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From the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Why do we live here? The arguments for living in the county are plentiful and eventually tiresome. After hearing them dozens of times—and with due respect to those who have answered the siren call—many of us choose to live, play, and rear our children here in Tuscany-Canterbury in the midst of our truly amazing city, Baltimore.

Residents of Tuscany-Canterbury can tell you our neighborhood is vibrant at a level that no suburb could match. We live in a beautiful community with architectural power and diversity. We enjoy outdoor dining at the One World Café and Chocolatea; we have Tatin, the Ambassador, the Spice Company, and the Hopkins Deli. We have nine high-rise buildings and a constellation of beautiful houses. In our neighborhood live artists, musicians, poets, scholars, authors, athletes, and civic and business leaders. We have a storied private school in Tuscany-Canterbury and a nationally ranked university literally just across the street. We live next to the headquarters of the farthest-reaching space telescope ever built and next to the National Lacrosse Museum as well. Works by Matisse and Van Gogh are displayed just two blocks south of us. Architectural treasures adorn our streets. We have dozens of places to take our children and grandchildren without ever getting into a car. In exchange for all of this, for the privilege of living in our old

Baltimore neighborhood, we must expect challenges that those living in the suburbs would never dream of. And as summer gives way to autumn, those challenges loom.

I am happy to report that after months of hard work by a committee of representatives from across the neighborhood, the former Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house at 3906 Canterbury Road was purchased in late August by Calvert School. A full account is in this issue of the Newsletter. Rest assured that Calvert and the neighborhood are now in accord, and initial work on stabilizing the site is under way. But much is yet to be done, so please contact the Liaison Committee, whose role is described in this Newsletter, for updated information.

Heavy construction continues on the sanitary sewer line along Linkwood Road just north of University Parkway, where

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FALL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:30 pm

First Church of Christ, Scientist

4 W. University Pkwy.

Use entrance on either the east or west side of the church. (The east side has stair-free access.) Some parking available.

Tuscany-Canterbury Reaches Milestone in 3906 Canterbury Negotiations



Because the purchase of the 3906 property was not finalized until late August, demolition of the old fraternity house will probably not get under way this fall.

The Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood reached a milestone in late August in its ongoing negotiations with Calvert School over the former fraternity house at 3906 Canterbury Rd.

On August 25, the presidents of the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association, the Tuscany-Lombardy Community Corporation, and the Gardens of Guilford signed an amendment to the covenants between Calvert and the neighborhood associations. This “First Amendment to the Agreement of Restrictive Covenants” had been approved by members of TCNA at a meeting on July 17. The Tuscany-Lombardy Community Corporation’s board and residents of the Gardens of Guilford approved it soon thereafter.

The signed amendment permits Calvert to

purchase the 3906 property, demolish the former fraternity house, and construct an extension to its existing school building along Canterbury Road. The amendment also allows Calvert to begin the staged enrollment of 21 additional students in the Lower School. (The entire First Amendment, stating the conditions under which these changes can occur, may be found on the TCNA website.)

The amendment stipulates creation of a liaison committee composed of neighborhood residents. This committee is charged with monitoring Calvert’s compliance with the amendment, as well as with those elements of the restrictive covenants not changed by the amendment. *[See Anne Perkins’ article on the liaison committee elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.]*

To begin in the near future is the development of a communications network for disseminating information about demolition and construction at 3906 Canterbury and for reporting problems as that work goes forward.

Given recent rezoning and land-use developments in Baltimore City, the failure of the fraternity house owners to maintain the property, the use of the house by vagrants, and Calvert’s status as the only viable buyer, the outcome of the past three years’ effort is indeed welcome. It could not have been achieved without the participation of many Tuscany-Canterbury residents and the unflagging support of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. I thank you all as the now-retired chairman of the 3906 Committee. —Ralph Kurtz

Liaison Committee Will Oversee Relations With Calvert School Regarding 3906

With Calvert School's purchase of the former fraternity house at 3906 Canterbury Rd. and the signing of agreements between Calvert and the neighborhood associations finally accomplished, Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association president Nicholas Goffeney has appointed a committee to oversee ongoing relations with Calvert. [See Ralph Kurtz's article elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.]

