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Clyde Nelson Friz: An Architect of Tuscany-Canterbury

Note: This is an abridgement of the complete article, which covers all of the architect's projects and achievements. Please go to www.tuscanycanterbury.org to read the entire article and view more illustrations.

Clyde Nelson Friz (1867-1942) was born in Chester, Michigan, and was raised in Abilene, Kansas, where his parents moved when he was a young boy. Friz studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology but left prior to graduating in order to apprentice at various architectural firms in St. Louis and Houston. In 1900 he moved to Baltimore, where he lived and worked the remainder of his life.

Friz was deeply enmeshed in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood, where he lived and worked for several decades. In 1913, he purchased a tract of land from the University Parkway Company for \$12,000 to build a series of Italian Renaissance-style apartment buildings. The first building, the Lombardy, was erected in 1915; the Tuscany followed, in 1918.

Clyde Friz's ingenious engineering skills seamlessly integrated the two unconventional building designs with the



unusually sized lot and atypical typography.

Mature trees lining the perimeters of the buildings were spared in the construction. Open court architecture and expansive natural landscape took a front seat, while parking garages were camouflaged to the point of near disappearance.

In 1922, Friz designed his third group of apartments, the present-day Gardens of Guilford, in an Italian

Renaissance style as well, to harmonize with the Tuscany-Lombardy buildings.

A 1922 article states the architect's intention to unify all three buildings: "When completed the entire group, which will occupy a tract containing about five acres of land, will be encircling [sic] by a garden wall, insuring privacy and completing the Italian garden effect, which is the dominating feature of the design." Although the wall was never realized, the garden effect was splendidly achieved. Friz received many accolades for the projects, including three different articles in the national publication *Architectural Record*.

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TCNA FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 30, 2012,
7:30-9:30 p.m.
in the Calvert School Cafeteria,
Calvert Middle School
(Enter the cafeteria from Tuscany Road;
enter the parking lot from Charles Street.)

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Opening remarks
3. Treasurer's report
4. Committee reports
5. Old business
6. New business

Speaker: Jill Jonnes, President,
Baltimore Tree Trust

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President's Column

Dear Neighbors:

This will be my last column for the TCNA Newsletter because I will be stepping down from my role as president of TCNA after the fall TCNA meeting on October 30, 2012. While I fully intended to serve out my current term (which runs until June 2013), some family obligations have arisen, and I will not have the time to devote to leading the TCNA Board after October. However, I am confident that the members of the enlarged TCNA Board, made possible by last year's by-law change, will do a fine job of guiding the Association. TCNA is strong and fiscally sound, and I believe that together we have accomplished a great deal over the three years I've had the honor of serving as president. A review of the last 10 newsletters reminded me of the myriad activities that have engaged TCNA members.

• **Success in working with City Department of Transportation (DOT) to address traffic problems on 39th Street and University Parkway:** A new left-turn signal was installed at Charles and 39th Street. In June 2011, TCNA members endorsed the construction of a roundabout at 39th Street and Canterbury Road, and work should begin in late 2012. In January 2012, the first meeting with representatives from JHU, the Roland Park Civic League, the Guilford Association, and the Wyman Park Association was held to discuss shared concerns about the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and drivers along University Parkway from 41st Street to Charles. In August, a letter was sent to DOT by TCNA, on behalf of the group, that outlines the actions the group would like DOT to take to improve safety along University Parkway.

• **Beautification of Tuscany-Canterbury:** Tuscany Canterbury has one large and two small community gardens that are taken care of by Garden Committee volunteers. Last spring, the TCNA board voted to approach DOT for help in restoring the 39th Street median, which had been torn up by the water-main work in front of the Broadview Apartments; a TCNA Board committee will continue to work on this project with DOT.

