



City Forester to Speak at TCNA Annual Meeting

By Mary Matheny

The TCNA annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in Calvert School's Middle School Assembly Room. Charles Murphy, Operations Manager of TreeBaltimore, a program in the city's Forestry Division, will be the featured speaker.

TreeBaltimore serves as the umbrella organization for all city agencies, private organizations, communities, and individuals seeking to increase Baltimore's tree canopy. Murphy has worked with TreeBaltimore since it began in 2009. A Baltimore-bred urbanite with a degree in forestry from West Virginia, he finds urban forestry a natural fit. As he says, he loves "showing city-dwellers that they don't need to travel outside the Beltway to find a living, breathing, green oasis." He approaches his work with the mantra, "One tree at a time."

At the TCNA annual meeting, Murphy says, he wants to "rally the troops" by making a PowerPoint presentation about the program, talking about what neighborhoods can do to help advance its work, and telling us about some of the Forestry Division's new initiatives. One of those initiatives is a citywide tree census that will

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Mike Cross-Barnet

Taking the Bus—Existing routes along W. University Pkwy. (above) and N. Charles St. have been preserved in the BaltimoreLink plan, thanks to the efforts of Tuscany-Canterbury residents and neighbors.

Small Improvement Seen in MTA's BaltimoreLink

By Jackie MacMillan

Chair, Traffic and Parking Committee

BaltimoreLink is an initiative of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA, a state agency) to create a plan to reroute MTA buses serving the Baltimore region. Transit riders and advocates were eager for improvements to the MTA's bus service, but when BaltimoreLink was launched in late 2015, we found some of the proposed changes more harmful than helpful.

An alarming proposal affecting our 14th City Council District in the first draft was to eliminate bus service on Greenmount Avenue, one of the most heavily used bus corridors in Baltimore. MTA retreated on this proposal, which has not appeared in subsequent drafts.

Issues affecting MTA bus routes in Tuscany-Canterbury centered around proposed changes to the No. 11 bus (Charles Street corridor) and the No. 61 bus (Roland Avenue/University Parkway corridor). Our neighbors rely on both buses to go downtown, and on the No. 11 bus to go north to jobs and shopping in Towson, without having to transfer. The initial MTA plan would have consolidated these two routes, eliminating bus service completely

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TCNA Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Calvert Middle School Assembly Hall

(Enter building from Tuscany Road;
enter 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: Election of Board of Directors
(See p. 3 for list of nominees)
7. **Speaker:** Charles Murphy, Operations Manager, TreeBaltimore

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on Charles Street, and requiring riders to disembark and transfer at Hopkins Homewood campus in order to travel downtown.

**Bus Workgroup 14
Established**

Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke held a public meeting in January 2016 that drew over 100 people. At that meeting, she asked for volunteers to study the routes affecting 14th District residents and make recommendations. Bus Workgroup 14—an all-volunteer group of 14th District bus riders and neighborhood leaders—was formed. Bus Workgroup 14 carefully analyzed and prepared reports on each of MTA's three drafts of the BaltimoreLink plan. (A URL for the final report is listed in the box at the bottom of this page.)

**Issues and Outcomes
for Tuscany-Canterbury**

By MTA's second draft of BaltimoreLink, the No. 61 bus route had been restored. The No. 11 route was to continue south, but instead of following the current Maryland Avenue and Cathedral Street route, it would proceed south along an isolated segment of Guilford Avenue next to I-83. Also, there would no longer be any bus traveling on Maryland Avenue/Cathedral Street, and no bus stop at the Pratt Central Library, the Waxter Senior Center, the Baltimore School for the Arts, or other important downtown destinations along that corridor.

Bus Workgroup 14 worked to build support for the retention of the current No. 11 bus route, and other routes affecting 14th District residents. MTA restored the No. 11 route in the final version of the BaltimoreLink plan, with the support of TCNA,

Loyola University, the Pratt Library, our state delegates—Maggie McIntosh, Mary Washington, and Curt Anderson—and many others.

The three primary bus lines that serve Tuscany-Canterbury will retain their current routes under BaltimoreLink, but some will have different route numbers:

<i>Current Bus Number</i>	=	<i>New Bus Number</i>
Bus No. 11	=	LocalLink 51
Bus No. 22	=	LocalLink 22
Bus No. 61	=	LocalLink 95

MTA's objectives for BaltimoreLink include making the bus system more efficient and reliable. While BaltimoreLink will maintain existing bus routes important to our neighborhood, it is not clear whether or to what extent the plan—to be implemented this summer—will correct the longstanding problem of late and missing buses.