This body, the Calvert-Community Liaison Committee, comprises five neighborhood representatives: Howard Casey, Liz Nilson, Ferdinand Latrobe, Anne Perkins, and Don Akchin. The committee held its initial meeting early in September.

The purpose of the Liaison Committee is to improve communications between the school and the community. Regular discussions will be especially important for the next couple of years as we try to minimize the impact of demolition and construction at the 3906 site on the broader community. The committee will also work with Calvert on the school's

traffic plan. The newly signed agreement limits the length of the afternoon pickup line: It must not back up farther west than the Ridgemedede Road traffic island. Also, the agreement allows truck deliveries only between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Because the purchase of the 3906 property was not finalized until late August, demolition of the old fraternity house will probably not get under way this fall. Calvert prefers not to demolish the house while school is in session and will discuss with the Liaison Committee the best time to begin demolition. The community, especially the residents of Canterbury Road, will be informed of demolition plans well in advance. Meanwhile, Calvert is making efforts to stabilize the site by securing the house and providing appropriate exterior maintenance.

The Liaison Committee will use e-mail, leafleting, and the Newsletter to keep the community fully informed as things progress. One of the first agenda items to be discussed with Calvert is how the community can let the committee know if problems occur. If you would like to get up-to-date information by e-mail, please make that known to President Nicholas Goffeney at president@tuscany-canterbury.org.

—Anne Perkins



From the President

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Linkwood has been closed to traffic. The work was originally expected to be finished in mid-July, but is now likely to continue at least through November.

On a more positive note, the Laurence Hall Fowler-designed house Castalia, on Tuscany Road, has been awarded landmark status by the City of Baltimore. Castalia is owned by Calvert School, which intends to build an addition to the rear of the structure and use the building to house offices and classrooms. This is permitted by a covenant amendment agreed to by Calvert and the neighborhood associations in Tuscany-Canterbury.

Finally, you may have heard that we have experienced excessive noise and a number of troubling crimes recently, including a break-in. The Baltimore City Police Department has been diligent in responding to these problems, and a new "Peace and Quiet Committee" has been formed to address them.

If you have questions about anything involving our neighborhood, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@tuscanycanterbury.org.

TCNA News & Notes

UPCOMING "FIRST FRIDAYS"

Friday, October 3
Friday, November 7
Friday, December 5

Join your neighbors on the first Friday of each month at the Spice Company in the Colonnade on University Parkway ... from 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres are provided; drinks may be purchased. Conviviality for all.

THURSDAY LUNCH AT THE TEMPLE

Join your neighbors! Bring your friends! Luncheon at the Scottish Rite Temple is served at noon every Thursday for \$5.00. The weekly repast is prepared by the Masons and their wives. Call for reservations: (410) 243-3200. If you would like a tour of the Temple after lunch, be sure to mention this when you reserve. Please enter the building from 39th Street.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

... to Regi Elion, Bob Isenhardt, Kristen Whitney, Vince Ercolano, and the staff of the Hopkins Deli for carrying water all summer long to the five newly planted trees on the 39th Street median

... and to Green Fields Nursery and Landscaping for supporting the planting of flowers in the community garden plot on 39th Street.

In Tuscany-Canterbury, the World's at Your Feet

Experts suggest that walking 10,000 steps each day helps maintain healthy muscles and strong bones. They don't mention a thing about the fuel saved by walking.

