

TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Community Meets with Calvert School about Construction Plans



On Tuesday evening, January 24, a large group of community residents met with Calvert School representatives about the upcoming construction called for in the school's master plan.

Calvert headmaster Andy Matire presented an overview of Calvert's construction plans:

- New construction and improvements to current buildings will serve the current student population only. There are no plans to increase enrollment.
- New construction will include a lower-school addition on the open land on Canterbury Road, where a fraternity house once stood. Construction will

start when the school year ends this June and will be finished by the time school starts in September 2013.

- A middle-school lecture hall, to seat 250 people and having improved lighting and acoustics, will be built between the current atrium and the headmaster's house, on Oak Place. Construction is scheduled to start when the school year ends this June, and the hall should be ready for occupancy in the spring of 2013.

At some future time not yet fixed in Calvert's planning, Castalia, on Tuscany Road adjacent to the middle school, will be converted into the

headmaster's residence, with changes limited to the interior only. The house on Oak Place, currently occupied by the headmaster, will be converted to house administrative offices.

Questions and answers followed. Concern was voiced by many of those attending the meeting about the hour at which construction work and attendant noises would begin each morning. TCNA's covenant with Calvert stipulates that work may not begin before 7 a.m. and that trucks at the site may not keep their engines idling. The owner of the construction company chosen for the job stated that a 24-hour phone line would be available to handle complaints and queries.

Information about the construction at Calvert will be shared with TCNA members by e-mail alerts and will also be available on the Association's website (www.tuscanycanterbury.org).

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President's Column

Happy New Year

Since the last newsletter (Fall 2011) members of the TCNA Board and others have been actively promoting our community.

I especially want to commend the members of the Internet and Web Page Committee for their extraordinary effort to launch the new website. Little did we know this task would be so immense! Hats off to Chair Kevin Moore, Chair David Bedingfield, Andy Parsley, and Brian Nelson.

Word of a plan to renovate the 39th Street median is reported on elsewhere, but I want to commend David Bedingfield for his effort to persuade the City to have a landscape firm, under contract to the City, draw up the plans. This constitutes a miracle, in my book.

Construction of the roundabout at 39th and Canterbury should begin in late spring, but not before several TCNA members have had a chance to review the drawings.

Another traffic-related project, with the support of JHU, is focused on traffic calming along San Martin Drive. Our new Traffic and Parking Chair, Jackie MacMillan, will join with others to continue work with the City and JHU to address the dangerous intersection at 39th and West University Parkway. As always, Councilwoman Clarke is supportive of our efforts to solve problems in this area, and we have asked both the Guilford Association and the Roland Park Civic League to help us press our request to

make this intersection safer for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers.

The newly organized Friends of Stony Run (www.stonyrun.org) will sponsor another walk along the stream path in the spring. An e-mail alert will inform TCNA members of the date and time.

We welcome TCNA member John Rabb as our new liaison to the Northern District Council, which meets every two months. Thank you to board member Cartan Kraft who served in this role for more than two years. And thank you to John Robinson, who was the prior chair of the TCNA-Calvert School Liaison Committee.

So far, no snow to contend with, but TCNA is ready, thanks to a very successful Snow Summit convened in October by Councilwoman Clarke and me. With the help of Joe McGraw, facilities director at the Calvert School, and other T-C residents, we have a plan to deal with snow removal. The Calvert School staff have done yeoman service in prior years, clearing many streets nearby the school. While we are most appreciative, we hope we won't need to count on them again this year.

I look forward to seeing many of you on April 14, when we host another stream cleanup along the Stony Run.

—Susan W. Talbott

Bill Eberhart (1938-2011), a “Renaissance man”

Bill Eberhart, a true Renaissance man of many skills and passions, was a beloved friend and resident of the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood for forty years. After moving here, he got actively involved in the community—he and his wife Linda were co-presidents of the TCNA board in the late seventies.

His accomplishments included developing the first foil packaging for McCormick spices and training in languages in the army. A few of his goals were developing the Gwynns Falls Trail (which took ten years) and achieving local and federal historic designation for his native Franklinton neighborhood.