MTA is already reducing the number of buses on many routes. If the service does not become more reliable, these reductions will worsen the late-bus problem, and the experience of bus riders throughout Baltimore.

Thirty percent of Baltimore City households do not own a car. While residents of these households depend daily on public transit, all of us benefit. Effective public transit reduces congestion, environmental pollution, and the need for off-street parking; mitigates poverty and inequality; and improves local economies.

The meager investment in BaltimoreLink will at best make marginal improvements in a bus service that has been neglected for decades. The Baltimore region suffers from long-standing underinvestment in public transit; it is well past time to make it a priority.

For more information

Bus Workgroup 14's Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Bus-Workgroup-14-314322762249613

Workgroup 14's Final Report:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B03BI8iOfy4vTkItWjB0SVNzLXM/view>

MTA's BaltimoreLink Plan (final version):
<https://baltimorelink.com/service/network-redesign>

President's Column

TCNA Hopes to Increase Community Engagement

By Sue Talbott

As the end of my term as TCNA President nears, I want to convey a positive sense of the future for our Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The article in this issue of the newsletter by Board Member Mike Cross-Barnet outlines the efforts of your Board to expand the involvement of community residents in TCNA, as well as to increase awareness about our activities. We realize that we need to do a better job of acquainting neighborhood residents—approximately 5,000 people—with the accomplishments achieved by the TCNA Board. We also need to engage more residents in the life of our community.

We have a good story to tell. For example, one improvement that everybody appreciates is the left-turn signals at 39th and Charles streets. It took the Board, with help from our wonderful Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, over two years to persuade the city's Traffic Department to install those lights. The reduction in the number of accidents at that corner made the effort worthwhile!

We residents of Tuscany-Canterbury are fortunate to have so many "anchor institutions" supporting us. I'm sure you know that Councilwoman Clarke is a key member of our community and that she and her staff are always responsive to requests for help. We also

benefit from the generosity of the Calvert School. For years, we have used their Assembly Hall for our meetings; we are invited to use the Calvert playgrounds for the fall TCNA picnic; and Calvert employees plow the roads and sidewalks around the school when it snows. Many residents enjoy the free concerts presented by the nearby Second Presbyterian Church, and residents are encouraged to have lunch at the Scottish Rite Temple on Thursdays when members prepare lunch (\$5, fall through spring). Our close neighbor, Johns Hopkins University, shares online information about free lectures and events, such as "movie night" and the spring picnic, to which residents of nearby neighborhoods are invited.

So many positive connections already exist in Tuscany-Canterbury. I invite you to become more involved and to extend an invitation to your friends and neighbors to join TCNA and to support and benefit from life in Tuscany-Canterbury.

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be painstakingly conducted by tree experts over the next year or so, whereby every street tree in Baltimore City will be in the Forestry Division's database.

TCNA residents may remember that several years ago, a team of TCNA members completed a census of street trees in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood—recording the number of trees (244), the location and species of each tree, its trunk diameter, height, spread, condition, need for maintenance, surrounding structures, and presence of pests or vines. They also noted spots available for planting new trees.

The TCNA street-tree census represented a collaboration with the city's own, broader efforts to record and increase Baltimore's existing tree canopy. Hearing more from Charles Murphy about those efforts will be a valuable next step for TCNA members at the annual meeting.

Also during the annual meeting, members will vote on a slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 TCNA Board. The nominees are listed in the box on this page.

Fall Dumpster Dates

Dumpsters will be delivered to Canterbury and Highfield roads on Saturday, September 30 and to Tuscany and Linkwood roads on Saturday, November 11. Dumpsters will be dropped off around 9 a.m. and picked up around noon.

Candidates for 2017-2018 TCNA Board

The TCNA Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. These (and any other candidates nominated by TCNA members in accordance with the Association bylaws) will be voted on by the members attending the annual meeting on June 14.

The roster of nominated board members is included here. Candidates for the board officer positions of president, vice president, and secretary have not been identified. Those whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) are members of the current board.