Residents of our Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood are in a perfect location to save fuel and reach some 30 destinations on foot. If the thought of 10,000 steps—roughly five miles—seems excessive, the places listed below can be reached in far fewer steps. This intrepid Newsletter reporter, age 69, set out with a pedometer, starting at 39th Street and Canterbury Road, to measure exactly how many steps (round trip) it takes to reach these popular venues:

- **The Rotunda (Giant Food, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, a dry cleaner, movies, A Bit of Zen, Tomlinson's, Radio Shack, Bank of America, Ritz Camera, etc.):** 4,050 steps.
- **The Waverly Farmers' Market:** 3,730 steps.
- **Barnes & Noble Bookstore:** 2,150 steps. (For a few hundred more steps, you can visit the shops and restaurants in Charles Village, as well as a fine tailor right around the corner from Donna's.)
- **Ruby Tuesday:** 3,590 steps.
- **Baltimore Museum of Art and Shriver Hall:** 4,480 steps.

The following destinations, nestled in the heart of the neighborhood, do not count much in your grand step total: Spice Company, the Hopkins Deli, Brasserie Tatin, the One World Café, the Ambassador Dining Room, Chocolatea, Mon Salon, the Carlyle Club, the Broadmoor Market, Corbin, Imperatore Hair Design, and Tesio Salon. If you are totally exhausted by walking to any of these, you can at least congratulate yourself on getting out to walk at all.

Warning! If you intend to bring home a watermelon and a gallon of milk or Webster's New World College Dictionary, you might want to drag a sturdy little cart with you for the return trip.

Most of life's necessities plus many culinary and cultural pleasures are within walking distance of our neighborhood. Let's put on our sneakers.

—Marianna Busching

New Volunteer Group, Friends of Stony Run, Pitching In on Stream Restoration

Formation of a dynamic new community group, Friends of Stony Run, is under way and moving ahead. Officers of this all-volunteer organization met July 30 to draft bylaws. Our mentor is Sandy Sparks, president and cofounder with Michael Beer of the Jones Falls Watershed Association (JFWA). An advocate for parks and the environment for more than 25 years, Sandy has assisted the start-up of friends-of-parks groups across the city. We are now working with the Community Law Center on Keswick Road to incorporate and apply for nonprofit status, which will qualify the group to receive small grants and tax-deductible contributions from individuals and businesses.

Recently I met with Bill Stack of the Water Quality Management Section of the city government. He is consulting with the engineers working on the Stony Run stream restoration project about the best way to build the crossing of the stream just north of University Parkway. I have also walked the Stony Run trail with Nate Evans, bicycle and pedestrian coordinator with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, who is working with the group on signage and trail improvements.

Caring for the entire length of the stream from its headwaters at the Elkrige Club to its confluence with the Jones Falls, as well as for the parkland it runs through, is the mission of Friends of Stony Run. We are off to a wonderful start, with the support and encouragement of many people who have worked tirelessly on Stony Run



for years. Our first board of directors will reflect involvement with all sections of the waterway. We will work in close partnership with the JFWA on restoration and education projects. Look for announcements of stream cleanups, plantings of shrubs and wildflowers, removal of invasive non-native plants, and other hands-on activities. To be successful, we must engage many volunteers to work together.

Join our growing group's e-mail list for information on activities and meetings at kirsten.day@verizon.net. If you wish to make a contribution toward covering the start-up costs associated with incorporation, please contact me at (410) 435-4066. For the contribution to be tax deductible, make your check payable to JFWA, with Friends of Stony Run on the memo line. Please mail checks to me at 201 Ridgemedede Rd., Baltimore, MD 21210. Thank you for supporting Friends of Stony Run as we move ahead. **—Kirsten Day**

TCNA Notes With Regret the Passing of Board Member Thomas Bonsall

A recently appointed member of the TCNA Board, Thomas E. Bonsall, died July 15 of stroke-related complications at St. Joseph's Hospital, Towson. The Guilford resident was 61. He is survived by his partner of 16 years, Kevin Lowery.

In keeping with Tuscan-Canterbury's literary tradition, Mr. Bonsall was a widely published writer, best known for his chronicles of American motoring. *Automobile!* magazine called him "America's Best Automobile Historian." He also founded several Baltimore-based publishing companies, including Stony Run Press. A city resident since the 1980s, he was a congregant of St. John's in the Village, where a memorial service was conducted September 20.

