

TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKS FOR YOU

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

October 6

Neighborhood First Friday 5:30 - 7:00

- o Alizee Restaurant at Happy Hour
- o Reduced price drinks and free & delicious appetizers
- Colonnade

October 7 11:00

- o Stony Run Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- o Large Bridge in Stony Run Park (Linkwood & Stony Run)

October 7 12 to 3

- Neighborhood Picnic
- o Stony Run Park at
- Linkwood & Overhill NOTE NEW LOCATION

November 17:00

- o TCNA Board Meeting
- o Let us know any concerns that you have

November 8 7:00

- o TCNA Fall Meeting 7:00
- o Calvert School (Middle School Building off Charles Street)

November 11 9:00 - 12

- o Dumpster Day
- o Dumpster will be located at Tuscany and Linkwood Rd

STONY RUN BRIDGES: RIBBON CUTTING Saturday, October 7. 11AM



On Saturday, the community and officials will celebrate the opening of two new pedestrian bridges that cross Stony Run along Linkwood Road. First a little history... When the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad, affectionately known as The Ma & Pa, went out of business in the 1950s, residents living in communities along the abandoned railroad right of way gradually created a walking path from Remington and Stone Hill to Northern Parkway. Most of the pathway was on City parkland, but in numerous places the informal path either crossed stretches of private property and busy public streets or the stream in a manner that was hazardous for all and impossible for some.

With a continuous path as the goal, neighborhood volunteers spearheaded by Tuscany-Canterbury embarked on what became a decade long quest. In 2010, neighborhoods along the stream agreed to an alignment for the path and formed an advocacy group, Friends of Stony Run. Working with Delegates Maggie McIntosh and Sandy Rosenberg, the group secured Program Open Space funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Partnering with the City Department of Parks and Recreation, Friends of Stony Run negotiated the purchase of several small parcels of private land, worked out an agreement with the Bolton Hill Synagogue and planned crosswalks over several streets. Construction of the two pedestrian

bridges over the stream along Linkwood Road has been the major achievement for creating a continuous walking path.

Work on the Stony Run Walking Path has stimulated activities all along the stream corridor. Two years ago, the Roland Park Community Foundation commissioned a strategic plan to establish strategies and goals for maintenance, preservation, and enhancement of the parkland associated with the stream corridor in several neighborhoods abutting the northern part of the stream. This plan will inform the future of the Stony Run and it's asassociated parklands for many years to come. Picture credit - Sandy Sparks

NEIGHBORHOOD FALL PICNIC:

October 7. 12- 3. At Stony Run Park at Linkwood & Overhill After the Ribbon Cutting join your neighbors for our annual Fall picnic. Bring what you would like to drink and a dish to share.

We will provide tables, chairs for all, hot dogs (chicken and pork), water, and paper plates, forks, glasses, napkins. You may want to bring a blanket if you want to sit on the ground.

Lots of games for all ages including badminton and croquet. A fun scavenger hunt will be available for children with prizes.

THANK YOU to the Hopkins Deli, Sam's Canterbury Cafe, and Alonso's for their donations for the Bridge Ribbon Cutting and the picnic.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

Street light at Cloverhill and 39th Street:

Work is complete and the light has new wiring and is now workingthe parking restrictions are removed. Thanks to our City Council member, Mary Pat Clarke for making this happen.

Water pipes on Ridgemede Road:

As many of you know the city has been replacing the water pipes under Ridgemede for the past six months. The construction is coming to an end. The new water pipes are being connected to the houses with the next week. The rebuilding of the Ridgemede Road and its repaving at its intersections with Tuscany and Linkwood where all the work was done will (hopefully) finish before winter.

The Hillside on Linkwood Road in Stony Run Park

As you may know after the electrical fire at the Hopkins House, many trucks parked on the hillside for months. The Hopkins House as promised seeded the grass and put up temporary posts to prevent trucks from parking there in the future. The Friends of Stony Run Park with volunteers from Tuscany-Canterbury spentan evening planting 5 new trees and cutting down some of the vines and undergrowth in the area around the large bridge. 6 more large trees will also be planted on the hillside nearer to Linkwood Road this fall.

AMBASSADOR APARTMENTS CONSTRUCTION AT 39th STREET



Last month we informed you about what was happening with the construction at the Ambassador. Since then the owners have done the following to make the appearance of this area better for the neighborhood. Removed one dumpster and moved the other dumpster from the street to their property. (This frees up 2 needed parking spaces on 39th Street) allowed their workers to park in their parking garage since one level of parking garage is now completed. (This frees up an additional 2 spaces) That's a total of 4 more spaces on 39th Street for neighborhood residents and visitors to use. They also a green mesh covering over the fence so the

construction site looks better. We appreciate the efforts that they are making and can't wait until the Spring of 2018 when all the work is completed.

