

TUSCANY-ITERBURY

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Presidents' Column

by Susan W. Talbott and A.J. O'Brien, TCNA Board Co-Presidents

Good news—the roundabout, often called the circle, was completed in early August, and many neighbors, including Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, attended a ribbon cutting on August 1st. This fall, the City will plant daylillies in the two small planters in the splitter islands of the roundabout so we'll have some pretty flowers in the late spring of 2014.

TCNA applauds the Department of Transportation (DOT) for completing the construction in under one month. We especially appreciated the excellent work done by the following people: Kohl Fallin (the DOT Northwest liaison), Jessica Lewis and Kevin Livingston (DOT engineers), and Flannigan Contractors. All were very responsive to questions and comments by interested neighbors, many of whom were inconvenienced by the necessary road closures at Canterbury and 39th Street.

A little history: The TCNA Traffic Committee wrestled with the question, What to do about Canterbury and 39th Street?, for over 20 years. Indeed, TCNA Traffic committee chairs, including Richard Kagan, the late Bill Eberhart, Bernie Guyer, and Ann Perkins, led the campaign to slow traffic and make the intersection safer.

Finally, current Traffic Committee Chair Jackie MacMillan and her excellent committee have overseen the completion of the roundabout. The full effect of this major change won't be known until schools open in the fall, but we all hope that the circle will slow traffic and make the roadway safer for both pedestrians and cyclists.

The next big challenge for TCNA's Traffic Committee is the intersection at University Parkway and 39th Street. The committee is working in collaboration with JHU and the community associations in Roland Park, Wyman Park, and Guilford in an effort to guide DOT as plans are made to make this intersection safer.

Regarding the election of the TCNA Board last June: the Nominating Commiittee, led by John Raab, worked very hard to identify a person who would be willing to serve as president of TCNA's board. Because a candidate could not be found, we (AJ and Sue) were asked to serve as co-presidents with the understanding that Tom Forno, the new vice president of TCNA, would move into the president's role in June 2014. We will do our very best to serve the Tuscany-Canterbury community in partnership with our fellow board members.



TCNA ANNUAL **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Tuesday, November 5 7:00-9:30 p.m. Calvert Middle School auditorium (Enter building from Tuscany Road; enter parking lot from Charles Street.)

AGENDA

- Call to order
- **Opening remarks**
- 3. Treasurer's report
- Committee reports
- Old business
- 6. New business

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Northway on Charles Street to Become Student Housing

The Northway, at 3700 N. Charles Street, is now undergoing a total renovation, a process that is to be completed by May 2014. The building will house only students and will be called the Varsity.

The exterior of the building will not be altered, so the developers will avoid a hearing before the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP). The building is zoned multi-family residential, and it meets all current city zoning and parking requirements. All windows will be replaced; the exterior of the building will be cleaned and pointed; the entire building will be brought up to code. The cost of the renovation is estimated to be \$17 million.

Prior to the renovation, there were 95 units in the building with an undisclosed number of students residing in the building. Following the renovation, there will be 108 units with 327 beds. Each student will sign a one-year lease. Each unit will include one or two bathrooms, a washer and dryer, air conditioning, and a kitchen. The rent per bed (per student) will range from \$850 to \$1500, including utilities. All units will have built-in furniture (beds, dressers, computer tables and chairs) to mitigate move in/move out issues. There will be a maximum of four beds in a unit.

The main entrance, which currently faces Charles Street, will be moved to Bishop's Lane and will be landscaped. The exterior of the Charles Street entrance will remain the same. The current garage, including 58 spaces, will be retained. There will be 19 additional spaces added to the existing 19 outdoor parking spots along the north side of the building for a total of 96 parking places.

TCNA Members Active in Tree Baltimore Census

More than 80 people attended the annual meeting of Tree Baltimore on July 25th at Cylburn Arboretum. Representatives from Blue Water Baltimore, Parks and People, Baltimore City's Forestry Division and other city departments, Baltimore Orchard Project, and other public and private groups interested in promoting Baltimore's tree canopy maintained booths and offered informational materials.

The audience heard presentations on city and neighborhood efforts to create accurate tree censuses. All censuses will use GPS positioning so that accurate sharing of data can occur.

Other presentations included information about successful neighborhood treeplanting programs, the Office of Sustainability's plans for including greening activities in their vacant land projects, and other activities intended to improve the percentage of Baltimore with a tree canopy. There are ambitious goals to increase the canopy from the present 27% to 40%.

Members of Tuscany-Canterbury have formed a team to conduct a census of street trees in our area. The Tuscany-Canterbury team consists of Fred Chalfant, Tom Forno, Elsie Grant, Roger Horn, Eugene O'Dunne, Jane Pilliod, Tracey Roberts, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Sue Talbott. The census is expected to be completed this fall. The information the team gathers will be shared with the City and added to its database.

