

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"Community Commitment since 1947"

February 2020

Let the gardening commence!

Got the winter blahs?! If you're like me the time between the end of the holiday season and the spring warm-up can be long and tiring. What I'd most like to be doing is curling up for a nap in front of my fireplace. One way I get through the long, cold winter, though, is to plan out my garden for this year.

February is a great time to figure out what plants to grow, create new color schemes, and plan out any major projects, like new flower beds or garden features I want to build. Although my garden is made up primarily of perennials (plants that return each year), I often change the look by planting different annuals between those perennials. Just changing the colors from oranges and yellows to pinks and purples can really make a dramatic change to the look of my garden. We're very fortunate in our area to have a long growing season and there are many, many plants that work well with our climate and soil. The internet offers a ton of information on the plants that work in our area (*climate hardiness zone 7b*) and how to build just about any garden feature you can imagine.

March is tricky, as it can be very mild or very cold and icy (or both!) On warmer days I tidy up the flower beds and uncover the perennials that are popping up. This is also a great time to purchase seeds and start them indoors to transplant in May. Sunflowers and marigolds are especially easy to grow and planting them is a great activity for the kids when the weather isn't great outside. I'll start some seeds indoors and will plant some directly in the ground as soon as it starts to warm up outside in April.

No matter if you're a newbie gardener or one with vast experience, there's always something new to learn and we are blessed with some very knowledgeable gardeners here in Idlewylde. The Idlewylde Garden Club sells plants from our gardens on the same day as the Idlewylde Yard Sale Day. Look for the date in the Community Calendar in this newsletter and online at www.Idlewylde.org. You can get free plant advice while purchasing a plant that you know will work in our area! We also have fabulous gardeners that will respond to questions in the Idlewylde Facebook page. Often community mem-

bers will post when they are thinning out plants from their garden and will offer them free to the Idlewylde neighborhood. That's a great way to start a garden with very little cost.

Just a reminder that this is the year of our popular bi-annual garden tour. The date is yet to be finalized but will be in June or July. In years past we've had a great time checking out the fabulous yards our neighbors have created. Every time I go on the garden tour, I get an idea for my own yard. The people who have generously shared their yards have always been very helpful with any questions I've had. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

If you're willing to open your yard this year for the garden tour, please contact me. We're looking for gardens, water features, bee keeping and interesting hardscaping / landscaping.

– Jamie Kass



IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SPRING ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 6:30 PM

Idlewylde Hall, 6301 Sherwood Rd

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

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED

This meeting is for members of the ICA. You can attend the business meeting, the repast, or both. If you haven't signed up yet for 2018-19, we will happily accept your dues (\$20, optional for senior citizens) at the meeting.

☘ Neighbors ☘

On December 30, long time Idlewylde resident Helen Stocksdale passed away from lymphoma. She lived on Arran Rd, but moved to Galax, VA in July of 2018. Helen and her husband William, who pre-deceased her, loved taking walks and listening to jazz. She loved animals and knew every dog in the neighborhood. Rest In Peace, Helen.

– Marlene Rodman

Note: Helen's husband had lived in their home ever since it was first built, about 1950, when he was a teenager.



John Dillon died on December 27 at the age of 87. He and Barbara moved to Idlewylde in 1972 and raised their children, Virginia and Elizabeth, here.

John was a man of the sea, born and bred on the eastern tip of Long Island, where in his youth he worked on a commercial fishing boat out of Montauk. He attended Duke University as an ROTC scholar and did naval service on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific before taking an MA at Columbia University.

He and Barbara moved to these parts when he joined SeaLand, which later became a division of Maersk Line. He rose to become regional sales director for the Far East, in which capacity he shifted a great quantity of Caterpillar equipment. Still and always a keen sailor, he owned a Catalina 27-foot sailboat which, deploying a rarely used baptismal name, he called Noel's Ark.

John's service to the community was performed as an officer of Towson Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder, deacon and trustee.

Good neighbors

Family and friends enrich our lives, but when it comes to feeling comfortable where you live, nothing matters more than good neighbors. For me, John Dillon was that neighbor.

John was a gentle man with a lively sense of humor, which made it a pleasure to pass the time of

day with him, and our chats helped me to appreciate Idlewylde. I learned that his home, three doors along from mine, stood on the height of land separating Chinquapin Run from our local branch of Herring Run, and that the ramshackle shed on the south side of my property had housed a fire engine back in the day when a water tower had stood next to it.

Although he was of an active temperament – a keen tennis-player as well as swimmer and sailor – one of his favorite pastimes was sitting on the back porch and gazing at the enormous oaks that define the neighborhood.

Now and then, John was kind enough to praise this newsletter. I value his opinion even more now I know that his father had owned and published a Long Island newspaper, the *East Hampton Star*.

– Paul Romney



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Looking eastward from the edge of Anneslie along Overbrook Rd where it crosses Chinquapin Run

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 paid
dues even though they didn't have to:

Thank you all very much!

And if you'd like to take a more active role, in
the ICA or as a neighborhood champion . . .

You're welcome!

*[If you've not signed up for 2019-20 yet, there's a
form overleaf. You can also use PayPal by clicking
the "JOIN ICA" button at idlewylde.org.*

*If you're not sure whether you've signed up, ask
the membership secretary at paulromney03@aim.com.
We only want you to join once!]*

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. To join, con-
tact the moderator, Paul Romney, at
<paulromney03@aim.com>.

Navarre, MD?

I've always imagined that our neighborhood is called
Idlewylde because it was initially developed by the
Idlewylde Realty Co. Turns out I was wrong. When
the original plat was registered, in March 1913,
owner of the property was the Navarre Realty Co.,
which transferred it to the Idlewylde Realty Co. later
that year. But both entities were controlled by the
developer Harry Gilbert.

It looks as though Gilbert set up the IRC specially
to oversee the development of Idlewylde. But why?
– Paul Romney

IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, 2019-20

Membership year is September 1 to August 31.
Dues \$20 per household.

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- Renewing member New member
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Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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How not to put out your recycling on a windy (or any) day



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