• **Street trees:** Following a meeting with the City arborist, TCNA coordinated the planting of street trees on the median and in several spots on Canterbury and Cloverhill Roads. Recently, several TCNA members volunteered to serve on a team that will do a street tree census, the idea being that we need to document the trees we have, their variety, size, and state of health, before making a plan to add more trees.

• **The website and e-mail group designed and implemented by TCNA's Web Committee:** Early in 2010, a Yahoo e-mail system was created so that mass e-mails could be sent to members on an as-needed basis. This system proved its worth during the blizzards of 2010, when many residents were snowbound and would have had no way of finding out about local conditions without the e-mails sent to them by TCNA. The TCNA website was launched in the summer of 2011, and it has enabled the Membership Committee to sign up new and renewing members via the website, thus streamlining the work of this committee and saving hours of volunteer time. The website also serves as a resource for

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those who want to learn about Tuscany-Canterbury and TCNA. A listserv for TCNA members was launched six weeks ago.

- **TCNA liaison with other organizations:** TCNA maintains contact with the following organizations: Northern District Police Council, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Greater Roland Park Community Advisory Committee, and the North Baltimore Coalition. Additionally, the Calvert-TCNA Liaison Committee has been actively involved with the two Calvert building projects, and it monitors Calvert's adherence to the 2008 Amendment to the 2001 Covenant signed between TCNA and the Calvert School (these documents are on the TCNA website).

- **The Friends of Stony Run:** Six TCNA members were instrumental in founding this organization, which was launched in the spring of 2012 following two years of planning. The long wait for a bridge across the Stony Run at the foot of Stoney Ford should be over in 2013. This will be just one of the many improvements to the walking path along the stream, which follows the old right-of-way of the MA & PA railroad. When restoration of the path along the stream is completed, residents of seven communities, from Roland Park south to Remington, will be able to enjoy this scenic and historic walkway.

- **Snow summit:** With valuable assistance from Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, a review of the City's plan for snow removal within Tuscany-Canterbury enabled the "snow committee" to create a plan for snow removal on the small streets the City will not plow. Calvert School will continue to offer major assistance with snow removal.

- **Social events:** Several years ago TCNA inaugurated the First Friday gathering as a means to encourage neighbors to get together. Additionally, two other venues engage many T-C residents: the fall picnic and work on the three gardens in our community.

- **Heritage Preservation Award:** In 2009, Baltimore Heritage recognized TCNA with their Heritage Preservation Award. This very special award recognized our collective efforts to preserve two buildings in our community: the Scottish Rite Temple and Castalia.

Finally, I want to applaud the work of the TCNA Board members who served during my term as president. We met eleven months a year, and individual board members, together with other TCNA members, served on various TCNA committees. The work of the Board and the committees resulted in the long list of accomplishments I outlined above. Kudos to all who have helped to make living in Tuscany-Canterbury so pleasant.

Susan W. Talbott
President, TCNA

Clyde Nelson Friz: An Architect of Tuscany-Canterbury

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In 1917 Friz lived briefly in the Lombardy before moving into an expansive duplex apartment in the Tuscany, in 1918. His apartment today is still referred to as the "architect's apartment," and it contains many unique architectural features. Ten years later, in 1928, Friz moved into a self-designed residence with his family down the road at 4201 Linkwood. Now a single-family home, the building originally comprised two semidetached fieldstone and stucco homes. According to Eileen Higham, the homes were built so that Friz's daughter could live next door to him.

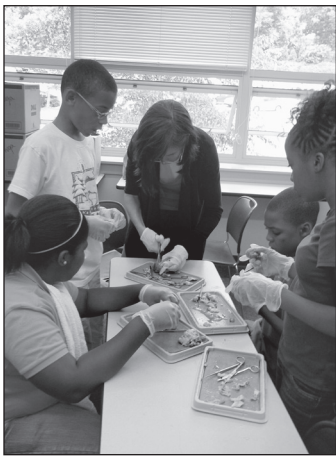
Another of Friz's notable achievements is the Scottish Rite Temple, designed with renowned architect John Russell Pope (1874–1937) consulting. It is described by Baltimore Heritage as "both Italian Renaissance and Beaux Arts Classical in style, with a columned portico based on the Pantheon in Rome. Eight 34-foot columns with Corinthian capitals provide the entrance facing Charles Street, and the entry consists of two massive bronze doors." In 2009 the building was added to the Baltimore City Landmarks List with help from the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke.