But Bill’s passions, enumerated so beautifully in a funeral eulogy by Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke on October 22, 2010, are perhaps what make a man live on in the hearts of his family and

friends. At the top of his list were his wife, Linda, and his son, Billy. He also loved traveling, he loved his handmade sailboat, he loved songs by Emmylou Harris, and he loved his city of Baltimore, for which he worked tirelessly in various associations and task forces, including serving as a member of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake’s Transition Team. Another of his loves, since 1973, was rescuing cats, which, according to his neighbors, are quiet and well-behaved.

Despite Bill’s his many accomplishments, as a graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Lehigh University, as marketing vice president at McCormick and Company, and in his military service, perhaps Bill will be remembered most for his passions: his family, his service to his community, and his love of Baltimore.

—Marianna Busching

Helen Victoria Dixon (1929–2012)

Helen Dixon, a long-time Tuscany-Canterbury resident, died January 6, 2012. Helen’s neighbors knew her as a sweet and gentle soul, very upbeat and friendly. She was an avid sports enthusiast and had quite a green thumb. She felt very strongly about protecting all of nature: flowers, plants, trees, and animals, as well.

The Dixons, mother (Sarah), older sister, Caroline, and Helen, moved in 1952 from their former home in Riderwood to 3919 Canterbury Road, where the two sisters have lived ever since. Caroline says that their house has a double lot because the houses on Canterbury had been built from 39th as far as their house when building stalled due to U.S. involvement in World War I. An American general bought the house as a wedding present for his daughter after he had persuaded the builder to allow him to purchase and include the property immediately next door, thus the double lot.

Helen was living and working in Washington, D.C., at the time but decided to move back to Baltimore and live with her mother and sister. After briefly working in the trust unit of Mercantile Bank, Helen became a mathematics teacher at Oldfields School. She remained there for about six years and then became a pension plan consultant for the Herget Company. She went to several

other companies with the expertise that she developed there.

Helen was a great lacrosse player (she was named All American in her junior year in college), but due to a tear in the cartilage in her knee which followed soon thereafter, was never able to play as an All American. She then turned her athletic skills to tennis and squash, which she played with her good friend MacGregor Stewart until well into her sixties.

Helen and Caroline had a special love of dogs, particularly their beloved German Shepard Bert. Helen supported many SPCA activities.

After they both retired, Helen and Caroline bought a house on Taylors Island on the Eastern Shore, in Dorchester County, Maryland. Their house was on Cator’s Cove, which was where their forebears, the Cator family, had originally settled. They spent many wonderful days there.

While decorating the family Christmas tree on December 22, 2010, Helen fell and broke her hip. Her recovery was slow, and she had to convalesce at Keswick Home. She never seemed to snap back from her injuries. She died there earlier this month. Her sister Caroline may now be the resident who has lived longest in the neighborhood.

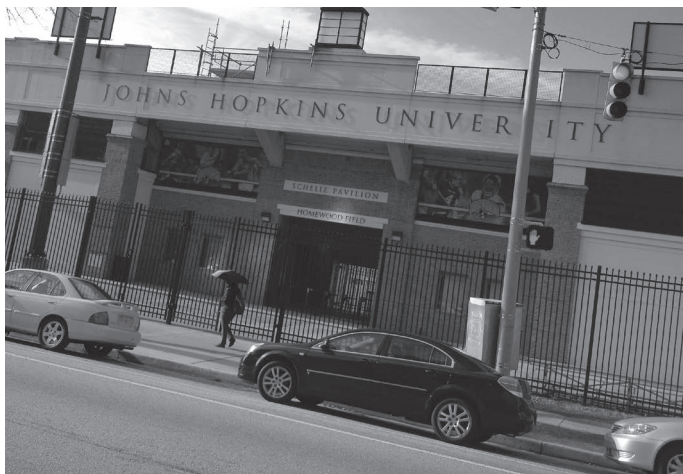
—Jane Pilliod and A.J. O’Brien

In and around the Neighborhood

by David Beningfield

JHU Lacrosse Facility

The new lacrosse facility construction at the east end of Homewood Stadium is on schedule for completion at the end of July 2012. The opening is set for the end of August.