CALVERT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

This month Calvert School has 2 school events scheduled:

10/6 6:30 Movie Night (MS Field is location)

10/26 9:00 - 11:00 Considering Calvert Day

Parents are asked to park in the Middle School parking lot but some parents might park in the neighborhood. There is nothing in our covenant with the school that prohibits this. As always we ask everyone to be respectful of others who visit in our neighborhood. If you have any issues or problems, please contact Brooke Murdock, mbrookemurdock@gmail.com Brooke is the new chairperson of the Calvert School Liaison Committee for the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association. The committee meets 4 times a year with Calvert School and will contact them at other times if there are concerns.

FALL TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD

ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, November 8 7:00 PM at Calvert School (Middle School Building)

The agenda will include updated information about the sale of "The Woods" that face the 200 and 300 blocks of Tuscany Road. Rachel Edds, an expert in Land Use and zoning regulations will lead the discussion about could happen with the 2.8 acres of wooded land.

A report by Delegate Maggie McIntosh, a resident of Tuscany-Canterbury and also Chair of the Maryland State House Appropriations committee who serves the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, or "Kirwan" Commission, is tasked with recommending improvements to the state funding formula utilizing recommendations from consultants. The legislature will the analyze commission's report and make recommendations during the 2018 session. The legislature will determine the new funding formula for education for the next decade. Everyone with or without school age children will want to hear first hand what may be happening.

By-law change to increase the number of board members. The neighborhood is small in area but has nearly 4000 residents. The members of the association are increasing with about 50% of the members in house and the other 50% are in condos or apartments. We should have representation from all areas and hope you will support the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Ratify the officers that were elected by the Board of Directors Proposed Amendment to TCNA Bylaws:

Article V
Board of Directors

The board of directors shall, in consultation with the general membership, set policy for the Association. The board of directors shall consist of at least nine and not more than (fifteen) TWENTY members, including the Association's executive officers. Each director shall reside within the neighborhood, as defined in Article I, and shall be a member of the Association in good standing. Directors shall serve one-year terms but may be selected to the board without limit

Reason: The TCNA Bylaws cap the number of Board positions at 15. There are currently 15 members of the TCNA Board and all are active and working hard at different tasks. In its report to the membership in May, the Nominating Committee said that it was not able to fill the TCNA officer Slater of find new Chairs for all the Committees. It is important that the Committee Chairs be Board members and the Association needs to fill all officer positions. To accomplish this we need to raise the cap on the number of board members. We can lower the number in the future if indicated.

SIDEWALKS ARE MADE FOR WALKING ...

From Kenna Forsyth and the Gardening Committee

And visiting and playing chalk games and lots of positive things. But be careful because many of our sidewalks have been pushed up bythe roots of our beautiful trees. They have become uneven, creating dangerous walking. We all may know of folks who have tripped and fallen and have hurt themselves. Something you may not know: homeowners and business owners are responsible for the maintenance of

sidewalks that form the boundaries of their properties. Now is the time to prevent something from happening.

And, while we're on the subject of sidewalks, and walking, please keep your overhanging and ground level plants trimmed. Some folks have even had to detour their walk into the street to escape the encroaching plants.

Thanks happy and safe walking!

THE WOODS ON NORTH SIDE OF TUSCANY ROAD



The owners of 33 Warrenton Road are selling their home and the 2.7 acres of wooded land on the north side of the 200 and 300 block of Tuscany Road. Those of us who live in Tuscany-Canterbury have enjoyed the woods and are grateful to the present owners for the caring way they have maintained the trees and planting for over 50 years. We have also enjoyed the small garden on the hillside next to the sidewalk.

As part of the sale the owners are subdividing the property. Because requests for subdivisions come before the City Planning Department for a decision, you will soon see a sign go up on the property notifying the community of the subdivision request and scheduling a hearing to solicit community input before a decision is made.

At this point this information is all we know. However, it is important for us to understand what protections the community has concerning future development.

The current zoning of the wooded property along Tuscany Road property is R1-D. This limits future development to single-family detached homes built on lots of at least 1/3 of an acre. To change the zoning would require a City Council bill. There has been no request for this to happen.

The Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association has a covenant with Calvert School that requires neighborhood approval before Calvert acquires any property in the neighborhood. No request has been made for this to happen.

We will have a planning and land use expert, Rachel Edds at the November 8 Tuscany Canterbury Neighborhood Association meeting. She will explain what opportunities there will be for community input about future development and discuss options for the neighborhood.

If you have thoughts or questions that you would like us to address at this meeting, please email me <u>Linda.Eberhart45@gmail.com</u>.