—Anna J. Clarkson

The TCNA Listserv is active! Email notices to Allmembers@TCNA.memberclicks.net.

School Partnership Gets Results

If you passed by Calvert School during the sleepy days of July, you might have thought not much was happening on campus. Looking a little closer, however, you would have found more than fifty fully engaged students learning fractions with Skittles, performing frog dissections, practicing dance and public speaking, or preparing for field trips, ranging from sailing to attending a presentation by neurosurgeon Ben Carson.



Middle Grades Partnership students dissecting frogs

lose a lot of what they learned during school over the summer and start off behind. Our program helps to give them a head start for next year," says MGP program director Willie Little, coordinator of middle school mathematics at Calvert.

Teachers from Calvert and Key collaborate to bring the best of private and public school practices to the program. Baltimore School for the Arts (BSA) student Markia Smith, a MGP grad who returned as an intern, credits the program for getting her excited about math and science for the first time and deepening her appreciation for theater.

An additional goal is to prepare public school students for entry to the most competitive public high schools. More than 90 percent of Key students go on to City, Poly, Western, or BSA. Many say that would not have been possible without the enrichment and encouragement they received through the MGP program.

For more information about Middle Grades Partnership, please visit www.middlegradespartnership.org or contact Beth Drummond Casey at bcasey@middlegradespartnership.org.

—Debbie Feldman Jones

Traffic and Parking Committee Report

by Jackie MacMillan

More than fifty neighborhood residents attended a meeting with officials of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) on July 12 to discuss their concerns about traffic on 39th Street from University Parkway to Charles Street. The meeting was facilitated by Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. In attendance were DOT director Khalil A. Zaied, James Harkness, the acting director of Traffic, planner Mark Brown, and northwest transportation liaison Kohl Fallon.

The meeting was an outgrowth of residents' concerns about pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the corridor, where speeding auto traffic is exacerbated by blind curves and where drivers are often inattentive to walkers and bikers. Attendees cited recent incidents in which a pedestrian was hit by a car near the entrance to the Broadview and a bicyclist was hit by a car at 39th Street and Canterbury Road.

The meeting also addressed residents' questions and concerns about the planned traffic circle at 39th and Canterbury. Many people who live in the corridor had not attended the last year's TCNA meeting at which the circle was proposed by DOT officials and endorsed by TCNA members. The meeting provided an opportunity for residents to ask questions and comment.

By the end of the meeting, there was a general agreement that DOT should proceed with the circle, which the DOT officials assured residents would help in slowing traffic. The officials agreed to conduct a traffic study to determine what additional measures are needed to make the corridor safer. Remedies to be considered include speed humps and a speed camera. The TCNA Traffic and Parking Committee is in the process of preparing paperwork to initiate the study.

The committee is working hard to address traffic and parking problems on several other fronts. Anyone who would like to join should contact Jackie MacMillan at 410-889-1223 or gormac@qis.net.

In and around the Neighborhood

by Kate Richardson

JOHNS HOPKINS EVENTS

Below are a few early fall JHU events that may increase the amount of traffic to the campus and surrounding neighborhoods.

September 29	Football: JHU v Juniata
October 4-7	Fall Fest 2012
October 19	Football: JHU v Gettysburg
October 19-21	JHU Family Weekend

JHU HOMEWOOD has a full schedule of arts events: theater, art exhibits, cabaret, and dance. Go to http://web.jhu.edu/studentlife/homewood_arts/calendar.html.

