

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

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"THE IDLEWYLDE FOLLIES" & DANCE



STONELEIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

8:30 P. M.

Saturdays

March 22nd and 29th, 1952

The Idlewylde Improvement Association, Inc.

Music by DON McCLEARY and his NOTABLES

The Idlewylde Community Hall

On March 4, 1952, the dreams came true for members of the Idlewylde Improvement Association. The date marked the first official meeting in our new Community Hall.

There was much yet to be done. Furnishings were needed, as well as landscaping to be completed and also a matter of a mortgage to be taken care of. This would all be accomplished in time. Continued cooperation as in the past would bring about the complete realization of their dream.

It had been decided by the Association in

1947 that a community hall was needed for Idlewylde. Dr. Thomas Ward, first president of the association, appointed Harry McCleary as chairman of a building committee. That year a lot was purchased on the southeast corner of Sherwood and Beechwood Roads.

In 1949 William Hecker, then president of the association, conceived the idea of staging a carnival to raise money. This was a great success and was repeated in the summers of 1950 and 1951.

After the carnival of 1951, arrangements were made for the construction of the building. Albert Clark of Towson made up the architectural drawings without charge. Ira Rigger of Idlewylde was chosen as the builder. He agreed to do the job at cost plus 10%. The building cost was \$13,200, of which \$7,700 was borrowed on a 15-year mortgage.

All the above, including the headline, comes from the program of the Idlewylde Follies and Dance, which was staged to celebrate the completion of the building and raise money for the furnishings.

The program was stuffed with ads from local businesses, some still going, others long gone.

Stebbins Anderson proclaimed itself the County's No. 1 Supply House for housewares, hardware, lumber, and a bunch of other stuff. **Radebaugh's florist, Wells Liquors and Delicatessen, the Austin Pharmacy and Stoneleigh Bowling Lanes** also advertised their wares and services. **Black & Decker's** ad featured an electric drill, "Ideal for Mr. Fix-It."

Closer to home, **McLellan's Delicatessen** touted its shelf groceries and Atlantic gaso-

line, **Howard A. Glauber** his candies, then confectioned at 1020 Regester, and **Maxalea Nurseries** its azaleas. The **Atlantic Cleaning Co.** on Walker Ave. and **Marie Armacost's** convalescent home at Regester and Sherwood were also featured. Edward Robinson solicited riders for the **Loch Hill-Idlewylde bus**, and **Mrs. Harry Tausendschoen** of 1016 Overbrook offered hand-woven scatter rugs, made to order, starting at \$2.50.

Ira Rigger took out an ad, of course, as did **John Janney** of 6507 Maplewood, who installed the wiring. John Janney also figured in the list of more than 100 "Patrons."

The MC was Buddy Deane, then a radio DJ with WITH but soon to achieve fame as host of his own show on WJZ-TV. And the music! The notes were played by Don McCleary and His Notables ("Music Sweet for Happy Feet"). And a galaxy of local talent was on display.

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The Idlewylde Follies and Dance program captures a moment of civic energy and vision. Carnivals and dances. Fundraising and giving. The very idea of needing a community hall.

Nearly seventy years on, a rebuilding committee is working to renovate the product of that moment. Maybe it's time for another Idlewylde Follies and Dance.

Anyone know how "Idlewylde Jubilee" goes?

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Hall update. Bids are being solicited for the structural rehab and security cameras. **Dana**

Program

Idlewylde Jubilee	Opening Chorus	
Blue Moon	Alice Schiavone	
Lady Be Good	Barbara Shaver	
You Tell Me Your Dream	Male Quartet	
The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise	Beverly Stough	
Fiddle Hoe Down	Clarence Wilson and Calvin Hanna	
The Loveliest Night of the Year	Iris Snyder	
Anytime	Frank Holland	
Moonlight Bay and Shine On Harvest Moon	Girls Quartet	
Tuxedo Junction	Douglas Somerset and Philip Somerset	
Monkeytown	Ida Lee Towers and Betty Lou Flory	
Easy Does It	Alice Wiegate	
Sentimental Journey	Joyce Flory and Carrole Burnham	
Slow Poke	Dorothy Weyant	
Orchids In The Moonlight	Dorothy Wescott and Howard Wescott	
Blowing Bubbles	Male Quartet	
I Get Ideas	Alice Schiavone	
A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody	Barbara Shaver	
Down Yonder	Chorus and Fiddle	
Charleston	Iris Snyder and Dick Bevans	
When You and I Were Young Maggie	Dorothy Hand and Patricia Hand	
Mountain Music—		
Beverly Stough	Carrole Burnham	Betty Lee McGreevy
Barbara Herrling	Joyce Novotny	Hilda Kellum
Joan Clarke		
Nellie Medley	Male Quartet	
A Cowboy's Sweetheart	Beverly Stough	
Hawaiian Medley—Finale	Barbara Shaver and Chorus	
Girls Quartet—		
Emily Plecker	Carrole Burnham	
Kathleen Van Ess	Joyce Novotny	
Male Quartet—		
John Van Ess	Fred Hoerich	
Frank Holland	Clarence Wilson	
Chorus—		
Joyce Flory	John Van Ess	Ida Lee Towers
Kathleen Van Ess	Betty Lou Flory	Ralph Somerset
Frank Holland	Nigel Ackerman	Joyce Novotny
Dorothy Weyant	Fred Hoerich	Barbara Herrling
Beverly Stough	Joan Clarke	Alice Schiavone
Betty Lee McGreevy	Emily Plecker	Ann Berg
Hilda Kellum	Carrole Burnham	John Cowman
	Music by Don McCleary and His Notables	
	Alice Wiegate's Rhumba Toe-Tap Dance through the	
	Courtesy of Bill Cole's Dance Studio	

