

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

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812 Regester

At its May meeting, the ICA board met with Dan Wolen, Chief Operating Officer of *Raydian Properties*. Raydian has purchased the former Armacost Nursing Home property to operate as a market-rate assisted-living facility for residents with mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment.

Mr. Wolen stated that Raydian was just applying to the County for the necessary permits and intended to start work as soon as these are issued. He exhibited the plans for each floor. There will be 15 beds and recreational space. Raydian operates 14 memory care facilities in New Jersey and others in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Most of them accommodate about the same number of residents as is planned for 812 Regester.

Mr. Wolen stressed the company's determination to fit in with a residential neighborhood. He specified that the facility would be serviced by a local supply company like Peapod rather than an outfit like Sysco, which typically uses 18-wheelers. Residents will not have their own vehicles, so the only demand for parking will come from staff and visitors. The nursing staff will consist of 3 individuals throughout the day until 11 p.m., and 2 overnight.

The residents will not be able to leave the property unsupervised, but they will have access to the gardens, which will be enclosed by an appropriate fence. Mr. Wolen mentioned a white vinyl picket fence but was responsive to the suggestion that something more appropriate to the neighborhood would be appreciated.

Raydian has also purchased 6604 Sherwood Rd, the house immediately north of 812 Regester, but has not decided how to use it. Mr. Wolen suggested that it might afford accommodation for out-of-town visitors.

We will have to wait and see how this pans out, but it seems that the property has finally found an owner which knows what it's doing and has the capital to make it happen. The use of 6604 Sherwood is a concern, but since it is subject to Residential zoning the community should have some say in the matter.

– Paul Romney

New Sherwood Market

Tom Lattanzi reports that Federal Judge Richard Bennett has sentenced Mohammad Irfan to 51 months in federal prison for conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud and wire fraud in connection with a scheme to illegally redeem food stamp benefits at the Market in exchange for over \$3.5 million in cash. Judge Bennett also ordered restitution of the money stolen and put Irfan on three years probation.

The judge called Irfan a leader and organizer of the fraud and meted out the stiffest sentence he has given in any food stamp fraud case he has heard.

As in March, when he sentenced Irfan's co-conspirator Mohammed Sarmad, the judge praised our community and *County Councilman David Marks* for writing letters to him detailing the harm that their crimes have wreaked on the neighborhood.

Irfan could be deported after serving his sentence, since he is not a citizen and does not even possess a green card.

The ICA board wrote to Judge Bennett asking that Irfan's punishment reflect the harm his crimes have done to our community.

After Irfan's sentencing, *State Delegate Steve Lafferty*, a former president of the ICA, wrote to the Director of the Maryland State Lottery and Gambling Control Agency, Gordon Medenica, stating his and our community's continuing opposition to the Market's reinstatement as a lottery retailer. In reply, Mr. Medenica assured him that the Market will never be licensed again as a lottery retailer until the Agency receives "clear and convincing evidence" that the community supports such an action.

The ICA board has written to the Director in support of Del. Lafferty's representations.

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