Treasurer: Bill Bass (Cloverhill Road)*
 Stanley Hansen (Cloverhill Road)*
 Rosalyn Mansouri (N. Charles Street)*
 Hannah Mazo (Ridgemedede Road)*
 Mona Mohamed (N. Charles Street)
 Brooke Murdock (Gardens of Guilford)*
 Eugene O'Dunne (N. Charles Street)*
 Susan Talbott (N. Charles Street)*
 Garth Thompson (Ridgemedede Road)
 Robert Turner (W. University Parkway)*

Any member of the Association in good standing may nominate any other member to any of the positions filled by election, provided that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. Nominations from the membership must be in writing and must reach the current president (Sue Talbott) at least fifteen days prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may not be made from the floor at that meeting. (Sue Talbott may be reached at 410-889-3318 or talbottsue@gmail.com.)

—Garth Thompson, Chair, Nominating Committee

Sam's Canterbury Café Blends Tasty Food, Social Mission

By Ann Bond

The restaurant on 39th Street in the Ambassador Apartments now has a new name, new owners, and a fresh new look. It also has an important mission: to serve “quality food and drink while providing meaningful employment for individuals with autism.” Sam's Canterbury Café opened in February and is already a popular destination for weekday breakfast and lunch, and Saturday and Sunday brunch.

Owners Michael and Jennifer Myers set out to help their son, Sam, who has autism, to find his niche in life. Sam is a client of Itineris, a nonprofit organization that places adults on the autism spectrum in the workforce. He has worked for several employers, including Habitat for Humanity, Moveable Feast, and Towson University in a computer lab and in Dining Services. His interests and skills appeared to be in food service and working with people. They decided to open a café for Sam to apply his skills. They also decided to hire Elli Straus, a good friend

Sam's Canterbury Café

Address: 3811 Canterbury Road
(Ambassador Apartments)

Hours: Breakfast is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and lunch starts at 11 a.m. during the weekdays. Brunch is offered from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with the full café menu also available. There are specialty dishes every weekend.

Telephone: 443-438-4545

Online Ordering:
www.samscantburycafe.com

and capable manager. They wanted the café to have a neighborhood feel and lots of repeat business, where Sam would thrive. Tuscany-Canterbury appeared to be the perfect place.

The Myerses bought Chocolatea, the café formerly in the space on 39th Street in the

Ambassador Apartments. It closed at the end of November, and Sam's occupied the space Dec. 1, completed all renovations, and opened to the public on Monday, Feb. 13. There are 16 employees, six of whom are on the autism spectrum and are clients of Itineris.

The space has been updated with pleasing paint colors and new light wood tables. The elevated area separated from the main dining room has new cushioned seats and a coffee table for private groups. Artwork by Itineris clients adorns the walls and is for sale, with all proceeds going to Itineris. Sam's also has T-shirts and mugs for sale. The patio in front of the café is the perfect spot for al fresco dining.

The menu includes breakfast, served all day; lunch of salads, soups, sandwiches and flatbreads; and a Saturday and Sunday brunch that includes an impressive list of specialty waffles and weekly brunch specials, plenty of fresh bakery items (don't miss the chocolate cheesecake), signature espresso drinks and fresh brewed teas, handcrafted sodas, hot chocolate, fruit juices, and Zeke's coffee. (Packages of beans are for sale.) Gluten-free dishes are available.

Sam's Canterbury Café is a newly renovated, charming, and relaxing neighborhood café, with a delightful staff and delicious food. Tuscany-Canterbury residents are fortunate to have this new gem in the neighborhood.



Elli Straus

Sam's Canterbury Café opened this winter in the space formerly occupied by Chocolatea.

PayPal Update

PayPal has changed the system for processing TCNA membership payments in a way that should avoid confusion. In the past, member dues were being assessed automatically each year. Going forward, the renewals will no longer be automatic. Members will receive reminders from TCNA when it is time to renew, and the member will have to take action to renew his or her membership.

Seeking to Expand Membership, TCNA Enters into Contract with Strong City Baltimore

By Mike Cross-Barnet

TCNA has entered into an agreement with Strong City Baltimore, a nonprofit organization based in Charles Village, for consulting services aimed at helping TCNA expand its membership, raise its profile, better serve the community, and possibly improve its governance.

The agreement grew out of a series of conversations on the TCNA board, starting last year, about the need to improve the functioning of the board and the neighborhood association. There was particular concern that a very small percentage of Tuscany-Canterbury residents are dues-paying members of the TCNA; that TCNA membership is fairly static and includes few young families or high-rise dwellers; that most T-C residents are unaware of the activities of TCNA and the ways the association benefits the neighborhood; and that TCNA has had difficulty lately finding residents willing to serve in leadership positions.

