

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

October 2017

ICA September general meeting

The meeting on September 19 was addressed on matters relevant to the community by Delegate Steve Lafferty and Councilman David Marks.

Councilman Marks announced that County executive Kevin Kamenetz had put funds in the budget for planning a new Towson High School and another high school, which might be Dulaney HS. He floated a scenario in which the new Dulaney is built, after which Towson students are bussed to the old Dulaney for a year while the new Towson HS is built.

Councilman Marks also stated his intention to try again to get a radar speed indicator installed on Register, after the proposal was voted down by the county council on a party-line vote earlier this year.

Councilman Marks and Delegate Lafferty both affirmed their continuing support for the community's efforts to suppress the nuisance associated with the former New Sherwood Market, now re-branded as an Express Mart. Del. Lafferty reported that the state will not grant a lottery license to the business unless the community approves of it.

In Dana Reed's absence, ICA President Pete Ismay presented the Treasurer's report for 2016-17. The Profit-and-Loss statement showed a deficit of \$1,993.54, but this is mainly due to investment in new furniture. Rental revenues were up by nearly \$8,000 on the previous year, thanks to the efforts of our hall manager, Frances Anderson, in attracting new patrons.

A board was elected for the new year. There's one change from last year: Jamie Kass replaces Ben Larson, who has had to step down owing to pressure of work.

State Delegate Chris West (District 42D), arrived in time to promote his candidacy, as a self-declared moderate Republican, for the state senate seat being vacated by Jim Brochin, who is running for County Executive.

– Paul Romney

👉 HALLOWE'EN PARTY ! 👈

See inside!

Citizens on Patrol

And just like that, the Summer's over and the kids are back in school.

I'd like to thank all the neighbors who have pitched in to formally and informally patrol and keep a lookout in Idlewylde. There are also many others who have picked up trash, kept the business district on point, and reached out to get new neighbors. It makes a difference when we all work together for a safer and friendlier neighborhood.

Just a reminder, the Idlewylde Citizens on Patrol equipment is now located at the 7-11 (corner of Sherwood and Overbrook) behind the counter under the Lottery machine! There is a plastic bin with instructions, an Amber car light, and even binoculars. Next to the bin is a cardboard folder with the magnetic C.O.P. signs for your car. I still need someone to volunteer for the maiden C.O.P. voyage from the new 7-11 location.

As usual, feel free to contact me with any comments or questions at kmccabe2@gmail.com or on my cell at 301-922-2743.

If you ever witness a crime in progress or are a victim of a crime, dial 911.

If you suspect something, call the BCPD Non-Emergency number, 410-887-2222.

Never hesitate to call – better safe than sorry! In fact, the Police Captain wants residents to contact the Police so they can appropriately allocate resources.

Thanks for making Idlewylde a great place to live!

– Katie McCabe, Director COP

St. Ambrose Homesharing Program

This program of the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center seeks to match people who are looking to rent out a spare room in their home with homeseekers who are looking for affordable housing. These may be people relocating to the area, graduate students, people leaving relationships, or people who don't like to live alone or can't afford it.

Applicants are carefully screened for compatibility, must have no recent convictions or history of violent crime, and must be sober for at least a year.

For more info, call 410-366-6180. View listings online at www.stambroshousing.org.

BIRTH

Kevin and Stephanie Foy of 1201 Overbrook Road would like to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, Henry James Wallace on May 17, 2017. Proud parents are Katie and Allan Wallace of Kensington, MD, both THS grads.

Stop by and Grammy or Grandpap will show you just a few pictures.

Grand baby number 2 is due in January, 2018. Their other daughter and husband, Meghan and Paul Martin of Alexandria, VA are expecting! Can't wait to see whether it will be a boy or a girl!

Stop thief!

A British insurance company consulted a panel of crooks recently on the best ways of deterring thieves. They found that the top 10 deterrents for burglars are:

- CCTV camera
- Sound of a barking dog
- Strong, heavy doors
- TV that has been switched on
- Locked vinyl windows
- Cars parked on driveway
- Overlooking property
- Surrounding fences
- Gates outside the property
- Motion-activated security lights

Neither burglar alarms nor regular lighting made the top 10.