Reed has volunteered to supervise the general contractor's work.

The roof has been fixed and repairs completed in the kitchen and restrooms. Hearty thanks to **Mariah Gillis** for painting the kitchen cabinets!



Sherwood Road updates

Last year the ICA opposed an application by absentee owners of a property on Sherwood Rd to divide it into two undersized lots and build a second house on it. The plan would have required several exceptions to County regulations.

In January, two dozen neighbors appeared before the County office of Administrative Hearings to oppose the application, which was rejected. The property has now been sold, and after many years in absentee hands it is once more under residential ownership.

Also on Sherwood, the ICA board informed the state Lottery and Gaming Agency of the community's opposition to the award of a lottery license to the business at no. 6324. State Senator Chris West and our new state Delegate Cathi Forbes both have both written to the Agency in support of the community's decision.

Finally, several neighbors recently attended an open house at "Blair House at Stoneleigh," the memory care assisted living facility that has finally, after more than a decade, come into being in the building formerly occupied by the Armacost Nursing Home. The new facility looks very attractive, and it's good to see a derelict shell refurbished and once more in use.

The property is zoned for single-family residential use, and the nursing home had been operating under a special exception, which had expired. The ICA negotiated a zoning variance with the then owners to make it available for suitable institutional use. The agreement contains several provisions regarding parking, noise, etc. to ensure that the facility and its operations are compatible with its residential surroundings. Among other things, the management is committed to land-

scaping its Sherwood Rd frontage in order to mitigate its current somewhat "industrial" aspect on that side.

Idlewylde Community Google Group

This has been set up in place of the Yahoo Group to enable neighbors to interact online without subscribing to Facebook. You can join by going to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/idlewyldemdcommunity> and asking to join, or you can contact the moderator, Paul Romney, at paulromney03@aim.com.



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SANTA'S WYLDE RIDE, Friday, Dec. 6

The ride will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6 at Regester and Parkway. It will leave around 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be at the church and ride with the fire engine. They will distribute candy canes to the children along the route.

From PARKWAY, turn right on
REGESTER

Left at the Light (SHERWOOD)

Right at first street, OVERBROOK

Right at first street, BANBURY

Left at first street, ANNESLIE

Right at first street, MAPLEWOOD

Right at first street, REGESTER

Left at 2nd street, BANBURY

Right at first street, LITCHFIELD

Quick left onto MAXALEA

Right at stop sign onto SHERWOOD

Left at stop sign onto LITCHFIELD

At the 2nd stop sign, left on

REGESTER

Exit Idlewylde, re-entering via

Lochmeda and Limit at FALKIRK

Right on LIMIT

Right on SHERWOOD

First left on OVERBROOK

First right on BANBURY

First right on REGESTER

Turn right on the 8th street onto
OVERBROOK at the bottom of the
hill.

Take the 2nd right onto ARRAN

First right on OLD ORCHARD

Left on REGESTER

Turn left on the 5th street at the

light (SHERWOOD)

Turn left at the first street, ARRAN

Right at dead end onto OVERBROOK

Turn right at 4th street, SHERWOOD

Take the first right into ARRAN

First left into BEVERLY

Right onto REGESTER

First right into BEECHWOOD

Left at dead end into OVERBROOK

First Left into CRESTWOOD

Right on REGESTER

First right into SHARON

Continue across Overbrook onto ST.
ALBANS

Left into BEECHWOOD

Left onto SHERWOOD

Right at the light on WALKER

Take the first right at the top of the
hill into BANBURY

At the stop sign, continue straight
on Banbury

Cross Regester and take the first

right on LITCHFIELD

Go down Litchfield and take the first
left onto MALDON

Right on PARKWAY at the stop sign
and continue straight to the church,
and ...

See you next year, Santa!

SANTA IS BROUGHT TO YOU, LITERALLY, BY THE PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. PLEASE PARK CAREFULLY SO SANTA'S FIRE TRUCK CAN GET THROUGH.

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