

# IDLEWYLDE\*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

October 2018

## ICA September general meeting

A band of very dedicated members braved a typical 2018 thunderstorm on September 26 to discuss ICA and community issues and elect a new board.

Leading the meeting, ICA president *Pete Ismay* reviewed the activities of the past year before moving on to current issues. These include:

**Flooding.** Areas high and low in Idlewylde are susceptible even in less than epic rains. The community is more than a century old, which makes for visual appeal but means that some streets lack curbs and our storm drainage needs upgrading.

*Lynn Eskite-Tant* is coordinating the community action. She reported that some 30 households have responded to her appeal for visuals to document the problem. Lynn can be contacted at *leskitetant@hotmail.com*.

On the advice of Councilman David Marks, the ICA and the community action group will attend an upcoming citizen input hearing on the County's capital improvement budget to press for action.

**Membership discount cards.** Some community associations have negotiated member discounts with area stores. Anyone interested in working on a scheme for Idlewylde is invited to contact the board.

**Constellation Energy Community Champions grants.** Grants of up to \$500 are awarded quarterly. Anyone with an idea is invited to contact the board.

**Idlewylde Hall.** Pete announced the board's intention to form a committee to consider the hall, an ageing building which takes a great deal of time and money to maintain.

**Limit Alley cleanup.** Pete noted the importance of this volunteer action in opening up the alley for emergency vehicles and trash pick-up. *Diane Christopher* reported on the plans for phase 2, to take place on September 29.

Proceeding to the election of officers for 2018-19, the slate put forward by the board was adopted (see page 4).

## Idlewylde Hall

The hall was built about 70 years ago, right after the Second World War.

It was built, I would guess, by men who'd served in the war and had a camaraderie, and hence a sense of community, arising from that shared experience.

It was also a prosperous time, when men with skills might have the means to band together and build a community hall. They called themselves the Idlewylde Improvement association, and they improved Idlewylde.

There's a letter in the ICA archives from John W. Janney, Jr., written in 1993, recalling that he installed the wiring at the hall. He also recalls that in 1948 he was responsible for getting the County to install storm drains throughout the area.

John Janney lived at 6507 Maplewood, right at the bottom of that steep hill, so you can see why he might have been interested in storm drains. The house is one of a cluster of cottages built in 1925. Many have been rehabbed and enlarged, but not 6507. It's still in the Janney family, but they don't live there now.

The hall has been a tremendous asset over the years, both as a community center and as a source of revenue for community purposes. In the last fiscal year it yielded a surplus of \$6,300 on revenue of \$48,356. That kind of cash can come in handy when there's a major zoning issue in the community or a campaign to be waged in relation to school re-districting.

But maintaining the hall has always demanded a good deal of effort and commitment, and both those demands and the expense have increased as the building has aged.

The ICA board used to include an officer called the Hall Trustee, a person could handle or competently oversee the basic maintenance. For several years past. John Keenan has filled that role in all but name, but his current job has left him little time for that or even to serve on the board.



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Keep it clean and tidy  
(please)

This material has presumably been put out for recycling, which is great. But maybe not great enough.

The County Bureau of Solid Waste Management asks that recyclables be put out either in special recycling bins or in waste bins that are used only for recycling and marked with a large "X" or the word RECYCLE. They will also accept material in cardboard boxes, which will be picked up along with the contents.

But is this material *in* boxes? Some of it certainly isn't. That pizza box leaning against the curb is on its way to becoming litter. And there's a soda can and a paper cup in the gutter just out of shot that have fully graduated to litter status. If we get enough rain they're on their way to the Bay.

But what about the items that happen just for now to be loitering in those three shallow boxes? They're not in those boxes in any useful way. They're just hanging out, waiting to catch a passing breeze and become litter in their turn.

Loose material like this will blow all over the place if any sort of breeze picks up. But even if it stays put, it's not very easy for the collectors to pick up. And if it rains - which can happen - ugh.

As for those pizza boxes - if they're clean, all well and good. But if they're at all greasy, or gunked up with food scraps, the County can't use them and asks you to put them out in the trash.



## CONGRATULATIONS

*to Katelyn Steelwright of Beverly Rd for being hired as a new Kindergarten teacher in Baltimore County Schools!! We are so happy and proud of you.*