SHRIVER HALL CONCERT SERIES will open its 2012-13 eight-concert subscription series on October 14 at 5:30 pm with the return of the internationally praised American Brentano String Quartet. Other concerts in the series will be held on November 4, January 27, February 17, and April 7. For more information, go to www.shriverconcerts.org.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS @ SECOND begins its 2012-13 season on September 23 at 3:30 pm with C Street Blues. The concerts are held at the Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street. A full schedule of concerts is available at www.communityconcertsatsecond.org.

MUSIC AT EVERGREEN begins its series on October 27 at 3 pm with pianist Gleb Ivanov. A full schedule is available at <http://www.museums.jhu.edu/evergreen.php>.

BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL dates are September 28-30, 2012, at Mount Vernon Place, 600 block of North Charles Street.

FREE FALL BALTIMORE

For the seventh year in a row, Free Fall Baltimore makes more than one hundred arts and cultural activities available for free to city residents and visitors during the month of October. To see a day-by-day listing of events, go to <http://www.freefallbaltimore.com>.

JHU ODYSSEY COURSES start on September 22 with "Walk and Write: An Urban Ramble and Literary Workshop." For a complete catalog, go to <http://odyssey.jhu.edu>.

Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association Financial Report FY 2012

	Actual 7/1/11-6/30/12	Budget 12 Mos.
REVENUES		
Dues/Book Rev Received	\$6,553	\$6,345
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$427	\$400
Committees, etc	\$604	\$200
Newsletters, etc.	\$296	\$200
Socials	\$151	\$175
Gardens	\$339	\$450
Winter Needs	\$201	\$1,000
Events/Services	\$365	\$200
Internet, etc.	\$2,104	\$2,851
Affiliate Dues	\$-	\$100
Contributions	\$100	\$200
Board Reserve	\$1,000	\$569
Total	\$5,587	\$6,345
Revenues less Expenses	\$966	\$-
Funds for Board Reserve		\$4,000
Funds for Operating Expenses		\$6,125
TOTAL CASH 6/30/2012		\$10,125

News & Notes by A.J. O'Brien

TRAFFIC ALERTS: Charles Street between University Parkway and 28th Street will be closed on or about September 5th and remain closed a minimum of 2 years! Details can be found on the website: <http://charlesstreet.mdprojects.com/>

The ROUNDABOUT at 39th and Canterbury is scheduled to be constructed in late fall, 2012.

STREET LIGHTS: Report non-working streetlights to Baltimore City: 311. The response may be slow because the City must send a report to BGE, which handles repairs.

FIRST FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR: Happy Hours will be hosted by TCNA on: October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, and February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7. Join your neighbors at The Alizee Restaurant in the Inn at the Colonade, 5 to 6:30 pm. Free hors d'oeuvres are provided; individuals can purchase wine, beer, soft drinks at the bar. If you would like to park in the garage (for free), ask staff at the Alizee to stamp your ticket.

DUMPSTER DAYS: TCNA schedules dumpster days each fall and spring. Bulk trash may be put in City-supplied dumpsters on the following two dates at two different locations in Tuscany-Canterbury: Saturday October 6 at the corner of Linkwood & Tuscany Roads and on Saturday, November 11 at the intersection of Tuscany Road and Highfield Road. It is best to arrive early; the dumpsters are on site between 9 am and 3 pm. Please leave nothing outside the dumpsters.

FRIENDS OF STONY RUN sponsors many activities in the park along Linkwood Road near our neighborhood. A major

project will involve rebuilding the hiking trail on the old Ma & Pa Railroad right-of-way. The goal is to link this trail to the Jones Falls Trail. The first cleanup will be held Saturday, November 17, and volunteers are needed. (Contact AJ O'Brien: ajobrien1937@verizon.net.) Additionally, special walks along the trail featuring topics such as edible plants are being planned for early fall. Dates and times for all events will be announced in a TCNA email.

