

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
"Community Commitment since 1947" February 2018

812 Regester

Work is set to begin this spring on the old Armacost nursing home property at the corner of Sherwood and Regester. The corner lot and the house next to it on Sherwood were purchased last year by *Raydian Properties*, a small New Jersey firm that develops elder living spaces. They plan to develop the corner lot as a memory care facility and the house to accommodate visiting family members.

The ICA worked out an agreement with prior owners for a small elder care facility, and this agreement transferred to the new owners. Company officials met with the ICA board early last year for a cordial exchange of views. They were aware of, and satisfied with, the terms of the agreement, which addresses neighborhood concerns including size, traffic and parking. They were receptive to requests about design and appearance of the new facility. It will look residential and match its surroundings.

Production was delayed by personnel changes at the company but is on track to start this spring. Demolition work has already begun to clear the way for renovation of the house next door on Sherwood.

The former nursing home was gutted by prior owners who failed to get financing to develop it. It has been vacant for more than 10 years. Neighbors on all sides are looking forward to having it fixed up and occupied!

– Cynthia Jabs

Tree Planting with Blue Water Baltimore

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Our neighborhood needs 10 households to participate in order to join the community tree planting program offered by Blue Water Baltimore (BWB.) Trees cost \$75 and it will most likely be a fall 2018 tree planting. Please fill out the form on the back page to indicate your interest.

Once the neighborhood participation level is confirmed, we will contact you with details for payment, species selection, locating and planting your tree.

For more information please contact *Jenny Michalak* at 410-370-6482 or email jenny.karl@verizon.net.

Idlewylde Community Association

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 18 at 5 PM



Business meeting at 5:00

Potluck dinner at 6:00



Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd



*Get together with your neighbors
Get an update on community affairs*



The ICA will provide a main dish, but you are invited to bring an appetizer, side dish, soft drink or dessert to share



This meeting is for members of the ICA. You can attend the business meeting, the dinner, or both. If you haven't signed up yet for 2017-18, we will be happy to accept your dues at the door.

Hi folks!!! Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann here and we are having a Rise Up Singalong Show at the Towson UU Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd, Lutherville, on February 11 at 7pm. Annie Patterson and Peter Blood who put together the singing books will be there lending books for the sing-along. It should be a great evening and we are raising money for our Social Action Committee that does great work in the Baltimore community. Suggested donation \$15-\$25. Thanks so much!!! More info at spicearoni@gmail.com.



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The Penny Pincher Coupon Workshop

Saturday, February 10, 3pm - 4pm

Truth and Life Family Worship Center, 6305 Sherwood Rd

Cost: \$20 (includes presentation materials and starter kit)

Register on Eventbrite.com by Wednesday, February 7th

Finesse Your Finance Workshop

Saturday, February 17, 9 am - Noon

Truth and Life Family Worship Center, 6305 Sherwood Rd

Cost: Free

Register at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/finesse-your-finances-tickets-42314081557?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing

For more information on the workshops, please contact:

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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.

DUMPSTER DAY will be MAY 12

**The IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY
YARD SALE is set for MAY 5**

IDLEWYLDE NEWS

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The Polystyrene Problem

by Richard Keller, Recycling Marketing & Promotional Manager, Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management.

You can find polystyrene (#6 plastic recycling symbol) in a variety of products, including take-out containers, coffee cups, egg cartons, packaging material and packing peanuts. You may know it as Styrofoam™, but that is a trade name of Dow Chemical Company.

There are three basic reasons polystyrene is not accepted in the County's curbside recycling program.

First, polystyrene is difficult to collect and process. It tends to break into smaller pieces due to its brittle construction and compaction in collection containers. At the County's materials recovery facility (MRF) in Cockeysville, those small pieces would get into other recyclables, such as paper, contaminating the load and potentially lowering the value of the material.

