

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
"Community Commitment since 1947" August 2015

Why Say No to Joe

In the modern era of all-day mosquitoes, it's tempting to go for the quick fix peddled by the spraying outfits.

The pitch is reassuring, with an emphasis on safety. The chemical they use, *Cyzmic CS* or some other commercial preparation of lambda-cyhalothrin, is also used in flea-and-tick shampoo for pets. It's like stuff that chrysanthemums produce.

But while flea-and-tick shampoo may be safe for you and your dog, it's not safe for fleas and ticks. And chrysanthemums make the stuff because they don't want to be eaten and it Kills Bugs Dead.

Unfortunately, that's not just the bugs you want to kill, but every bug in the 'hood.

1. Honey bees.
2. Butterflies.
3. Ladybugs.
4. Dragonflies.

You name it. And it will do for the fish in your neighbor's pond too. As this sign, posted on Stoneleigh Rd, says: it's an equal opportunity killer.

That is why the rules for applying *Cyzmic CS* say this: ***This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops or weeds if bees are visiting the treatment area.***

And this: ***Time application to flowering plants during periods when pollinating insects are not present, such as early morning or late evening.***

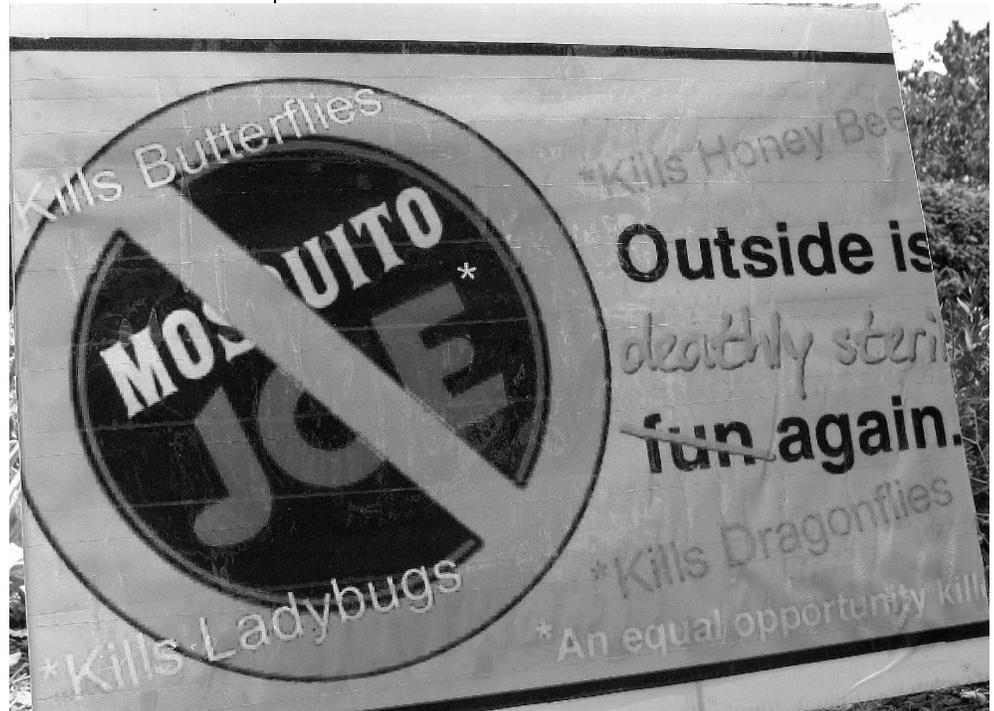
Those "blooming weeds" include the clover on your lawn, by the way.

The good news is, spraying your yard against mosquitoes is quite unnecessary. There are several mosquito repellents on the market that are safe and effective for hours. Here are five that are recommended in the July issue of *Consumer Reports*:

- Sawyer Fisherman's Formula Picaridin.
- Repel Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Repel Scented Family.
- Natrapel 8 Hour.
- Off! Deep Woods VIII.

Some of them even smell nice.

You can also take basic steps to control mosquitoes by eliminating standing water on your property. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week. Fix dripping outside water



faucets.

And if you have an ornamental pond, or some drainage system where water naturally accumulates, drop in a Mosquito Dunk to prevent mosquito larvae from breeding

– Paul Romney

IDLEWYLDE BLOCK PARTY !!