Membership

by Carol Doctrow, Chair

This summer, the Membership Committee has been busy preparing and hand-delivering letters to former TCNA members whose memberships lapsed in 2012 and the first six months of 2013. Lapsed members are given a month to renew their memberships; otherwise, they are removed from the membership rolls and no longer have the privilege of voting at TCNA meetings. They also lose access to blast e-mails sent by Sue Talbott on behalf of TCNA.

On or around June 21, letters were delivered to former members whose memberships lapsed in 2012. Anyone from that group who did not renew by July 21 was removed from the membership rolls. On or around July 10, letters were delivered to former members whose memberships lapsed during the first three months of 2013. Anyone from that group who did not renew by August 10 was removed from the membership rolls. Finally, on or around August 2, letters were delivered to those whose memberships lapsed during the second three months of 2013. Anyone from that group who did not renew by September 3 was removed from the membership rolls.

In all about 90 letters were delivered. As of August 3, about 10% of lapsed members had renewed. We hope that number will double by September 3. We should have final results from this effort for the next newsletter.

Now that the membership list has been brought up to date with only paid members receiving the benefits of membership, the committee would like to turn its attention to exploring ways to recruit new members, especially those in multi-family buildings where membership rates are extremely low.

If you would like to join the Membership Committee, or if you have ideas that you would like to share with us, please contact Carol Doctrow at cdoctrow@verizon.net.

TCNA Financial Statement

The 2013 TCNA financial statement will be published in the winter issue of the newsletter. It will also be available online at www.tuscanycanterbury.org in October.

Myriad Amenities Right at Your Elbow

by Marianna Busching, TCNA Member

Several years ago, the TCNA newsletter ran an article about the restaurants and businesses that could be reached from the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood by walking 10,000 steps or less. Since that article was written, the neighborhood has changed and become even richer in amenities that are right at your elbow and can be reached without using your car or even walking 10,000 steps.

Some restaurants are already familiar to many residents. High-end dining is available at the Ambassador's highly rated Indian restaurant. The Alizee American Bistro in the Colonnade serves fine American cuisine and also hosts TCNA's popular First Friday Happy Hour. La Famiglia on 39th Street serves Northern Italian cuisine. Other sit-down dining experiences can be found at the Chocolatea in the Ambassador and One World Café on the corner of Canterbury and University Boulevard. The long-established Hopkins Deli on 39th Street has expanded its spirits and wine offerings and now also has a spacious sit-down restaurant area beyond the wine and the sundries. It is open for lunch and dinner, but not breakfast.

If you are looking for mostly coffee, the best places are Chocolatea, the Brown Bag Café in the Colonnade, the One World, and a tiny coffee shop in the Carlyle called the Carlyle Café.

A small shop often overlooked is the Broadview Market on 39th Street. It sells snacks, some deli items, newspapers and other unexpected merchandise, such as maps, books and DVDs. The sleek Salon Tésio is just down University Boulevard from the One World Café, and if you need a hot-stone massage, there is a spa located discretely out of sight in the Colonnade.

If you really want to walk 10,000 steps, you can drag a cart down University Blvd. to the teeming Waverly Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. It offers many stands of organic food. The bad news is that is it all uphill on the way back, but this 74-year-old reporter does it frequently, hauling watermelons and all.

A true boon to the neighborhood is the proximity of the Union Memorial Hospital, only four blocks away, with its emergency room, many clinics, and fine doctors. There is easy, available parking, and a trip to the doctor might give you the opportunity to visit the Barnes and Noble bookstore and Tamber's restaurant, both on St. Paul Street.

The many opportunities to get out, eat and do a little shopping practically right outside your door make this neighborhood one of the choice places to live in Baltimore.

Get Ready for the TCNA Fall Picnic

The Tuscany Canterbury annual fall picnic will be held in the Calvert School athletic field on September 21 from 4:30 to 7 pm.

Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and paper products will be provided. Bring something to drink and a side dish to share.

If you have a grill you can bring, call AJ O'Brien at 410-235-6093.

The picnic offers members of the Tuscany-Canterbury community a safe playground for children of all ages, games, and a chance to meet neighbors.

Please bring soccer balls, frisbees, games, toys, musical instruments to share in the fun.

Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. Call AJ at 410-235-6093 or email ajobrien1937@verizon.net.

Many thanks to the following for their assistance to TCNA functions:

The Warrington for providing a space for TCNA board and committee meetings

The Colonnade for hosting the TCNA First Friday Happy Hours

The Calvert School

for volunteering its facilities for the TCNA membership meetings and picnic

TCNA and the Red Dragons

Last fall, Brian Nelson contacted the Hampden Family Center because he wanted to find a venue in which to teach karate to kids—something he has done in other communities where he has lived. In June, he finished his first semester teaching one of the two groups that joined the Red Dragons karate organization.

