

IDLEWYLDE*NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
"Community Commitment since 1947" April 2011

ICA March General Meeting

VP *Tom Lattanzi* took the chair while the President, *Karen Bracken*, was cooking up a storm in the kitchen. There were no major items on the agenda, but the meeting heard a moderately cheerful financial report from Treasurer *John Keenan*. Secretary *Paul Romney* explained the reasons for the sudden switch to a new delivery system for the Buzz. Paul also reported that the USPS has agreed to make "Idlewylde" its preferred address for our community. This will diminish (and eventually eliminate) the tendency to misrepresent us as "Northwood."

Several interesting points were raised from the floor.

- *Properties neglected through abandonment or foreclosure.* John Keenan replied that if a bank owns the property, it's easy to get them to take care of it. Properties owned by individuals are a tougher problem.
- *Speeding on Regester near Overbrook.* John stated that a traffic circle at the intersection is part of the next phase of the Loch Raven Blvd landscaping project. He noted that there is a problem with police enforcement of the speed limit at that location because they tend to focus on ticketing illegal left-turners from Regester onto Overbrook. It was suggested that, since the curve west of the intersection is within half a mile of the Church nursery school, there might be a chance of getting a speed camera located there.
- *Dog poop in Overlook Park.* Spice Kleinmann undertook to get some plastic bag dispensers to make it easy for people to clean up after their pets.
- *English ivy throttling trees.* Spice pointed out that ivy kills trees and wondered what we can do about it. (See her article following this one.)
- *Potholes.* Tom Lattanzi encouraged everyone to call the County about their favorite local pothole now that spring is here.
- *Lead water pipes.* In response to a question, John Keenan noted that the system was thoroughly refurbished back in 2002. Idlewylde is lead-free.

It was great to see so many new faces at the meeting, including several delightful children. Roy Dorfler, who has lived here for all his 91 years, sat at the same dinner table as Jacob Schklar, who has lived here for all his 6 weeks. This is what Idlewylde is all about!

– Paul Romney

Keep Idlewylde Green!

Did you know

- that English Ivy kills trees?
- that azaleas are poisonous to your pets?
- that cement causes run-off and aggravates pollution in the watershed and the Chesapeake Bay?

Many people in the neighborhood, along with Blue Water Baltimore, have a lot of information on issues like this.

I went up to a neighbor and told her that she had the prettiest weeping cherry in the 'hood but the English Ivy was harming it. She didn't know that the ivy was dangerous to the tree. She said I could come and start the de-ivy-ing process. All it took was a friendly knock on the door.

We are all in this together, and we can make our neighborhood a better place. Let's plan some invasive plant removal in our neighborhood and our park.

– Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann

Citizens on Patrol

Larry Bearden is stepping down after several years as Director of the Idlewylde COP. The ICA board is looking for a volunteer to take over this important job. Larry will be very happy to help his successor learn the ropes.

Hearty thanks to Larry for his years of hard work getting the COP on the road and keeping it there! And this is a good place to acknowledge something that should have been mentioned in the February issue: Larry did major legwork matching names with addresses for the Directory. and is definitely one of those without whom ... Thanks for that too, Larry!

*** BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT***

Jacob Hue Schklar was born February 2, 2011 at 9:12 pm, 8 lbs 7.8 ounces. New parents Jason and Liza Schklar are very tired, but excited for all their new adventures with Jacob.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

This year's event will be on

Saturday, May 14

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Rain date: Sunday, May 15)

Signs advertising the event will be posted.

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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.

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Help wanted. Yard work and lawn mowing. No tools needed. Please call *Joe Phillips*. 410-377-0081.

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.

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Hi Friends and Neighbors, I am a registered family child care provider located on *Arran Rd.* I am also a ECE, degreed reading teacher/tutor.

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Please consider my small family center for your child's summer schedule. *Fees* are very reasonable and include healthy and fun meals (often prepared by your children)! *Hours:* 7:30-5:30, M-F. Care can be daily, weekly or drop-in.

Please let me know if you would like to visit.

Sincerely,

Vivian Kreller, M.Ed.

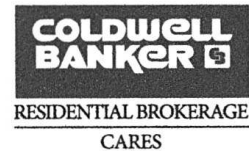
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The New Buzz

As most of you know, the Buzz is no longer being sent from the idlewyldebuzz@yahoo.com account. That's simply because that method was way too clumsy and time-consuming for busy volunteers – and a strain on the administrator's eyes too. But you can still get it by email, just as before, by registering with the Idlewylde Community Yahoo Group set up last year by Amy Kimball. Here's how you do it.

1. Go to

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Idlewylde_community

2. Click on the blue "Join This Group!" button.

3. Follow these steps:

Step 1. Contact Info. You set up a Yahoo username and password, and enter the e-mail address where you want to receive messages. (NB: Yahoo requires you set up an email account with them – but you don't have to use it. Just set up an alternate email address to receive information, and then go back into Account Preferences to switch the alternate and primary addresses.)

Then you fill in the box labeled "Comment to Owner". This asks why you want to join the group. We know why you want to join already, of course, but we do need to know your actual name and address, so we can confirm that you are a neighbor.

Step 2. Message Delivery. Choose an option. NB: All Buzz bulletins will be posted as Special Notices. So if you want to receive the Buzz and only the Buzz, just check off "Special Notices."

If you want to take part more fully in the Group, choose options 1 or 2 instead. But NB: if you check the "No Email" option, you won't get the Buzz either.

Step 3. Message Preference. Choose one of two message formats.

4. Then you type a code in a box to show you're a human being and not some kind of cyber-robot.

5. Finally, click on "Join".

The moderators will immediately receive an e-mail telling them of your application. When they accept it, you get an e-mail welcoming you to the Group. And that's it.

Privacy note. When you set up a Yahoo ID, you are asked for certain personal information: name, gender, and birthday. This info appears in the Group members list on the website. However, when setting up your ID you have the option of keeping this information confidential. And if you already have an ID, you can edit it to make it confidential.

Questions? Contact idlewyldebuzz@yahoo.com or kimballfam@gmail.com.

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IDLEWYLDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 66106, Baltimore, MD 21239, 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; *Webmaster,* Dori Stickles.

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TWO BLUE WATER BALTIMORE EVENTS

Sunday, May 15, 2011

(From the Blue Water Baltimore website: <http://bluewaterbaltimore.org>)

Overlook Park & Residential Rain Garden Open House, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Blue Water Baltimore is hosting a green event in the Idlewylde neighborhood. Join us to learn more about reducing polluted runoff, protecting our streams, and taking action on your own property.

Wondering what a rain garden on your property might look like?

Visit a residential rain garden at **6313 Weidner Ave, 21212** (just off Walker Ave), where BWB staff and the property owner will be available to answer questions and explain the many benefits of conservation landscaping.

Or come by Overlook Park and talk with BWB staff about how that garden was designed and installed, and why it is good for the Herring Run.

For more info, contact *Dana* at 410-254-1577, ex. 106, or dpuzey@bluewaterbaltimore.org.

Idlewylde Rain Barrel Workshop

After the rain garden open house, come build your own rain barrel!

We will be running two workshops, one from 3-4pm and one from 4-5pm, at the Idlewylde Community Hall.

The cost is \$65. Call *Stuart Campbell* at 410-254-1577, ex. 106, to register. Payment by credit card, check, or cash. Checks should be made out to Blue Water Baltimore. Registration for rain barrel workshop must be completed by May 6th.