-1950s development – as "Maxalea", not "Idlewylde". If you look at our 1972 and 1989 directories, you won't find Maxalea – and that includes the 800 block of Litchfield.

But it's not so simple. 6800 Sherwood Rd is also part of "Maxalea", but it appears in both directories. So do the three houses north of that, which the database tags as "Stone Oaks" – a name associated since the 1970s with the gated condo community at the top of Sherwood. And so do the houses from 6714 to 6722 Sherwood, which were built in the early 1950s and are tagged as "Maxalea Village". And if 811 Litchfield had been built then, it might have been in the directory because that property is *not* part of "Maxalea".

Fast-forward to 2002, and the 800 block of Litchfield is now in the directory – I don't know how that happened. And by 2006, all of Maxalea is in it – and I do know how that happened. One reason is that we started delivering the newsletter there. Another is that, soon afterwards, the Country Club of Maryland applied to build 56 homes next to the Stone Oaks condos. Idlewylde had the muscle to resist that plan and reduce it to the more neighborhood-friendly scale of the Stoneleigh Summit development now being built. It made sense for Maxalea to be part of Idlewylde.

Idlewylde isn't one of those covenanted communities with exactly defined boundaries, like Stoneleigh, where everyone has to join the community association. Membership is optional. So Maxalea residents join the ICA, or take part in Idlewylde activities, if they want to do so, just like everyone else in Idlewylde.

And Idlewylde benefits because it needs all the talent it can get. The ICA couldn't hope for a better treasurer than Dana Reed, or a better webmaster than Michael Snyder.

Except for the Herring Run, Idlewylde's boundaries are fuzzy all the way around. Just south of Maxalea is the 6900 block of Banbury, where I live – basically a narrow lane. On the east side are four houses built in the mid-1960s. On the west side are the back yards of the houses

on the 6900 block of Kenleigh Rd, which is part of Stoneleigh. Different communities, different zip codes. But over the decades, my neighbors have had more of a neighborly relationship with the people across the street than with folk in Idlewylde.

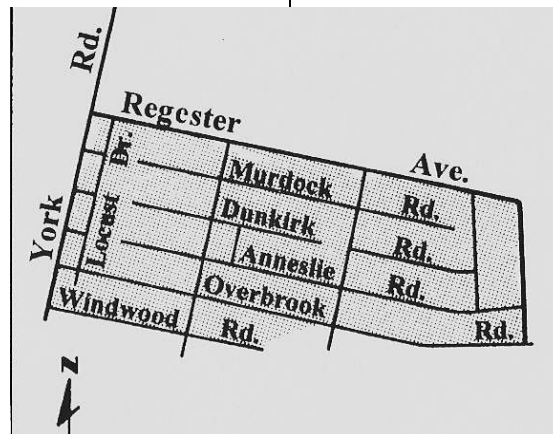
South of Register, our neighbor is Anneslie – and the fuzziness continues. On Register, Anneslie and Overbrook, the boundary runs through the middle of the 700 block. Where, exactly? Well, on Register it runs between nos. 721 and 723 – but 721, officially in Anneslie, appears in Idlewylde directories dating back to 1972. On the other two streets, the directories have it right. We include 734 and 735 Anneslie, and 735 and 736 Overbrook.

But the fuzziness doesn't stop there. I lived in Anneslie before moving to Idlewylde in 1995, and I know they thought they included Maplewood. Here's a sketch-map from a flier that the Towson Partnership put out about then – one of a set on neighborhoods. It shows Anneslie extending all the way to Banbury, and so does the sketch-map on the Idlewylde flier.

The fuzziness lingers. For a long time there was an Anneslie Neighborhood Watch sign posted at the corner of Banbury and Register, and a few years ago,

when the Anneslie banners were put up, one popped up on Maplewood.

– Paul Romney



Rev. Jack Sharp

We sadly note the passing of our neighbor Jack Sharp, pastor of Govans Presbyterian Church from 1977 to 2004 and founding President of GEDCO (Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation).

In the 1980s, along with other clergy and neighborhood leaders whom he drew into a coalition that later became GEDCO, he was responsible for developing Epiphany House, a congregational care residence for low-income seniors, and Ascension Homes, community housing for people with mental illness. He subsequently led in the development of several other social housing and community service projects, the most notable being Stadium Place, on the site of the old Memorial Stadium.

Fittingly, the home he and his family moved into in 1977, on a lot stretching from St. Albans Rd to Limit Ave, is right on the City limits.