Artifacts of Castalia Architect Fowler Now Available at Evergreen Museum and Library

Among the unique and varied holdings of the Johns Hopkins University's Evergreen Museum and Library is a vast collection of drawings and related documents representing the complete career of prolific regional architect Laurence Hall Fowler (1876-1971). Fowler designed Castalia, on the Calvert School grounds, the house on Highfield Road now occupied by John Waters, and other houses in Tuscany-Canterbury, as well as additions to the Garrett family's home on North Charles Street. Upon the closing of Fowler's professional office in the 1940s, these presentation renderings, elevations, floor plans, and other related materials were added to Evergreen's holdings.

To make this splendid collection accessible, Johns Hopkins moved it last spring into a special area within Evergreen design-

nated as the "Laurence Hall Fowler Study Room." A rare and nearly complete record of a luminous career, the documents are a valuable resource for the study of the evolving cityscape in the last century, and may be consulted as well by owners of Fowler-designed houses who want to know more about the original design and construction of their homes.

The Fowler Room at Evergreen is furnished with a series of large flat files, a table for research, and artifacts that include plaster maquettes of the censers and sea horses framing the entrance to the Fowler-designed War Memorial in downtown Baltimore. The Fowler Room's contents are available for research by appointment. Interested persons should contact Amy Kimball, Special Collections, Milton S. Eisenhower Library, (410) 516-8348.



Located in the Evergreen Museum and Library, the Laurence Hall Fowler Study Room houses an extensive collection of drawings and other artifacts associated with the regional 20th-century architect, whose works include several buildings in Tuscany-Canterbury. (Photo courtesy of Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries and Evergreen Museum & Library, Baltimore. Photo by Will Kirk/JHU.)

Island Gardens Provide Beauty Despite Beastly Conditions

Tuscany-Canterbury is blessed with “public” gardens on three traffic islands—one on Tuscany, one on Ridgemedede, and the largest on 39th Street. Who first planted them is uncertain. Eileen Higham’s published history of the neighborhood doesn’t even mention them. My guess is that they were built by the original developer. We do know that the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association hired a landscaper to redesign and plant the 39th Street plot after the street was reconfigured by the city in 1999

Less interesting than how the gardens came into being is how they manage to keep on living. The soil is wretched. In winter the islands get sprayed with road salt, in summer they bake, and UPS and FedEx trucks sometimes shortcut over the curbed edges. Doris Simpson, who bred day lilies near the Tuscany island, warned against planting on it. “It’s a desert out there,” she said.

The landscaper hired to work on the 39th Street garden then fancied up the Tuscany and Ridgemedede gardens. For shrubs, he iniquitously dug holes only inches deep. He sited flower plants without regard for their needs. And most of what he “planted” died. Now the gardens are tended by volunteers from the neighborhood. TCNA has a garden committee that buys mulch each year to help retain moisture in the soil, but the work is done by neighbors who spread the mulch, add compost, weed, water, plant, transplant, and replace. TCNA’s website has a gallery of photos of smudged, scruffy, sweating volunteers whose faces are less in evidence than their backsides because they’re digging and hoeing. Just looking at them, your back aches. Sometimes they’re planting nursery stock, paid for by TCNA. Otherwise the plants come from neighbors, donated from their own gardens.

In the 39th Street garden, the lavender comes from Mary Pfrommer and the nandina and Japanese maple from Kenna Forsyth; Meg Hyman donated hostas from Tuscany-Lombardy



The traffic island on Tuscany Road.

gardens. In the Ridgemedede garden, the Siberian irises, rudbeckia, purple coneflowers, and a holly have come from Jack Goellner’s and Barbara Lamb’s garden. For the Tuscany Road garden, Kirsten Day bought and planted plumbago and butterfly flower; the daisies and nepeta come from Anne Perkins’ garden, the Japanese anemones from Ann Finkbeiner’s garden, and the black-eyed Susans from Shreve Simpson’s. The golden day lilies were bred and raised by Doris Simpson (no relation to Shreve) but were planted by Josh Renzi, who bought the Simpsons’ house when Doris’s failing health required a move to be near their daughter. The hostas and sun-colored coreopsis came from Marge Martin’s garden. She planted them a couple years before she died.

