

# IDLEWYLDE\*NEWS

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"Community Commitment since 1947"

February 2011

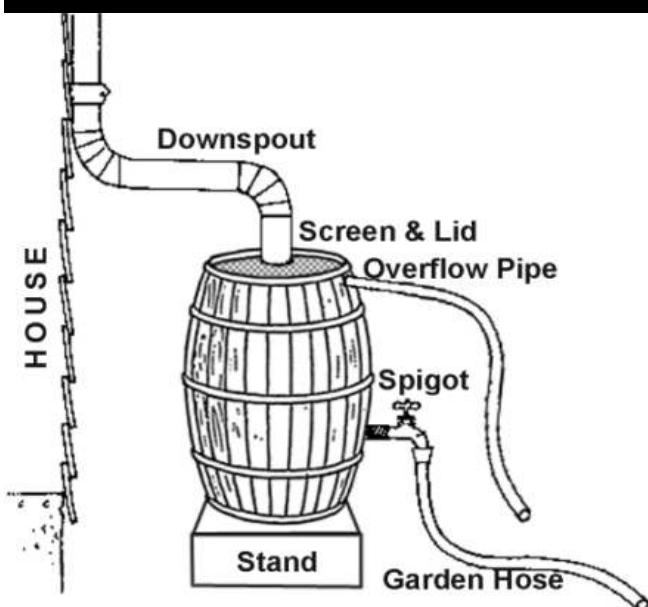
## Baltimore Water Alliance

Spring is just around the corner and so are fresh opportunities to make Idlewylde a greener neighborhood. The Baltimore Water Alliance (BWA) can help with no and low-cost indoor and outdoor water conservation projects. These projects will protect your home, our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Inside your home, BWA will recommend small easy steps that will significantly reduce your water footprint and eliminate water wasted by inefficient faucets and toilets. Outside your home, BWA will identify and suggest cost-saving measures that also protect the Bay from runoff. Greening options can be as simple as planting a tree or installing a rain barrel. These are only a few of the options you have as a homeowner that will help protect streams for generations to come.

The average home in Idlewylde produces 25,000 gallons of polluted urban runoff each year. In 2010, several residents in the community took advantage of this program and got their rain barrels installed free of charge. By diverting roof runoff onto the yard these residents are keeping 40,000 gallons of runoff out of the Herring Run. While this is a tremendous achievement, there is still more to be done at our homes to preserve our streams.

This spring do your part to help make Idlewylde a greener, more sustainable neighborhood. To register for a



*Rain barrels save our streams and save you money*

free water audit, and learn what you can do at home to improve your neighborhood and protect the Bay, call 410-254-1577 (ext. 106) or email [dpuzey@jonesfalls.org](mailto:dpuzey@jonesfalls.org).

To register online for a free audit, or to learn more about what we can all do to restore our local waterways, visit us at [www.herringrun.org](http://www.herringrun.org).

## Citizens on Patrol FYI

The safety and security of our families, our homes and our community depends on each of us. Here are a few basic tips to start off the New Year:

*\*Lock all doors and windows - in half of all residential burglaries thieves simply come in through unlocked doors or windows.*

*\*Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Better yet, try motion detection lighting.*

*\*If you travel, invest in lights with timers. Lights on 24 hours a day signal an empty house.*

*\*Cut back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors and windows.*

*\*If a stranger comes knocking, ask for ID before opening your door.*

For more crime prevention tips, as well as information on free home security surveys, operation ID, links to the Baltimore County Police Department, and a test of your street sense, visit the ICOP page on the Idlewylde website: [www.idlewylde.net](http://www.idlewylde.net). Interested in joining our COP effort? Contact **Larry Bearden** at [cscjobs@verizon.net](mailto:cscjobs@verizon.net) or 443-465-9606.