*St. Albans Rd., Sept. 7, 2017:
Pandorus Sphinx Moth resting in a gutter, Jack-o'-lanterns on a lawn.*

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CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 27, 6-8pm

- * Games and activities geared for kids 12 and under
- * Pizza provided. Please bring a potluck side or treat
- * Costumes are welcome

Children must be supervised by an adult.

Volunteers are still needed! For more info or RSVP, email:

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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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You could do this too

Suppose *you* were lucky enough to be the membership secretary of the ICA, what would you do?

First of all, you would keep our database of Idlewylde homeowners and businesses up to date. Can't do much without a current database! Ours is on an Excel spreadsheet. I update it by checking the *Baltimore Sun*'s list of property sales every Sunday.

When I see that an Idlewylde property has sold, I look it up in the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation's marvelous online real property database. That identifies the new owner or owners and tells me whether they plan to reside there. If they do, I enter their names in the database. If not, or if the new owner is a corporation, I enter the term "Resident" in the Names column as a filler.

There may be a better way, but it works well enough.

The database tells me whether or not a person is eligible or not to join the ICA. You may wonder why anyone would want to join the ICA if they don't live in Idlewylde. Yet it happens.

Owing to Idlewylde's fuzzy boundaries, it can happen by mistake – for instance, someone living on the south side of Limit Avenue may not know about the invisible line that gives the street its name. But sometimes an application comes from further afield. Then I suspect that the applicant is trying it on in the hope of getting the member discount for renting the hall.

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Every August, as membership secretary, you will set up, and possibly execute, the dues mailing for the coming year (ICA years run from September to August). You'll get fliers printed, buy the necessary envelopes, labels and postage stamps, and then spend a lot of time listening to music while you stick, fold, stuff, and stamp.

Or you can round up a few friends and neighbors, buy some drinks and snacks, and make a pleasant evening of it. I would recommend option 2 if you're combining your work as membership secretary with family work or anything close to a full-time job. Or if you don't like music. You'll need a big table, but there's plenty at the hall.

Then the memberships will start flooding in,

mostly by mail but also by PayPal. Here our Treasurer, Dana Reed, gets into the act, picking up the mail, sorting out the checks, and passing your membership forms on to me. I enter your details into the membership database.

The PayPal payments I can handle myself – but I don't have to, because Susanna Elliott has been keeping tabs on them ever since her time on the board. (Come back, Susanna – you're missed!)

And then the cycle begins again. Mundane work, but essential – and it's quite interesting if you're interested in Idlewylde.

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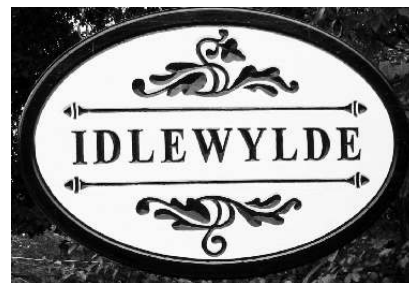
The first flood of membership mailings for 2017-18 has begun to ease. It's always a pleasure when they start to flow in.

There are what I think of as "the usual suspects," who join up year after year, regular as clockwork. They do so to express their commitment to the community, and to the idea of community, and knowing of their commitment strengthens mine.

Then there are the first-timers – often newcomers to Idlewylde. More than usual this year, and it was good to see some of you at the general meeting last week. Welcome, folks! It's a place where people come to stay.

Some members write a little message along the lines of "Thanks for all your hard work." I take this opportunity to pass that on to all the folks who volunteer for the ICA and the community, either as board members or officers of the ICA, newsletter distributors, and helpers with events and activities throughout the year.

And there are a few members who put a little extra on their check – quite a few when you add in the senior citizens who enclose a check even though they don't have to. Thank you all very much! It's all about



– Paul Romney