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 12, 3 – 6 PM

Where: LITCHFIELD AT REGISTER
NEXT TO OVERLOOK PARK PLAY LOT

The ICA will provide the main menu as usual, but please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share.

ASHLEIGH ROHM is heading up the organizing. again. If you can help out, please contact her at <ASHLEIGHROHM1@GMAIL.COM>.

IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ICA Board Meets with Councilman Marks

David Marks dropped in on the board's July meeting to discuss topics of concern including the upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Map Process and crime and loitering issues on the business block.

Among other things, we mentioned our interest in avoiding another hassle like last year's attempt to build a Family Dollar store opposite the community hall. The Councilman was strongly supportive and advised us on what to do. He also promised to keep the county Department of Public Works focused on the need to fix Litchfield Rd and other streets left out of the current roadworks.



Your Community Association Needs YOU

Later in August we will be sending out letters inviting Idlewylde residents join the ICA or renew their membership.

The ICA exists to promote the welfare and quality of life of Idlewylde residents and protect our property values. (You can see our full mission statement in section 3 of our by-laws posted on idlewylde.org.)

Last year we blocked an attempt to build a dollar store on Sherwood Rd and coordinated – and largely financed – the campaign to preserve Idlewylde's historic tie with Stoneleigh Elementary School.

Back in 2003-04 we led the resistance to the Country Club of Maryland's plan to build 56 townhouses at the top of Sherwood Rd and secured important changes to it (as well as holding it up for a decade). Before that we scored the traffic-calming bump-outs and crosswalks on Sherwood Rd and fought to ensure that the old Genstar quarry became Overlook Park and not a housing development.

A few years ago we were involved in the Safe Routes to Schools project, which secured the construction of

continuous sidewalks along Register Ave, and most recently we secured the traffic-calming island and crosswalk which is slated for the Register-Overbrook intersection. We back Idlewylde Citizens on Patrol and constantly coordinate with the county government and police on crime and safety issues.

On the social side, we stage or support events like the upcoming block party, Hallowe'en parties, the biennial garden tour and Santa's Yuletide trip round the 'hood. Six times a year we publish this newsletter. Our web site is the public face of the Idlewylde community.

A lot of these things cost money – especially when lawyers are involved. Rental revenues from the hall have traditionally helped us keep dues low – currently they are \$20 per household, as against \$35 in West Towson. Still, your dues are crucial to our work for Idlewylde.

But it's not just your money we want – it's you. In covenanted communities like Stoneleigh, you have to belong to the community association. With us it's voluntary. But the more members we have, the more strongly we can speak for the community.

And last but not least, we need ***your*** energy. The more hands, the lighter the work. If you feel you'd like to take part in the work of the ICA and the Idlewylde community, please contact ICA president Pete Ismay or the board member of your choice. (We're all at idlewylde.org/Community_Association.) You'll receive a warm welcome.

– Paul Romney

Idlewylde Community Association FALL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, September 20 at 7:30 PM
Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!
OLD MEMBERS WELCOME BACK!



We will elect officers for 2015-16 and conduct any other business.



This meeting is for members of the ICA. If you aren't currently a member, you'll be able to join or renew at the door.

NOTICE. At the Fall general meeting, the board intends to propose that the by-laws be amended to state explicitly that only members of the ICA are eligible to be members of the board.

Idlewylde United Methodist Church

Thanks You!

We felt blessed to have hosted our friends and neighbors at the picnic and concert held on June 7 and the ice cream social and concert on July 12. Thank you for coming!

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Please Come for Fun

We are holding a "BBQ and Music on the Lawn" event on August 30 at 3:00 pm. This time the music will be by you! Bring your instrument (voice, guitar, trombone, harmonica, spoons - whatever you play for music) and a lawn chair or blanket. We'll have a jam session between sandwiches.

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100th Anniversary Celebration

Idlewylde United Methodist Church is turning 100! Join us for a service of remembrance, thanksgiving, and visioning on September 20 at 11:00 am. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Mary Jo Sims. After the service, we will have a celebration lunch.

We will have Christmas ornaments for sale (at cost – this is not a fundraiser) with a picture of the church and the dates on the back. This will be a wonderful neighborhood keepsake.

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