So the neighborhood gardens of Tuscany-Canterbury are what gardens should be: outright gifts, little pieces of peoples’ lives, memories, and memorials. And Doris—not to worry, because John Held and Kirsten Day water that “desert” every week. Only it’s not a desert anymore, and your lilies are blooming all over the place. —Ann Finkbeiner

Castalia Wins Landmark Status; Prospects Encouraging for Scottish Rite Temple

Castalia, the historic house designed by Laurence Hall Fowler in 1928 and owned by Calvert School since 2005, was awarded landmark status in June by the Baltimore City Council and Mayor Sheila Dixon. That designation prohibits changing the exterior of the structure on Tuscany Road without specific approval and authorization.

The City Council action rewarded extensive efforts by the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood, spearheaded by TCNA, to prevent Calvert from demolishing Castalia and replacing it with an amphitheater. In May, the city's Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) approved preliminary plans drawn by architect Walter Schamu for an addition to the rear portion of Castalia. The TCNA committee working to get Castalia landmarked agreed with CHAP that the addition would not "disfigure" the existing structure, whereupon the Baltimore City Planning Commission voted in favor of landmark status. Action by Mayor Dixon and the City Council then added Castalia to Baltimore's Landmark List.

Calvert School officials have stated that they intend to add classroom and office space to the rear of Castalia. Final architectural plans must be reviewed and approved by CHAP, however, before construction can begin. CHAP has promised to involve TCNA in its review.

Residents of Tuscany-Canterbury are indebted to Baltimore Heritage for leadership in initiating the effort to save Castalia from the wrecker's ball. And Kevin Lowery, who lives in Gardens of Guilford and is a member of TCNA, led a drive that garnered some 650 petitions submitted to CHAP and the Planning Commission in support of landmark status. Throughout the drawn-out process, Baltimore Heritage and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke were a continuing source of advice and advocacy.

The effort to landmark the Scottish Rite Temple, begun in spring 2007, will wind



Left to right: Johns Hopkins, Sue Talbott, Jim Harris, A.J. O'Brien, and Mary Pat Clarke

up this fall. CHAP and the City Planning Commission have already approved the proposal to protect this glorious building with landmark status. The proposal must next be introduced as a bill to the City Council's Urban Affairs Committee, after which the bill goes to the full City Council for approval and then to the mayor for signature. As with Castalia, TCNA is grateful to Baltimore Heritage and Mary Pat Clarke for their steadfast support for preserving the Temple as an architectural treasure in our neighborhood.

The work toward saving Castalia and the Scottish Rite Temple demonstrates what citizens banding together can accomplish to preserve and safeguard important historic buildings in our city. Baltimore Heritage was created in 1960 to assist community groups, civic leaders, and individuals concerned with preserving historically important buildings and neighborhoods. I hope that many Tuscany-Canterbury residents will join in supporting

Baltimore Heritage in its notable work on behalf of the city. To learn more about the organization and to see a current list of endangered historic structures, go to www.baltimoreheritage.org or telephone (410) 332-9992. —**Susan W. Talbott**



TCNA Committees Provide Service to Our Neighborhood

The Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association finds many opportunities to provide service to the community. That service is accomplished through the hard work and leadership provided by our various committees, which the association president appoints at the beginning of each term. The committee structure changes from time to time as needs change. Following is a description of those committees currently active, along with a roster of members of each. There are many more people who put in time and effort on behalf of TCNA, both within and outside the committee structure, but pages would be required to list them all. If you would like to volunteer to serve on any of our committees, please contact me or any board member and we will help get you started. —**Nicholas Goffeney** (president@tuscanycanterbury.org)

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

Aside from our distinction as the most densely populated neighborhood in Baltimore, the proximity of Tuscany-Canterbury to Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College, and several K-8 schools puts issues of traffic and parking among TCNA's major concerns. This committee works with the city to address both immediate challenges and long-term traffic problems in our community.