These issues were first addressed last spring through the formation of a TCNA Strategic Task Force, but that effort sputtered and is now on hiatus. Last fall, the TCNA board began to discuss seeking professional assistance, which led to the conversations that resulted in the contract with Strong City, which has a long history of working with neighborhood associations to build and strengthen neighborhoods. Strong City was formerly known as Greater Homewood Community Corporation.

Under the contract, Strong City Baltimore (also known as Strong City or SCB) agrees to provide the following services:

- Advise TCNA in the development of an expanded social media presence
- Advise on strategies to increase neighborhood resident awareness of TCNA functions
- Advise on strategies to accommodate participation of families in TCNA functions



Strong City Baltimore's offices are in Charles Village.

The contract calls for TCNA to pay Strong City a fee of \$85 per hour for up to five consulting hours, for a total maximum payment of \$425, although the contract stipulates that the fee structure may be revisited if the amount of work required is more than anticipated.

The TCNA board voted to secure the services of Strong City after a board discussion in November 2016 with Tyson Garith, Director of Partnerships and Business Services for Strong City. Garith explained that Strong City has a long history of working to help neighborhoods solve their problems, and he noted that many communities have neighborhood associations that are struggling or even defunct.

In February, after signing the contract, the TCNA board welcomed Karen DeCamp and Ebonee Nelson of Strong City for an hour-long conversation about steps TCNA

can take to boost awareness of its mission and activities, and to make itself more appealing to families. DeCamp, Strong City's Director of Neighborhood Programs, offered many suggestions for family-friendly activities, some of which have been successful in her own neighborhood of Radnor-Winston, such as a Halloween parade, a community pancake breakfast, a progressive dining party, playgroups for parents, and a printed neighborhood directory. Given Tuscany-Canterbury's history of interest in trees, she suggested organizing a "tree festival" featuring tree identifications, workshops, kids' activities, etc. Nelson gave a brief presentation about the importance of social media, recommending in particular that TCNA re-energize its Facebook page or start a new one.

DeCamp and Nelson also recommended establishing measurable goals that TCNA can use to quantify the success of its effort, such as: number of new members added; amount of increase in fundraising; increase in turnout for events; and amount of engagement with social media.

Additionally, DeCamp, a former Radnor-Winston neighborhood association president, suggested forming a Social Committee or Events Committee and using TCNA events to "build investment in the community." Events could be opportunities to educate people about TCNA's role in enhancing the neighborhood, to find candidates to serve on committees, and even to collect dues. DeCamp asked the TCNA board: "What is it you want to celebrate about Tuscany-Canterbury? What big events do you want to promote?" She questioned whether neighborhood residents were aware of the work that TCNA has done, for

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In and Around the Neighborhood

Community Concerts at Second, the musical series of the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, continues its thirty-year celebration with the following upcoming events:

Chamber Music by Candlelight, Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.: *String Quartet No. 3 in F Major*, Op. 73, Dmitri Shostakovich; and *String Quartet No. 15 in G Major*, D 887, Franz Schubert.

Chamber Music by Candlelight, Sunday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.: *Deux Poèmes de Ronsard*, Op. 26, Albert Roussel; *Sonata for Cello and Piano in A Minor*, Op. 36, Edvard Grieg; *The Lark Ascending*, Ralph Vaughan Williams; and *Sonatine*, Maurice Ravel.

The free concerts are at Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul St. Phone: 433-759-3309. For more information, see www.communityconcertsatsecond.org.



Evergreen Museum and Library is celebrating the publication of *Evergreen: The Garrett Family, Collectors and Connoisseurs* at **Beyond the Pages: A Book Launch**

Party for Evergreen, Sunday, May 21, 3-6 p.m. There will be live music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, celebratory bubbles, pop-up gallery talks, and a chance to meet the authors and see extraordinary collector's items not normally on view. Attendees may purchase the book before the official Johns Hopkins University Press publication date. Copies of the book will contain a commemorative bookplate signed by the authors.

The party is at Evergreen Museum and Library, 4545 N. Charles St. For more information and a link to purchase tickets, see www.museums.jhu.edu/calendar.php, or call 410-516-0341.



Homewood Museum "strikes the perfect balance between libations and learning" at its **Evening of Traditional Beverages**, Thursday, June 15, 6-8 p.m. This year's event, the 21st, is devoted to the history of rye whiskey in Maryland. See www.museums.jhu.edu/calendar.php for campus location and ticket information.