FALL ALLEY CLEAN UP: Our alleys are beautiful. Please help out by cleaning up debris and trim growth that is beyond your fence or in your driveway. In addition to creating a better appearance, it helps to reduce the rodent population.

KEEP GUTTERS CLEAR OF FALLING LEAVES: Please do your part to rake leaves around your home. If there is a storm drain nearby, be a good citizen by adopting the drain and keeping it clean year round.

THINK SNOW: Some long-range weather forecasts predict heavy snow in January and February 2013. In early December, TCNA will call for block leaders to formulate a strategy for snow removal. Each street has different needs. Please volunteer by contacting AJ O'Brien ajobrien1937@verizon.net

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Do not leave valuable items in your car, and do not leave items such as sunglasses in view. Even a few coins left on the dashboard or visible in an ashtray can tempt a thief to break in. Cell phone charger cords and GPS brackets left in plain view suggest that associated devices are somewhere in the car.

Property Sales in Tuscany-Canterbury

Property Address	Listed Price	Sales Price
3914 CLOVERHILL RD	\$402,500	\$402,500
3916 CLOVERHILL RD	\$359,000	\$340,000
221 RIDGEMEDE RD #207	\$85,000	\$85,000
3903 CANTERBURY RD	\$323,000	\$313,000
4203 TUSCANY CT	\$325,000	\$320,000

Note: This data represents real estate activity from June 1st through August 1, 2012 in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The information is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

Source: This information is gathered from the Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc. and is provided courtesy of Karin R. Batterton, GRI, CRS Realtor Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Roland Park Office at Cross Keys kbatterton@cbmove.com

Northern District Community Relations Council

by John Rabb

I serve as the liaison from the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association to the Community Relations Council of the Northern District of the Baltimore City Police Department.

We meet bi-monthly and hear from the leadership of the district, and I am pleased to say that crime is down in our district. We also hear about a variety of other matters such as internal affairs, abuse of animals, the Civilian Review Board, processes for dealing with domestic violence, and crime prevention. I notify Sue Talbott of critical issues to be circulated via e-mail.

Of special importance is how we have been told to use 911.

All calls are sent to a central exchange and prioritized. So the following information is helpful:

- 1.) Give as much specific information as you can. This makes clear what may be happening.
- 2.) If you see someone casing houses or cars this is **a crime in progress** and should be called such.
- 3.) Do not worry if you advocate for what you see; this is actually helpful.
- 4.) The police will determine what has happened; and it is better to call than not call.

A couple of weeks ago, we noticed a group of youth in the Calvert Middle School parking lot. We did not try to figure out what was going on but called 911 and noted it was suspicious behavior. While I do not know what was going on, the police responded in a matter of moments.

If you have questions or concerns for our meetings, you can reach me through rabbfamily@msn.com.

THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO TCNA

Julia Evins - newsletter graphic designer
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After the Storm

*The day the storm snapped away
our words, and they lay trapped
and silent in the draped wires,
people crept down dark stairwells,
sat on hot porches,
complaining there were no words,
no glowing screens. Streetlights stood
black as burnt matches; the phones
lay like dead animals.*

*But the sun still rose in carmine glory,
the trees shook their wet heads
and pulled higher toward the fresh sky,
the birds poured solos
into the quiet morning.
We talked with each other, and at night
we could see the stars.*

—Marianna Busching

Carl S. Hyman an urban planner, project management expert, and Baltimore City community activist died after a lengthy battle with lung cancer on September 5. He served as President of the Board of the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association for two terms and was also active in the Tuscany-Lombardy Cooperative, where he lived with his wife Meg and son Alex.

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Thank you for your support!

All residents businesses, and institutions within the neighborhood are eligible for membership in the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association. We encourage you to join online. Please go to **www.tuscanycanterbury.org** to become a member and pay dues. All members are entitled to receive email alerts from the TCNA Board and use the listerv. If you have questions about membership, click on the Contact Us link on our website. To join by mail, use the form below.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Second Name _____ E-mail _____

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