**Anne Perkins (chair), Richard Kagan,
Bernard Guyer, Marie Payzant**

NEWSLETTER:

The Newsletter Committee manages all aspects of the TCNA Newsletter and most of our additional publications. Sue Talbott and her team take care of writing, editing, printing, distribution, and scheduling. Content for the newsletter comes from residents of the community, and suggestions for contributions are welcomed.

**Susan Talbott (chair), Jack Goellner,
Vince Ercolano, Julia Evins, Marianna Busching,
Kenna Forsyth, Paula Franklin**

GARDENING:

The Gardening and Beautification Committee plants, maintains, and contributes to the community gardens of Tuscany-Canterbury. The committee also works with the city to address issues of the green space on our medians and along our roads. Members do a great deal to keep our neighborhood beautiful. The next time you see them out there working, you might want to take time to thank them for their time and effort. Or jump on in and help!

**Kenna Forsyth (chair), Susan Talbott,
Marie Payzant, Shreve Simpson, A. J. O'Brien,
Ellen Wasserman, Ellen Silbergeld**

INTERNET AND WEBPAGE:

Our website, www.tuscanycanterbury.org, has been ably managed and maintained by Fred Chalfant for many years. Fred also has the largely thankless task of managing the TCNA e-mail distribution list. With the addition of Stefanie Tomas as a design consultant this year, we look forward to upgrading the site and introducing new features and improvements this term.

Fred Chalfant, Stefanie Tomas

MEMBERSHIP:

The mission of this committee is to ensure that all residents of Tuscany-Canterbury, both new and longtime, know that TCNA is here to serve our neighborhood. The committee encourages residents to join TCNA and to participate in our many community projects. A membership form is found in almost every issue of the TCNA Newsletter. Use it to join or to renew membership. You can also join via our website, or by contacting any member of the Board of Directors.

**Sherry Christhilf (chair), Shreve Simpson
(acting membership officer), Heidi Moylan,
Kenna Forsyth, A. J. O'Brien**

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CALVERT-COMMUNITY LIAISON:

The Liaison Committee was formed as stipulated in the First Amendment to the Agreement on Restrictive Covenants, the document that allowed Calvert to purchase the property at 3906 Canterbury Rd. with the consent of the neighborhood. The committee will meet at least once each quarter to discuss issues of concern to both Calvert School and the residents of Tuscany-Canterbury. The full amendment can be found on our website by clicking on the “3906 Canterbury” link on the home page.

Liz Nilson, Canterbury Road (chair); Anne Perkins, Tuscany Road (vice chair); Don Akchin, Tuscany-Lombardy Community Corporation; Howard Casey, Gardens of Guilford; Ferd Latrobe, Canterbury Road; Joe McGraw, Calvert School

PEACE & QUIET:

Newly formed this year, the Peace & Quiet Committee consists of many residents who have confronted the increasing noisiness in Tuscany-Canterbury. The committee works to open new lines of communication with residents and building managers in addressing disturbances that affect the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. TCNA president Nicholas Goffeney is chairing the committee. There were too many participants in our initial meeting to list here. If you have a disturbance you would like to report to the committee, please write to president@tuscanycanterbury.org. You will be contacted.

Mary Pat Clarke Salutes a Departed Friend

(The following is from a tribute by Mary Pat Clarke to longtime Tuscany-Canterbury resident David Fulton, who died at home on June 10 at the age of 83.—The Editors)

When I was elected to the City Council in 2004, my retired neighbor, David Fulton, volunteered to serve as a Zoning Board observer. And serve he did, with zest and fidelity. Over the last four years he attended every single Zoning Board hearing but one, when he was hospitalized. Invariably, he occupied the same aisle seat each time, marking off the Board’s decisions as they were made. And every Wednesday morning he would tuck the marked-up agenda into my mailbox. If there had been a “hot” 14th District case, David would telephone me that same night with a detailed account of the Board’s decision making.