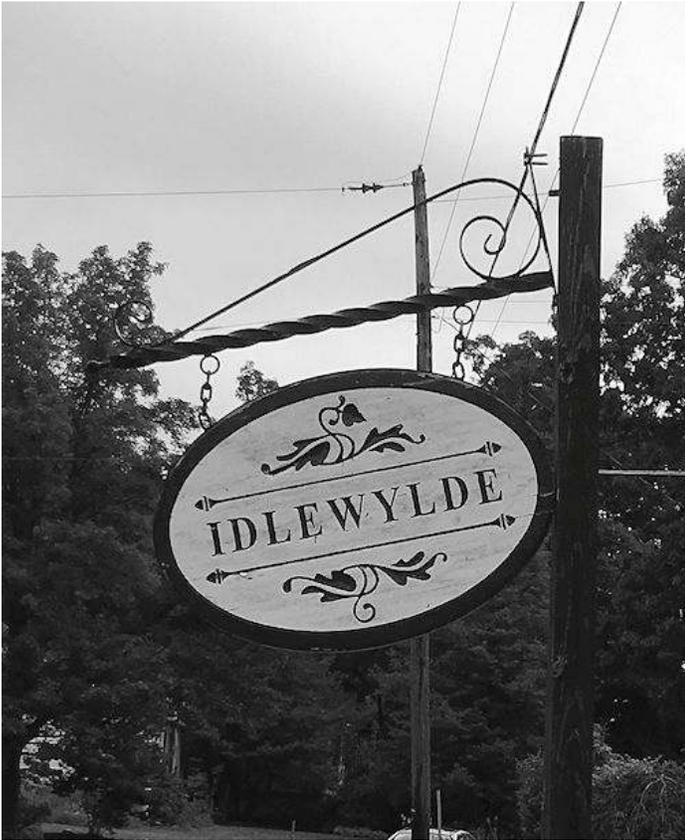
*Mom and Dad*

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Need a reliable **sitter** who loves little kids? I'm a responsible, Red Cross Certified, 8th grader at DMS. I love music and singing, arts and crafts, reading and sports and will spend quality time with your kids. Please contact **Amelia Fleming** at 410-320-8934 or [kate\\_fleming@me.com](mailto:kate_fleming@me.com).



### Neighborhood champions

The sign at Banbury and Overbrook was broken for quite a time over the summer, and the ICA board was moving with all deliberate speed - well, more deliberation than speed - to do something about it. But one day CHRIS and TONI SILLARS got out a ladder and did something about it. Many thanks to Chris and Toni!

Thanks, too, to DONALD HART for taking care of the little triangle the sign stands in. Donald is the reason that it's a garden and not a nondescript patch of weeds. Long may he and it flourish!

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DIANE CHRISTOPHER has arranged phase 2 of the Limit Alley cleanup and spruce-up with the same energy and flair as she brought to phase 1 in June. It's about to happen as this goes to press, but we hope to report on it in December.

Saturday, November 17

2-6 PM

## CHILI AND MUSIC AT THE IDLEWYLDE HALL!

Come on out to the hall for a chili cook-off and open mic music.

The Second Breakfast Band will play its blend of classic rock, and neighborhood musicians are welcome to come and play.

Bring your crock pot, cornbread, instrument and family.

For more info contact Duncan Keir at [duncankeir76@gmail.com](mailto:duncankeir76@gmail.com)



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Renewing member

New member

Most members of our household are 65 or  
older (optional fee)

I have not yet joined the Idlewylde Commu-  
nity Yahoo Group. Please add me.

Amount enclosed: \$ 20.00

Date: August 15, 2018

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Member information	
Name(s)	_____
Address	_____
Phone	_____
Email(s)	_____

We'd love to know who you are. Please contact  
the membership secretary (see below).

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All members of the ICA are welcome at monthly board  
meetings, but please contact a board member to con-  
firm time and place.

#### Idlewylde Hall (cont. from p. 1)

As for expense, the board is looking at a four-  
figure bill for essential repairs, and roofs don't last  
for ever.

So the board will be inviting interested members  
to get together and think the issue through.

Should we keep the hall or sell it?

If we keep it, how can we spread the load so it's  
less of a burden (especially to the Treasurer)?

If we sell it, how can we best use the proceeds to  
maintain the ICA as a flourishing and effective com-  
munity advocate?

– Paul Romney

Welcome! And welcome back!

to members new and old.

To those who wrote a "thank you" on their  
information slips: You're welcome!

To those who put a little extra on their  
check, and to the senior citizens who enclosed  
a check even though they didn't have to:

Thank you all very much!

And if you decide to take a more active  
role, either in the ICA or as a neighborhood  
champion,

You're welcome!

#### IDLEWYLDE NEWS

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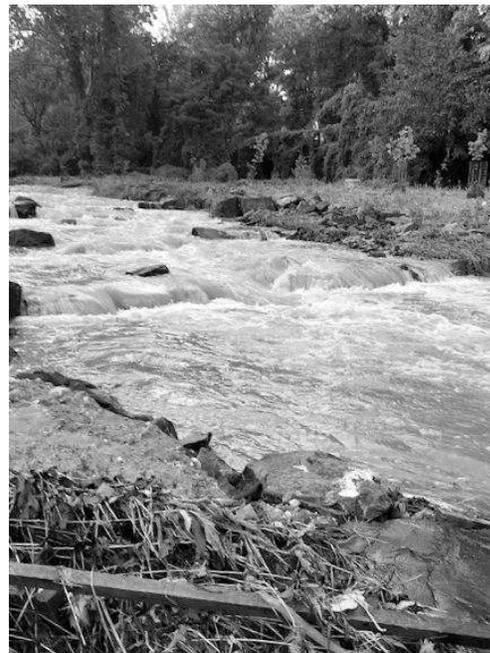
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Classified listings are free for members of the ICA.

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**Herring Run  
in spate,  
Aug. 13**

*The stream has  
overflowed its  
banks and  
uprooted one of  
the newly  
planted trees.*