Secondly, polystyrene used to package food and liquids runs the risk of contamination, making it too dirty for manufacturers to use to make new products. To learn more about the lack of recyclability of food service polystyrene, check the recent study done by the New York City Department of Sanitation: www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/docs/2017-05-12FoamDeterrmination_FINAL.pdf

Finally, polystyrene is about 95 percent air, making it uneconomical to transport. Recycling depends in part on economical transportation of materials from the materials recovery facility (MRF) to markets, where manufacturers use them as raw materials to make new products. When you ship polystyrene, you are essentially shipping air. Therefore, the low value of the material would not cover the cost of the transportation.

As a result of all of these issues, there are limited or no markets for polystyrene collected in curbside programs.

Since polystyrene is unsuitable for recycling in Baltimore County's curbside recycling program, and Baltimore County does not expect to add polystyrene to its list of acceptable recyclables, what are your options?

- If possible, look for more sustainable packaging options – for example, buy eggs in a recyclable paperboard container.

- If you have a choice, don't buy food served in polystyrene containers. Ask for your sandwich or other food in recyclable containers, such as aluminum foil or a paper bag, and choose beverages served in recyclable containers.
- For polystyrene packing peanuts, reuse the material for the next package or take it to a packaging service store, such as UPS or FedEx.
- Check the County's Reuse Directory for more options.
- Visit the Get Green Now blog for other creative ways to reuse polystyrene.
- If polystyrene products are used at your workplace, request they be replaced by a more sustainable option.
- If your business uses polystyrene products, consider taking a green approach to purchasing to lessen your company's environmental impact.

Whether you reduce your polystyrene use or go "foam-free," you will be doing your part to address the polystyrene problem, in turn helping make ours a cleaner, greener county, watershed and planet.

– From Baltimore County January 2018
REsource Newsletter

Community yard sale: your chance to take charge

The ICA board has set the date, but we need one or more volunteers to take charge of the event. It's not a lot of work:

- Advertise the event on Craigslist.
- Compile a list of participants. (This helps people on side streets.)
- Post a timely ad in the *Towson Times*. (You will be reimbursed.)
- Plant the street signs a week before the event.
- Retrieve the signs after the event.

If you'd like to help, contact the board member of your choice.

The first 25 years: correction

In the last newsletter I mentioned the Olmsted Brothers' plan for a street called Idlewylde Drive running along the gorge north of Litchfield and Maldon and turning southward into Litchfield midway between Maldon and Sherwood.

After eyeballing the contours of the gorge since the leaves fell, that strikes me as unlikely. I would guess that the Drive curved to join Litchfield where Maldon now does.

– Paul Romney



Yard Tree Program

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Sign up today to get a tree planted in your yard in **4 easy steps**:

Step 1: fill out the order form below

Step 2: tree steward or BWB will make a site visit to confirm eligibility

Step 3: BWB & homeowner will agree on location and species

Step 4: BWB plants your Tree. Cost is \$75 and includes tree planting (a 1-1.5" caliper tree, 6-8 feet tall), mulch, tree stakes, ties, and slow release watering bag.

Requirements and limitations for a yard tree:

1. Own the house at the requested location and have a 20' by 10' planting area or wider.
2. Ensure the trees survival to maturity by watering as detailed below
3. Limit 2 trees per yard.
4. Call Miss Utility a week before the planting (you will be notified before the date).

YES! I WANT A YARD TREE PLANTED AT MY HOUSE!

I give BWB and the (*Your neighborhood Community Association*) permission to plant a tree in my yard. I agree to water the tree weekly from May to October for the first two years. I understand that some locations may not be suitable for trees due to utilities, existing trees or other factors and that the BWB shall make final determinations of suitable locations and species with homeowner input. I also give BWB or the Tree Steward permission to inspect my tree with due notice given. **By signing this form, I agree to the requirements above to ensure its survival and give permission to BWB to plant the tree.**

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Name (printed) _____

Signature: _____

Street Address and Zip: _____

Best Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Today's Date: _____

Please submit this form to (*insert name and contact information*)

Trees are available through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

SOME of the TREE SPECIES AVAILABLE:

American Holly
Bald Cypress
Black Gum*
Eastern Red Cedar
Hackberry*
Hop Hornbeam*
Northern Red Oak*
River Birch
Sassafras*
Shingle Oak
Swamp White Oak
Tulip Poplar
White Pine
Willow Oak

*Good for narrow side yards