

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

June 2016

The Idlewylde 2016 Garden Tour

This will take place on *Saturday, June 11*, from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Idlewylde United Methodist Church. Ticket prices are \$5 per person for adults ages 16-64. Idlewylde Community Association members and Seniors 65+ are \$3 per person and children under 16 are free. Come to see what plants work well in our area and maybe pick up an idea or two for your own yard!

As always, we need lots of volunteers to make this event possible. If you would be willing to open your yard for that 4 hour period, please contact Jamie Kass at 410-375-9761 or at jamie.kass@cbmove.com. We are looking for additional attractive yards to share. Let me know if you have a deck or patio you would like to show off, or perhaps a flower or vegetable garden. There are a number of your neighbors with lovely water gardens too.

Please consider opening up your yard so we can all enjoy the fruits of your labor. If you know of someone in the neighborhood with a nice yard you think we should contact, please send me those nominations too. See you on the tour!

– Jamie Kass

Idlewylde Nursery School closes

Commemorative events include an open house on June 5 to celebrate the teachers and a service of thanksgiving and remembrance on June 12 at Idlewylde United Methodist Church.

Goodwill Industries of the
Chesapeake

would like to thank the Idlewylde Community for donating about 700 pounds during your Spring Clean-out on May 21st! Your donations not only support economic sustainability, but directly support Goodwill's free community job training and placement services.

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to the following:

DONALD HART

For tending the island triangle at Overbrook and Banbury, now showing its spring loveliness.

PEGGY SQUITIERI

For supervising a group of Towson University student volunteers on April 16 in a clean-up of the business block (and to the students too, of course!).

BETH SEELEY

For ensuring that announcements posted to the Yahoo Group make it onto the Facebook page, and vice versa.

JOHN KEENAN,

DENNIS CRAWFORD

and other neighbors who made Dumpster Day happen.

And not least ...

THE TEAM

that gets this newsletter to your door every two months.

UPS parcel delivery

Police Capt. Jay Landsman recently told the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations that the **Quick Mart** at the corner of Register Ave and Loch Hill Rd is a **registered UPS delivery point**, so that packages can be sent there and held for homeowners to pick up. If you are worried about packages arriving during the day when you're not home, this is worth looking into.

Keep Idlewylde safe

Idlewylde is a low-crime neighborhood, but we can't be complacent about it. Like other communities in Towson, it's a low-crime neighborhood because it has residents who take care of their property and own the streets. Now that warmer weather is here, Citizens on Patrol director **Katie McCabe** advises that we should take extra care to play it safe.

Secure your vehicles – nearly half of auto thefts in Towson result from people leaving cars running or with the keys inside. Turn on your outside or motion detector lights at night. Place enticing valuables away from windows. Most important – be aware. We want potential criminals to know this is not an easy neighborhood to rob, because we're out walking around, we're watching each other's houses, and we'll call 911 to report crime or suspicious activity. (Call 410-887-2222, the non-emergency Police number, if you're not sure.)

Katie, ICA president **Pete Ismay**, and past president **Tom Lattanzi** recently met with Baltimore County Police Captain **Jay Landsman** and Baltimore County Councilman **David Marks** at Idlewylde Hall to discuss the business block. Captain Landsman has been allocating more resources to Idlewylde, and Councilman Marks has been urging business-owners and their landlords to maintain a neighborhood-friendly environment.

Katie is in regular contact with the Idlewood neighborhood (just across the City line to the south) to share mutual concerns. Idlewood has scheduled a Community Police Walk around their neighborhood on Saturday, June 25, at 5 p.m. and invited Idlewylde to participate. (They'll have snowballs and popcorn!)

Katie would love to see more neighbors sign up to patrol the neighborhood with Citizens on Patrol. She urges us all to be out and about, walking our dogs, chatting with neighbors, and saying "Hi" even to people we don't recognize. She encourages us to attend the Idlewood Police Walk-Through on June 25.

Keep Idlewylde tidy

Captain Landsman noted how neat and tidy Idlewylde is. This matters because "bad guys" are attracted to trash. It tells them that people don't care about the neighborhood, and it might be a good place to hang out.