Nine students took karate proficiency tests as part of this after-school program for at-risk kids in Baltimore. The students trained once a week for ten weeks. They were rated in forms, one-steps, and breaking. Brian reports that the enthusiasm and success of the students has clearly demonstrated the value of the karate program.

Thank you, Brian, for encouraging the Hampden Family Center to offer karate classes and for teaching one of the classes.

If you know of other TCNA members who are engaged in volunteer activities, please contact a member of the TCNA board, so the association can recognize their contributions to our neighborhood and our city.



In and Around the Neighborhood

by Elsie Grant, TCNA Board Member

October is Free Fall Baltimore, a month filled with free arts and cultural activities. Look for a calendar under the Events tab at www.freefallbaltimore.org.

The Baltimore Museum of Art's special exhibit, Morris Louis: Unveiled, is on view through February 9. Several of the Baltimore native's large paintings are displayed with a number of his drawings plus works by other artists who influenced him. At the BMA through January 19, Matisse's Marguerite: Model Daughter spans 45 years with more than 50 prints, drawings, sculptures, and paintings of the artist's daughter. (Both exhibits are free.)

Shriver Hall Concert Series will kick off its 2013-14 season on Sunday, October 6 with a father-daughter concert. Mischa Maisky, cello, and Lily Maisky, piano, will perform at the Johns Hopkins' Shriver Hall auditorium (admission). Other fall concerts will feature Musicians from Marlboro on Oct. 20; Nelson Freire, piano, on Nov. 17; and the Miro Quartet with Shai Wosner, piano, on Dec. 15. For more information about the series, go to www.shriverconcerts.org.

The Music at Evergreen concert series presents Kurt Weill, American, featuring Broadway songs, on November 16 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be in the Bakst Theatre at the Evergreen Museum & Library. Call 410-516-0341 to purchase a ticket, which includes a post-concert tea reception with the musicians and admission to a guided museum tour.

Police Community Relations Council Looking at 911 Center

by John Rabb, TCNA Representative, Northern District Community Relations Council

At the July 17 meeting of the Community Relations Council for the Northern Police District, an appreciative farewell and thank you were extended to Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper, who is leaving to head the Special Investigations Unit. We are most appreciative of Major Tapp-Harper's leadership since there was a reduction in every type of criminal activity during her tenure. We were introduced to the new commander, Major Kimberly Burrus, and we look forward to working with her.

Of particular concern to representatives of Mt. Washington and Lake Evesham is the response to 911 calls. Following the lengthy discussion of the 911 system at the council meeting, Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and I visited the 911 center, managed by the Mayor's Office of Information Technology, in order to explore the concerns expressed at the meeting. We believe our concerns were taken seriously, and we look forward to the September council meeting, which will be held at the 911 center at police headquarters, so that all council members can observe the 911 response system and discuss their concerns with 911 staff.

Please remember:

When you call 911, provide the maximum amount of information and clearly describe the emergency.

- Provide the details of a crime that is occurring and your concerns about potential criminal activity.
- For fire and ambulance emergencies, give details that include the exact address.

I thank Mary Pat Clarke for vigorously working on this issue and am confident that council members' concerns will be resolved. If you have questions or concerns regarding the 911 system, please contact me at rabbfamily@msn.com.

To insure that TCNA is represented at each council meeting, Tina Tapane and I will share the responsibility of representing our Tuscany-Canterbury community at the bi-monthly council meetings. Tina and I intend to focus attention on specific matters: Tina is up to speed on traffic issues, and I have been following the 911 concerns.

Gutters, Alleys, and Sidewalks

As fall arrives in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood, residents should be aware of areas around their homes that are their responsibility. These areas include gutters, alleys, and sidewalks.

Please work with your neighbors to clear all leaves in the front and back of your properties (this includes condos and apartment buildings), on lawns, sidewalks, and alleys and in the street gutters before winter arrives. Wet, icy leaves in gutters are slippery and can make it difficult for cars to move out of parking places. Leaves left in street and alley gutters can accumulate in storm drains and create blockages. If you have a storm drain near your house, please adopt it and keep it clear of debris. Many of these storm drains discharge into the Chesapeake Bay.

The following information is posted on the Baltimore City website:

Many citizens have questions regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of city sidewalks. According to Baltimore City Code, Article 26, Subtitle 10, property owners are responsible for maintaining their footways. In addition to keeping sidewalks free from ice and snow, residents are responsible for repairing their sidewalks should they become cracked or damaged.