## valentines day

**Hey Parents!** We, the **Girl Scouts of troop 679**, are providing **FREE** babysitting on Valentines Day (February 14, 2011). We are working towards earning our childcare badge and have planned a party that will include snacks, games and crafts. We are doing this so you can have a peaceful Valentines Day dinner and your kids can have some fun. Adults, such as leaders, will be supervising us as we run the party for the kids. We are asking for a \$3.00 donation per child to cover the cost of pizza and drinks.

*When:* February 14, 2011. *Where:* Idlewylde Hall.  
*Time:* 5:30-8:00. *Who:* Children ages 18 months - 9 years.  
*Why:* We want you to have a peaceful Valentine's Day.

RSVP to reserve a place for your children:

[justinmolly@hotmail.com](mailto:justinmolly@hotmail.com) or 443-676-7220.

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### ARTS

**Art Lessons.** Beginning to advanced. Drawing and painting, watercolors, oils and pastels for children and adults, College professor with BFA and MA degrees. Please call *Bonnie Printz* at 410-377-9342.

**Concert.** Saturday, February 12: *Atwater-Donnelly* at the Towson Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The highly acclaimed husband-wife duo, *Aubrey Atwater* and *Elwood Donnelly*, present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs, a capella pieces, old-time gospel songs, dance tunes, and original works. Elwood and Aubrey blend gorgeous and unusual harmonies and play guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, mandolin, tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, bones, spoons, limberjacks, and other surprises, including Appalachian clog dancing, French Canadian footwork, and Tap. [www.atwater-donnelly.com](http://www.atwater-donnelly.com).

**Potluck** at 6:30 PM; **concert** at 7:30 PM. **Admission** \$15 in advance by February 8 or \$20 at the door. Table re-

served for parties of 8 or more. All questions: *Spice Kleinmann* <[spicearoni@gmail.com](mailto:spicearoni@gmail.com)>

**Belly Dance classes and performance.** Classes on Regester Ave Friday mornings at 10am and Monday evenings. *Nina Amaya* is available for local events, and you can see her fun and fabulous troupe perform at Towson's own Arts in the Park, at Artscape and at Faerie Festivals. All ages. [www.NinaAmaya.com](http://www.NinaAmaya.com) or 443-834-3191.

### HOME AND GARDEN

**Light hauling/towing.** Home Depot, landfill, etc. *Dennis Crawford*, 410-960-2442.

**Babysitting/Pet Sitting/Housesitting.** *Cassie Springer* is 15 yrs old, Red Cross certified, responsible, and loves children and animals. Siblings *Jake* (20) and *Morgan* (18) are in college but return home for breaks and can also be available. Please call 410-377-8060 for more information.

### BODY AND MIND

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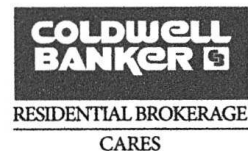


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## STRIDER'S CORNER

*A column on neighborhood issues*

**Loch Hill merger?** As the title of this column implies, the ICA survives from year to year mainly owing to the efforts of a small group of dedicated volunteers. With about 175 households, Loch Hill is only about one quarter the size of Idlewylde. It has less community business but also a smaller volunteer base, and apparently it cannot always maintain a viable organization.

It has occurred to some of us on the Idlewylde board that a merger of our association with Loch Hill would strengthen both communities. Loch Hill would benefit by joining a much larger organization, with the financial resources generated by our Hall (our membership dues are less than half theirs) and probably a higher level of services (newsletter, Buzz, etc.). With more than 900 households, the combined organization would generate more dues revenue than the ICA currently does, and the merger might liberate volunteer energy in Loch Hill which is currently stifled by the small scale of their organization. That would benefit Idlewylde too.

The board would like to know what the ICA membership thinks about this. If you have an idea, an opinion, or relevant information, please let us know. If no serious downside emerges, the board will propose a resolution at the March General Meeting authorizing it to issue an invitation to the residents of Loch Hill to join us. If our neighbors on the other bank of the Herring Run show enough interest, we can proceed to work out the details of the merger. Any agreement will be presented to the ICA membership for approval – indeed, we may have to amend the by-laws to implement it.