Special exhibits at the **Baltimore Museum of Art** this spring include:

Ongoing through June 25: **Modern & Contemporary Artists' Books** features more than 130 artists' books and related prints by well-known artists including Pablo Picasso, Joan Miro, David Hockney, Ed Ruscha, and Baltimore's Grace Hartigan.

Ongoing through June 11 in the Black Box: **Tamar Guimarães & Kasper Akhøj** explore the spirit mediums of Palmelo, Brazil, in *Captain Gervasio's Family*, a 14-minute black-and-white film.

Ongoing through Aug. 13 in the Front Room: **Adam Pendleton**, an artist who uses the irrationality of Dada as a means of re-envisioning race in America, displays his paintings, collages and screen prints against immersive floor-to-ceiling wall works.

May 17 to Oct. 1: **Black, White & Abstract** brings together the work of Harry Callahan, Aaron Siskind, and Minor White, three of the most important and influential 20th century American photographers.

Admission to the BMA is free. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Monday and Tuesday. For information about current and upcoming exhibits, see <https://artbma.org>.



The **Peabody Institute's** spring calendar offers a number of choices, for example:

Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m.: the **Preparatory Fran G. Zarubick Honors Recital** features winners of the Spring Honors Competition.

Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m.: Ankush Bahl conducts the **Peabody Youth Orchestra** in the 150-year-old, acoustically renovated Miriam A. Friedberg Concert Hall.

Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: **Peabody Dance**, performs *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Melissa Stafford.

Most of the events are at the Peabody Institute, 17 East Mount Vernon Place, and are free. For a complete list, and to reserve tickets, go to www.peabody.jhu.edu/events.

—Roz Mansouri

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example, to improve the Stony Run Trail, or to secure traffic improvements such as the left-turn signals at 39th and Charles streets and the traffic circle at Canterbury Road and 39th Street.

Strong City Baltimore is a 48-year-old, grass-roots nonprofit whose mission is "building and strengthening neighborhoods and people in Baltimore." The organization changed its name from Greater Homewood Community Corporation in 2015 to reflect the fact that much of its work is now citywide, although it still has strong roots in the north-central Baltimore neighborhoods where its work was focused for decades.

Strong City is known for its holistic approach to improving neighborhoods, typically working to build the capacity of local leaders to address issues ranging from lack of organization and neighborhood spirit

to more serious urban problems such as crime, vacant housing, and disinvestment. In addition to its neighborhood-based organizing work, Strong City's programs include its Adult Learning Center, the 29th Street Community Center, an AmeriCorps VISTA program, a suite of Non-Profit Business Services, a Community Wealth Building initiative, and a range of partnerships and collaborations with groups such as the Central Baltimore Partnership and the Baltimore Education Coalition. Strong City also hosts an annual Neighborhood Institute in April, a day-long skill-building conference for neighborhood leaders and non-profit advocates (this year's conference was April 29, at the Baltimore Design School). A number of Tuscany-Canterbury residents typically attend this conference.

Cypriana Brings Taste of the Mediterranean to T-C

By Ann Bond

Tuscany-Canterbury neighbors now have a new, much-anticipated dining option, Cypriana. Owners Maria Kaimakis and her husband Vassos Yiannouris are hard-working, charming, and quite enthusiastic about food. Maria is the chef, and when Vassos is complimented on the food, he is quick to say, “It is all Maria.” She says she absolutely loves to cook, creating recipes in her head and perfecting them, sometimes for months. As a child, she would visit Greece, where she was taught to cook by her paternal grandmother. Her other grandmother, Mary, born in the United States, taught her that “cooking should be done for fun” and “don’t worry, we will clean up later.”

The menu is Mediterranean with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. Small and medium plates are offered. Chef Maria uses secret ingredients in her sauces that customers rave about. The signature tarragon sauce, the *tzatziki* sauce, and the tahini dressing are all homemade daily. Some of the dishes the neighborhood customers talk about are the soups, the kabobs with filet mignon, the salmon with tarragon sauce, the salad and dip sampler, the Portobello mushroom flatbread, and the octopus. The pita bread, freshly baked and warm, is delicious served with hummus. On the dessert menu, the baklava Belgian waffle, with yogurt, cinnamon, walnut, and butter, is



Maddie Stout

Cypriana Family—Andreas (left) and Angelica (right) Yiannouris are the children of Chef Maria Kaimakis and her husband Vassos Yiannouris (not pictured).

one of Chef Maria’s special creations.