Homewood Field PA System

Recently, at the request of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, JHU's community liaison office invited representatives from the communities surrounding Johns Hopkins to express their concerns about noise from the PA system on game days. At this meeting, JHU representatives agreed to visit several homes on game days in the spring so they too can hear the loud noise that disturbs many nearby residents. Hopkins also agreed to hire a sound engineering firm to investigate the problem.

Other JHU Issues of Interest

Last October the university invited representatives of the surrounding communities to a presentation on current and future on-campus and off-campus projects. Hopkins also announced a study of student housing needs. If more students are ultimately to be housed on campus, those who derive their income from apartment rentals to students will be affected. Additionally, community representatives were informed that 600 JHU employees now work and park at the former Zurich insurance building next to the Rotunda. This facility, named

Johns Hopkins at Keswick, is expected to accommodate from 1,200 to 1,400 employees within the next two years.

North Charles Street Reconstruction

Work on this project is expected to begin in March.

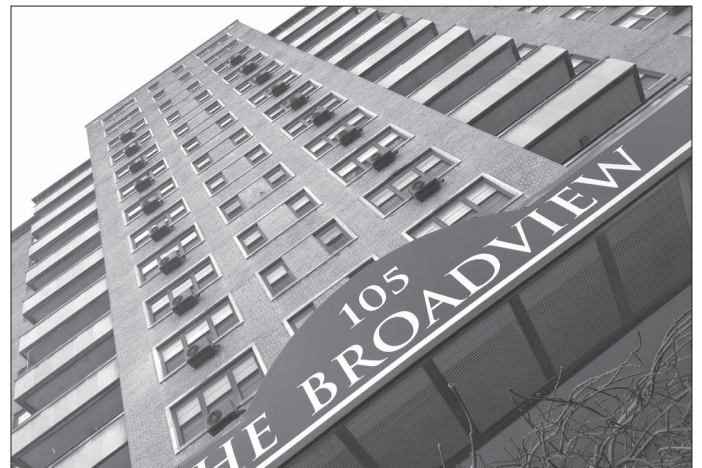
Extensive media and website coverage will inform motorists about detours. (**See www.charlesstreet.mdprojects.com.**) E-mail alerts will be sent to TCNA members as needed.

The 39th Street Median Restoration

We have positive news to report on this project. A landscape architecture firm, under contract to the city, has prepared a plan for the median. It is currently under review by the city landscape architect, and we hope to discuss the plan with the City in February. Our goal is to make the 39th Street median a gateway to our community.

The Broadview Goes Green

Bruce Knight, maintenance supervisor at the Broadview apartment building, tells us that installation of a "green roof" is almost complete. This plan began over eighteen months ago, when the joint owners (all Bush family members) made the decision to go green. Aided by grant funds cover-



ing about half the total cost, the Broadview is installing solar panels on the roof. A ventilation system to provide cleaner air throughout the building is also being installed. While the solar panels will power common area functions only, the new ventilation system is to serve the entire building. Mr. Knight told us that they expect to derive approximately 22% of their total electrical usage from this project. Tuscany-Canterbury can be proud of this significant environmental effort by one of our iconic businesses. The late Mary Bush, whose father built the Broadview, surely deserves some credit for this achievement.

Greater Roland Park Master Plan

TCNA is represented on the Master Plan's Oversight Committee. The most recent action approved by the City will involve significant improvements to Roland Avenue between Cold Spring Lane and Northern Parkway. This project will include resurfacing and the addition of traffic lanes to ease congestion at school drop-off and pick-up times. You can check the Roland Park Civic League website to obtain more detailed information: <http://www.rolandpark.org>.