**County 239 issues.** Discussions continue with the USPS about the issues arising from our inclusion in the 21239 zip code and the application of the “Northwood” designation to us. *Michelle List* reports that the Postal Service is adamantly opposed to assigning us a different zip code, but their representative is willing to allow us a different place designation to differentiate us from “Northwood”. Unfortunately, he balked at the obvious choice, Towson, and proposed Idlewylde as an alternative. That is unacceptable to us, since part of Idlewylde is in 212.

**Idlewylde directory.** The new community directory will be finished any day now and may well be in your hands by the time you read this. Kudos to two people who worked very hard to produce it. Our membership director, *Marcia Ferguson*, designed the data form and compiled all the data. Our webmaster, *Dori Stickles*, designed the online registration form and set the type. As our chief of newsletter distribution, Dori will also supervise the process

that gets the directory to your doorstep.

**Idlewylde signs.** These now actually exist and will be put up any day now. Hearty thanks to *Michial Alston*, *Tyla Gibson* and *Kate Foley*, who collaborated on the design, *Mariah Gibson* for costing the project, and *Ben Mentzer* for overseeing the production and installation. Thanks too to the neighbors who are letting us install the signs on their property.

**ICA Spring General Meeting.** This will be held at the community hall on Sunday, March 20. Business meeting at 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Details to follow on the Buzz.

## Idlewylde Hall

*Please consider the Hall for parties and events such as birthdays, receptions, and bridal and baby showers. Anyone can rent the Hall, but ICA members receive a 30% discount off regular weekend prices and a preferred rate during the week.*

*For details, or to schedule your event, contact the Hall Manager at 410-377-9247 or [ica.activity@gmail.com](mailto:ica.activity@gmail.com).*



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## teens for jeans

Hey Idlewylde! Have any old jeans? Why not donate them to TEENS FOR JEANS? Did you know that 1 out of 3 homeless people are under the age of 18? You can help in a simple way! *Towson High School's* AVID program is collecting gently used and new jeans for the Teens for Jeans project sponsored by Aeropostale. The jeans can be any brand and any size from 00 on up. For each pair of jeans donated, you will receive a coupon for 25% off a new pair of jeans at Aeropostale. The jeans will be donated to teens at local homeless shelters. The school that collects the most jeans will receive \$5000 and a party to celebrate! Last year the winning school collected 544 pairs – we can definitely do better!

### *So how does it work?*

Write your name and address on a piece of paper and attach it to the jeans or put it in the pocket so that a coupon can be sent to you. Place the jeans in the collection bin in the main office at *Towson HS* or in the bin on the front porch at *1001 Litchfield Road*.

This effort will continue until February 11th but start bringing your jeans in now! Thank you for supporting this worthwhile service project and helping homeless teens in our community! For more information contact *Christine Roberts* at [croberts6@bcps.org](mailto:croberts6@bcps.org).

IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 66106, Baltimore, MD 21239, [www.idlewylde.net](http://www.idlewylde.net). Dues are \$20 for 1-year membership, or \$30 for 2-year membership. Please contact Membership Director.

BOARD (2010-11): Karen Bracken, *President* 410-377-8811; Tom Lattanzi, *Vice-President* 410-377-9172; John Keenan, *Treasurer* 410-377-0563; Paul Romney, *Secy.* 410-377-0748; Bill List, 410-377-5244; Kim Deinlein, 443-834-5183; Cynthia Jabs, 410-377-7252; Ben Mentzer, 410-812-6908. ***The Board usually meets at the Community Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. All members are welcome, but please contact a board member to confirm time and place.***

OTHER OFFICERS: *Membership Director:* Marcia Ferguson, 410-377-0887; *Director, Citizens on Patrol:* 443-465-9606; *Webmaster,* Dori Stickles.

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