If sidewalks are broken, cracked, scaled or off-grade, the city may issue a notice of violation to the homeowner. Residents who receive a footway violation have five days to notify the Department of Transportation whether they will make the necessary repairs themselves or have the city do the work.

Citizens choosing to make the footway repairs on their own must obtain a permit from the city. If the homeowner decides to have the city repair the sidewalk, they will be billed for the work once it is complete. In the event that a sidewalk is damaged by a tree planted on a public right of way or by a public utility, then the City of Baltimore will be responsible for the cost of the repairs.

If you have a question or concern about footways in your community, please call the Department of Transportation's Sidewalk and Alley Section at (410) 396-6969.

Traffic and Parking

by Jackie MacMillan, Chair

Over 20 neighborhood residents, including Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, were joined by Frank Murphy, Deputy Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT); Kohl Fallin, DOT's community liaison; and Jennifer Mielke, Director of JHU's Office of Community Affairs at 39th Street and Canterbury Road on July 31 to cut a ribbon and celebrate the opening of the new traffic circle at that location. Councilwoman Clarke and Traffic Committee member Tina Trappane cut the ribbon. The event was followed by refreshments at the nearby home of Susan Fancher and Traffic Committee member Joe Ruzicka.

The circle was a long time coming, but most of that time was spent at the neighborhood level discussing the pros and cons and deciding to give DOT the go-ahead. Once the decision was made, and construction started, the circle was finished quickly, and it looks great. But most important, it seems to be making the intersection safer for autos, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Mr. Murphy has described the circle as a pilot, noting that similar circles are being considered for other locations in Baltimore.

In terms of results, more drivers seem to be yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalks, which the Traffic Committee applauds. Vehicles entering the circle are not consistently yielding to vehicles that are already in the circle—which is the rule. Traffic circles are new to our area, and a campaign on how to drive in traffic circles would be helpful. Another plus is that the circle eliminates dangerous U-turns in the intersection, which were frequent.

DOT will be testing traffic safety modifications at 39th Street, University Parkway, and San Martin Drive with temporary changes implemented in August 2013. What drivers will notice is the elimination of two turn lanes, which will shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians and slow vehicles that are about to make turns. What drivers may like is the addition of one to two new on-street parking spaces on 39th Street. The temporary changes were expected by the end of August. DOT and neighborhood residents will observe the response to the changes, and DOT will follow up with a more permanent plan.

Please send your observations about vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety to Jackie MacMillan, Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, at gormac@qis.net. Please let Jackie know if you would like to become a member of the Traffic and Parking Committee.



Property Sales in Tuscany-Canterbury

Address	List Price	Sold Price
4100 N. Charles St #110	\$ 82,500	\$ 75,000
221 Ridgemede Rd #508	\$ 139,900	\$ 130,000
4000 N. Charles St #1010	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000
4100 N. Charles St #515	\$ 189,900	\$ 185,000
4100 N. Charles St #1107	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
4100 N. Charles St #214	\$250,000	\$ 250,000
4100 N. Charles St #814	\$ 274,000	\$ 267,000
230 Stony Run Ln #4F	\$ 279,900	\$ 262,000
3801 Canterbury Rd #417	\$ 299,000	\$ 270,000
3908 N. Charles St #701	\$ 475,000	\$ 450,000
215 Ridgemede Rd	\$ 519,000	\$ 526,000
Under Contract		
4100 N. Charles St #411	\$119,000	
3801 Canterbury Rd #708	\$165,000	
220 Stoney Ford #C1	\$245,000	
230 Stony Run Ln #5A	\$259,500	

Note: This data represents real estate activity from January 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The information is deemed reliable but is 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, Village of Cross Keys. Kbatterton@cbmove.com, or (410) 218-2566.

Autumn Song

September wind whistles Between its teeth, Buzzing its tune Through window screens.

Cicadas and crickets Add their chorus. The ode to fall Is playing again.

-Kate Richardson

TCNA Welcomes New Calvert Headmaster

In July, Andrew Holmgren assumed his position as the seventh headmaster of Calvert School. Originally from Brockton, Massachusetts, Holmgren graduated from the Roxbury Latin School in Boston, where he played football and baseball and was captain of the football team.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master of arts degree from Fordham University. Both degrees focused on medieval studies.

He was Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of Admissions at Fairfield Country Day School in Connecticut. He also taught Latin there.

In an interview in the *Baltimore Sun*, Holmgren explained that he chose Calvert because it is one of the few K–8 schools that is nationally known. As Calvert's academic year begins with the opening of the new wing of the Lower School, Holmgren has said, "My priority right now is to get to know the school."

TCNA welcomes Mr. Holmgren and looks forward to working with him to continue to foster a good relationship between Calvert School and the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood.

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PLEASE JOIN THE TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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.

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