Where we do have problems of this sort, it is usually due to absentee landlords and business owners. If you are aware of a persistent problem anywhere, you can report it online to the County Code enforcement agency:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement/codecomplaint.html >.

One area of continuing concern has been the west side of the business block, with its poorly maintained vacant lots at the south end. Since the community nixed the proposed Family Dollar store there a couple of years ago, the

owner has taken care to consult the ICA about her plans. The board met with her and Councilman Marks a couple of months ago and were glad to hear that she is now leaning towards residential development.

Accordingly, as part of the County's quadrennial Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, the Councilman has recommended changing the property's current commercial zoning to DR 10.5 – a designation which permits that number of homes per acre of land. Most of Idlewylde is DR 5.5, but the property abuts on Idlewood rowhouses to the south. Councilman Marks has recommended re-zoning the rest of the west side as DR 5.5.

Across the street from the vacant lots is our own community hall. This is vulnerable to the ills of the block simply because no one is on site most of the time. The hall management do their best to clean up when they are there, but if you see trash on the property as you walk by, please think about putting it in the trash can on the corner. And if you suspect illegal activity on the site, do call the police. After all, it's your neighborhood and your hall!

– Paul Romney

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HOME HELP

Babysitter. **Fiona McManus** is a 13 year old American Red Cross certified babysitter who is available for day or evening babysitting jobs. She will be available for week-days starting June 6. Please contact her at (410) 372-0859 or stevemcmanus18@gmail.com.

Mother's helper. Need help with your little ones? Mature, responsible rising 7th grader willing to be a mother's helper this summer. Oldest of four girls, one of five, **Anna** is happy to entertain your little ones with arts and crafts, exercise, and learning activities. Can help with meals and clean-up. \$5 per hour. Contact annaliseb_02@icloud.com.

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Need Help with your iPhone, Android Phone, or Tablet? Patient, non-judgmental, tech-savvy 13 year old will come help you learn about your phone or tablet. Help install apps, set-up email, and teach basic and advanced uses. Especially willing to work with seniors and new users. \$7 per half hour, \$10 per hour. Call 443-977-4899 to set up an appointment.

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Music class. A fun music-filled 30-45 minute class for parents or guardians and babies or toddlers at my house (1208 Regester). Weekly or bi-monthly. I am a pre-school music teacher and can provide instruments, songs that will stick in your head and lots of movement. If interested, please call **Spice** at 410-828-4070 or email spicearoni@gmail.com.

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Idlewylde's fuzzy boundaries revisited

John Horn, at 704 Walker Ave, who lived there in the 1940s, has an explanation for why his block appears in Idlewylde directories dating back to 1972 although it is not officially part of Idlewylde.

He tells us that, until the rowhomes on Walker were built in the 1950s, the street was blocked to traffic at Banbury Rd. Walker functioned purely as a route connecting Idlewylde with York Rd, so naturally the homes along it seemed like an extension of Idlewylde, even though most of them were built before Idlewylde existed.

John confides that, since returning to Walker Ave as an adult, he has not felt that his block is part of Idlewylde. But that hasn't stopped him joining the ICA!

What is the ICA?

The Idlewylde Community Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of Idlewylde and the welfare of the community. Membership is voluntary and is open to all households located within Idlewylde's fuzzy boundaries. The association owns and operates a community hall which was built by its members in the late

1940s. We maintain a website and publish this bi-monthly newsletter. We also reach the community through social media: a community Yahoo Group and a Facebook page.

The ICA's affairs are run by a board of volunteers chosen at the September general meeting. The board also serves as a point of contact with local officials, advocating for the neighborhood's interests with the County government in particular. We are lucky that our local representative in the state House of delegates is a former ICA president, Steve Lafferty, and that our County Councilman, David Marks, is a very energetic and dedicated friend of the communities he represents.

Any member of the ICA is eligible for the board, and the board needs and welcomes all the help it can get. If you are interested in serving your community through the ICA, just contact any board member.

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