On the Tuesday David died, I visited the Zoning Board to tell the members that David would not be back to occupy his customary aisle seat in the hearing room. Knowing that his presence would be sadly missed, we talked about getting permission to install a small memorial plaque on the back of “David’s seat.”

Now may David Fulton, my friend, rest in peace and joy, in an aisle seat, taking notes and enjoying the fellowship of his new surroundings. —**Mary Pat Clarke**

Greater Role Seen for TCNA Traffic and Parking Committee

The TCNA Traffic and Parking Committee serves as an important point of contact between our neighborhood and the City of Baltimore. A new program created last year by Mayor Sheila Dixon and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke to increase communication between City Hall and neighborhood associations will give this committee an even greater role in the improvement of our neighborhood.

Last year, Sarah Begus led the way on traffic and parking issues for TCNA. Her successful term as committee chair culminated in a meeting with Frank Murphy, deputy city traffic engineer, to devise solutions to some of the most troubling traffic issues in our neighborhood. We have already seen some results from that meeting. Most notably, the eastbound lane of University Parkway at the intersection with 39th Street—the site of the infamous “This is Your Signal” sign—has been altered to make it easier for people to see both traffic lights. According to many residents, this change has already resulted in a safer traffic pattern.

Additionally, the city has begun collecting data on the problems we have all experienced at 39th Street and Canterbury. Although the recent introduction of two Day-Glo pedestrian signs is not getting such favorable reviews from our neighbors, overall the city has been remarkably responsive to our needs and suggestions. There is reason to believe such attentiveness will continue. Tuscany-Canterbury owes Frank Murphy, Mary Pat Clarke, and Mayor Dixon our gratitude for their responsiveness to our input.

Sarah Begus is now heavily involved in other civic matters, and we will miss her. It is gratifying to report, however, that Anne Perkins has agreed to succeed Sarah as chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee. Anyone interested in working on this committee should contact Anne at annep315@verizon.net.

—Nicholas Goffeney

An Annual Plea: Please Rake Those Leaves

We have been lucky this summer. Our various garden plots in the neighborhood have been thriving. It has been relatively cool and we have had more rain than in previous summers. We no longer had access to our previous free source of water for the 39th Street plot, so Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke’s office came to the rescue and helped us get permission from the city to use the fire hydrant at the corner of Canterbury Road and 39th Street. Thank you, Mary Pat! And we are now the proud owners of a magnificent wrench and adapter faucet that convert the hydrant to our use.

Now that fall is here, we return with our annual plea to everyone: Leaves have begun falling, and we ask you to be diligent about collecting those along the street curbs that border your property and also in the alleys. This is the responsibility of all homeowners, apartment owners, businesses, condo associations, etc. There is a problem when leaves are not collected. They stop the path of water to the storm drains and become matted, then freeze when temperatures drop, making it difficult for motorists to pull out of parking places when snow and ice accumulate.

As always, thank you for your support! —Kenna Forsyth,
Chair, Gardening and Beautification Committee



Not a TCNA Member Yet? Please Join Now

All residents, businesses, and institutions within the TCNA neighborhood are eligible for membership in the Tuscan-Canterbury Neighborhood Association. To join, simply fill out the form below and mail it with your dues payment (see below). Membership includes voting rights at the TCNA annual spring meeting: one vote per individual or business/institutional member, two votes per family membership.

**2008 Membership Form (please print clearly)
October 2008**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive email news from TCNA:

Yes No thanks

2008 Annual dues (calendar year basis):

\$15 Individual

\$20 Family

\$50 Business/Institution

Make checks payable to "TCNA" and mail to: P.O. Box 26223, Baltimore, MD 21210

I'd like to volunteer or want more information on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening and Beautification Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic and Parking Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace & Quiet Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and Webpage Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calvert-Community Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Other interest or concerns: |