February Sunset

*Flat lid of clouds, lifting
the heavy early dark of afternoon
over the eggplant sunset,
how did you melt your iron sky
into this peach finale,
this enameled promise
that tomorrow will rise fair,
one day closer to spring?*

—Marianna Busching

Please Renew Your Membership

when you receive the renewal notice.

New members can go online for a membership form. The more involved members we have in Tuscany-Canterbury, the more clout we'll have in advocating for the interests of our community.



Stony Run winds its way along an open meadow

News & Notes by A.J. O'Brien



First Fridays, the monthly neighborhood gatherings, will continue in the **Colonnade's Alizée bistro and wine bar** through the rest of winter and into the spring. Enjoy the company of your neighbors and invite new residents of the T-C area to join the fun. Upcoming dates, all from 5 to 6:30 p.m., are March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1. See you there.

Application forms for membership in TCNA and forms for membership renewal are on the Association's website: **www.tuscanycanterbury.org**. Current members will receive dues reminders. Please pay your dues promptly, whether online via the website or by check. Remember that only members receive the popular e-mail alerts and messages from the TCNA board.

Potholes. The freezing/thawing conditions of winter cause increasing numbers of potholes on our neighborhood streets. Baltimore City responds to calls for pothole repairs, usually within 48 hours. To report potholes, call 311 or put your request online: <http://baltimore.customerservicerequest.org>

Curbside Debris. There have been many complaints about leaves and other debris accumulating along curbs on Tuscany-Canterbury streets. In addition to the obvious value of our living in a clean, well-kept neighborhood, Baltimore City's Property Maintenance Code states that property owners "must maintain all lots and exterior premises, including abutting sidewalks, gutters, and alleys, in clean, safe and sanitary conditions." Next-door neighbors can cooperate in joining together to clear debris from their curbs and to keep storm sewer grates unclogged.

Display Your Address. Police and fire departments remind us to display our street addresses on both the front and rear of our houses. In an emergency you would not want your house to be hard to find. The Fire Department also advises installing carbon monoxide detectors as well as smoke detectors in all homes. Carbon monoxide and house fires have caused multiple deaths in Baltimore so far this winter.

Friends of Stony Run will sponsor a walk on the old Ma & Pa Railroad right-of-way on an upcoming Sunday afternoon in March. The date and time will be announced in a TCNA e-mail alert to members of TCNA.

Blue Water Baltimore will sponsor its annual spring stream cleanup on Stony Run on Saturday morning, April 14.

Dumpster Days. The city has scheduled two dates for dumpsters to be placed in Tuscany-Canterbury this coming spring: Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Linkwood Road at Tuscany Road; and Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Canterbury Road at Highfield Road. Large items of trash for disposal may be put into the dumpsters—but please, no building materials.

Gardens of Guilford

Some of you may know that the beautiful Gardens of Guilford apartments were previously named the Garden Apartments. However, did you know that initially these apartments were conceived as the Campagnia Apartments? The Campagnia Apartments were designed to compliment neighboring Italian Renaissance-style buildings, the Tuscany (1918) and the Lombardy (1915), also designed by Architect Clyde N. Friz (ca. 1867–1942). Note here an early rendition of the Campagnia Apartments as they appeared in the *Architectural Record* of 1922 (vol.1). While the name did not remain, many features indeed did.

Can you spot the changes between the architect's early rendering and the completed Gardens of Guilford Apartments standing today?

—Research by Anna Clarkson,
Tuscany Lombardy Cooperative



FIG. 96. ELEVATION OF "CAMPAGNIA" APARTMENTS, BALTIMORE, MD.
Clyde N. Friz, Architect



Canterbury Road House

Crowds wait to inspect the model for University Homes, a grouping of differently styled dwellings on Canterbury Road erected circa 1916–1922.

Created by architect and developer George R. Morris, a reported 27,000 people visited the model home, which was open for "inspection" both day and night (depicted here in "flashlight view"). Further Reading: *Builders' Journal*, July 1922, p. 38; *The Baltimore Rowhouse*, by Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, p. 136.

Can you guess whose house this is?

—Research by Anna Clarkson,
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your support!*

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