

# IDLEWYLDE\*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

August 2016

## Sherwood Rd business block

The ICA continues to be preoccupied with the problems of littering and possible misbehavior associated with certain businesses on the 6300 block.

The board recently received a request from the owner of the vacant lots opposite the hall to support her application to have the property rezoned DR 16 instead of DR 10.5, as proposed by Councilman David Marks. She offered to attach a covenant to the deed prohibiting future development of apartments on the site.

The board took legal advice and decided not to support the request. Reasons included:

- The burden so many homes (up to 14) would place on the public infrastructure.
- Problematic topography, including a steep drop in elevation to homes on Southwood Rd.
- Parking problems.
- A disadvantageous precedent for further applications.

## ICA block party

The board has set this for Saturday, October 1, but we need volunteers to help set it up. If you'd like to help, please contact a board member.

### Idlewylde Community Association FALL GENERAL MEETING



**Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 PM**

*Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd*



**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**OLD MEMBERS WELCOME BACK!**



We will elect officers for 2016-17 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.*

## IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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.*

### IDLEWYLDE NEWS

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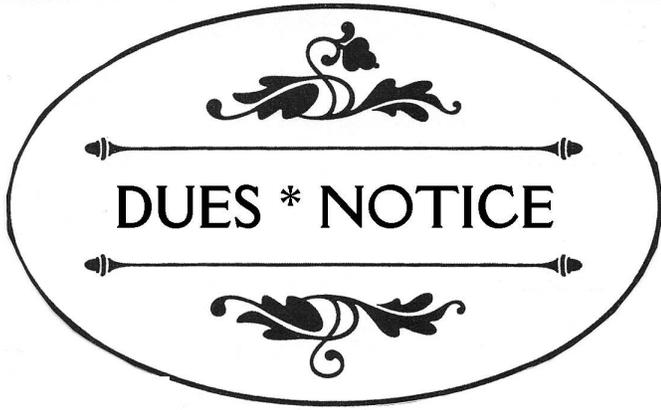
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Classified listings are free for members of the ICA.

*Payment.* Send check payable to "Idlewylde Community Association" to ICA at PO Box above.

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“IDLEWYLDE IS NOTHING IF NOT YOU”

Dear Neighbor,

The Idlewylde Community Association (ICA) exists to promote the welfare and quality of life of Idlewylde residents. Membership is limited to Idlewylde households and businesses. The ICA holds two general meetings a year: one in March and one in September (when officers for the coming year are elected).

**It's time to sign up for the year 2016–2017. Dues are still \$20 per household.**

(Dues optional for households with a majority of members aged 65 or older.)

Please complete the form below to begin/renew your membership. Or do it by PayPal at [www.idlewylde.org](http://www.idlewylde.org).  
(Click on any page except Home to bring up PayPal window.)

Thank you for supporting the quality of life in Idlewylde!

Your ICA Board

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member information**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ***Your Community Association Needs YOU***

Later in August we will be mailing out letters inviting you to join the ICA or renew your membership.

The Idlewylde Community Association 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](http://idlewylde.org).)

Two years ago, we blocked an attempt to build a dollar store opposite the community hall and have since been working with the property owner and Councilman David Marks to promote more appropriate development on the site.

Three years ago, we coordinated – and largely funded – the campaign to preserve Idlewylde’s historic tie with Stoneleigh Elementary School.

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 at the Register-Overbrook intersection. We back Idlewylde Citizens on Patrol and constantly co-ordinate with the county government and police on crime and safety issues.

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.

On the social side, we stage or support events like the upcoming block party, 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.

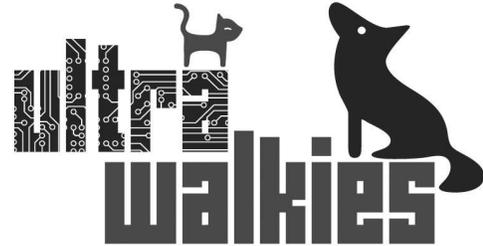
***But it’s not just your money we want – it’s you.*** Unlike covenanted communities like Stoneleigh, where you have to belong to the community association, membership in the ICA is voluntary. The more members we have, the stronger is our claim to speak for the community.

***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, or help stage a Hallowe’en party for the kids or some other event for the community, please contact ICA president Pete Ismay or the board member of your choice (see front page). You’ll receive a warm welcome.

– Paul Romney

## RUTH McELVANY

We regret to announce the passing of Ruth McElvany, who lived at 6403 Crestwood for more than 50 years. Ruth and her husband, Archie, were stalwarts of the ICA and served on the board.



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will celebrate their Birthday on

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