

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

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

SANTA'S WILD RIDE, Saturday 12-12

Santa's Fire Truck leaves PARKWAY & REGESTER about 6:30 PM, but he will be at the church about 6:00 to meet and greet the children and hand out candy canes.

Turn right on LITCHFIELD

Left on REGESTER

Right on Loch Hill

Right on Loch Raven

Right at the light on Walker

First right on Lochmeda

Right on LIMIT which becomes FAL-KIRK

Right on LIMIT

Right on SHERWOOD

Left on OVERBROOK

Right on BANBURY

Left on ANNESLIE

Right on MAPLEWOOD

Right on REGESTER

Right on OVERBROOK at the bottom

of the hill

Right onto ARRAN

Right on OLD ORCHARD

Left on REGESTER

Left at the light onto SHERWOOD

Left on ARRAN

Right onto OVERBROOK

Right on SHERWOOD

Right on ARRAN

Left on BEVERLY

Right on REGESTER

First right on BEECHWOOD

Left on OVERBROOK

Left on CRESTWOOD

Right on REGESTER

Right on SHARON

Continue on ST. ALBANS

Left on BEECHWOOD

Left on SHERWOOD

Right on WALKER

Right at top of the hill onto BANBURY

At the stop sign, continue straight on BANBURY

Cross REGESTER, take first right on LITCHFIELD

Left onto MAXALEA

Right onto SHERWOOD

Left onto LITCHFIELD

Left at PARKWAY

First left onto MALDON

Left onto LITCHFIELD, and then ...

See you next year, Santa!

Attention drivers: Please park carefully so Santa's fire truck can get through.

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All members of the ICA are welcome at monthly board meetings, but please contact a board member to confirm time and place.

Regester Ave Traffic!

From Spice Kleinmann

We need to have a meeting to coordinate our plan of action. I propose **December 8 at 7pm at 1208 Regester Ave.** Please RSVP at spicearoni@gmail.com or 410-828-4070.

We need a committee to plan our next steps. Captain Landsman is behind us and has emailed me numerous times and left phone messages. Let's try to solve this problem and keep our streets safer!!!!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

12/13/15 11 AM CHRISTMAS CANTATA
The music & stories of Christmas!

12/24/15 11 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Traditional candlelight service

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Our late neighbor Roy Dorfler at the centenary celebration of the Idlewylde United Methodist Church, standing next to the window commemorating his grandfather John, one of the founders. John's son, George, was a carpenter who helped to build the church and several homes in the neighborhood.



In the late 1940s George and Roy built 6410 Sherwood Rd, around the corner from the family home at 809 Register. Roy and Evie Dorfler moved in in 1948.

Before joining the Army Air Force in 1942, Roy boxed at middleweight on the YMCA boxing team. After the war he worked as an industrial engineer at Glen L. Martin, Bendix, and CGR Medical. Starting in 1970, he logged more than 1000 hours flying in the Civil Air Patrol.



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Idlewylde's Fuzzy Boundaries, Part 3

Idlewylde is the oldest of the band of communities lying between York Rd and Loch Raven Blvd north of the City-County line. It's also in some ways the most diffuse. Why is that?

Anneslie and Stoneleigh were each laid out in a single action and express a single vision. In both subdivisions, this vision was enforced by restrictive covenants which mandated homes and lots of a certain minimum size. Idlewylde, in contrast, was first laid out about 1914 by the Idlewylde Realty Co, but in 1922 Cityco Realty took over and worked up its own layout. Subsequently, relatively piecemeal development and uneven topography combined to promote diversity. (Walks around Idlewylde are better exercise *and* more interesting.)

One way in which topography promoted diversity was by accommodating industrial uses. Roy Dorfler recalls horse-drawn carts hauling gravel from the head of the Maxalea ravine at Sherwood Rd along Litchfield Rd to the Genstar cement mixing plant on the site of what is now Overlook Park. North and west of the ravine, Maxalea Nurseries diverted several acres from residential use for decades until, in the 1950s, parts of it were re-platted as "Maxalea Village" and "Maxalea". Topography has also made for considerable variation in the size of properties, from the large ravine-side lots north of Litchfield to the compact lots that predominate in southern Idlewylde.

Finally, there's that straight line dividing City and County without regard for topography or property-lines, separating those enclaves on Walker and Limit from what would otherwise be their natural community affiliations. Our community association gladly admitted neighbors whose kids went to the same schools, and whose shopping trips to McClellans and the Sherwood Market took them past the new community hall.

Idlewylde today is a community of mainly modest homes, some dating back 100 years or more, on the border of the city of Baltimore. It could be a candidate for decay, but all around you can see people putting money into it by rehabbing and expanding homes, either to live in themselves, or as an investment, or both.

What keeps it vibrant? Apart from its charm and diversity, the main thing is probably the excellent public schools, which attract young families with relatively modest resources who value education. Idlewylde is where teachers live.

But we must remember that Idlewylde is *on the edge*. It's on the edge of the school district, of Towson, of the York Road Corridor. And because it grew up a mile and more from the York Road trolley line, it has its own little business block, which demands vigilance. Idlewylde needs to defend its turf.

The Idlewylde Community Association exists to coordinate that defense. And thanks to an earlier generation of Idlewylders, people like Roy Dorfler, it has a community hall to serve both as a gathering-place and as a revenue producer for community purposes.

But without community support and participation, the ICA is just a hollow shell.

If you're not sure whether you've joined up for 2015-2016, call the membership secretary (me) at 410-377-0748 or drop me a line at <paulromney03@aim.com>. (We really don't want you to pay twice.) And to participate, contact ICA president Pete Ismay or the board member of your choice.

– Paul Romney

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