Maria and Vassos have been in the food business for over 25 years. In the 1990s, Vassos grilled kabobs in front of their house in Patterson Park and people thought he was selling food. That prompted him to buy a food cart, and the couple became street vendors with popular falafel and chicken souvlaki on Light and Water streets downtown near the courthouse. It was a hit, with customers dubbing it “the best jury duty food in Baltimore.” Senator Barbara Mikulski, a devoted customer and Tuscany-Canterbury resident, says when she was on jury duty she would try to persuade Maria to sell her favorite falafel in bulk. Maria would refuse for fear that her special, freshly made falafel would be put in the freezer. Over the years, the couple has operated small indoor restaurants downtown and a large space in the food court of University of Maryland Medical Center’s Shock Trauma Center. This has been rated as the “best hospital food” by City Paper.

Now things have changed quite a bit. Maria and Vassos have a 7,000-square-foot restaurant that accommodates 150 diners,

a 2,000-square-foot kitchen, and a large patio for al fresco dining. Vassos says that there is finally plenty of room for Maria’s inventive cooking. On entering Cypriana, customers are often welcomed personally by Vassos. The mood is friendly and relaxed. The bar is large, with plenty of room for dining or happy hour. There is a spacious main dining room, and the cozy back room by a fireplace with tables set for larger groups. The wait staff is gracious and efficient.

Maria is a native Baltimorean, raised in Highlandtown. Her great-grandparents came to Ellis Island from Sparta, Greece, as a married couple at ages 14 and 16 and settled in Patterson Park. Vassos is a native of Cyprus and came to this country in 1984. He and Maria met at a party at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in 1987, were married soon after, and have been together ever since.

Tuscany-Canterbury residents are lucky to have Cypriana here, not only because the restaurant is a welcome addition but also because Maria and Vassos are a delightful couple to have in the neighborhood.

Cypriana

Address: 105 W. 39th St., ground floor of the Broadview Apartments

Reservations: 410-837-7482

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Friday, 12 p.m. till last customer is satisfied; Saturday, 5 p.m. till last customer is satisfied; Sunday, Brunch 12–4 p.m., Dinner 5–11 p.m. Happy Hour, 4–7 p.m. daily.

Catering and private events are offered. Validated parking is across the street from the restaurant.

Know Our Neighborhood

“Daylight Houses” of University Homes Provide a Century of Gracious Shelter

By Alice Cherbonnier

The 85-acre Tuscan-Canterbury community, designated a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001, will soon achieve another milestone when a development at its center, called University Homes, marks its centenary. The document that made the case for Tuscan-Canterbury’s historic status describes University Homes as “suggesting an English garden suburb in the late 1800s.” The land on which they sit was part of the long-ago Clover Hill Farm, owned by the Merryman family. (University Parkway was once known as Merryman’s Lane.)

The 83 venerable three-story residences in “The Homes” front on two streets: Cloverhill Road and Canterbury Road. They extend in long, uninterrupted blocks from West 39th Street on the south to Highfield Road on the north. Calvert School is on the development’s west side, while the east side is bordered by condominium buildings facing North Charles Street.

Most University Homes were designed and built by George R. Morris. With others, he formed the University Homes Company in 1917 and began constructing the first six homes on Cloverhill Road in July 1919. By this time, Morris was an experienced Baltimore businessman. His career in the city began in 1905, after he arrived from Pennsylvania to help rebuild the city after the disastrous 1904 fire. By 1926, Morris’ real estate company owned and managed over 300 apartment houses.

Morris intended University Homes to meet a demand for rowhouses that were larger, brighter and more luxurious than those available in the city’s center, and competitive with cottages becoming available in the suburbs. He reportedly was especially interested in making them “technologically advanced,” with “mechanical refrigeration” and heating by “manufactured gas.”

Morris’ concept for University Homes was inspired by five houses at 835-843 West University Parkway, designed by architect Edward L. Palmer. These were Baltimore’s first rowhouses featuring the four-square “daylight” plan. Morris is also thought to have been influenced by the stately rowhouses on York Courts, on the west side of York Road in Guilford, and by the attached homes on



Summer Clarren/Alice Cherbonnier

A variety of architectural features individualize University Homes, such as these curved front door shelters on Cloverhill Road.

Bretton Place, also in Guilford. Another Morris influence appears to have been the Phillip C. Mueller development built on Oakenshawe, a country estate of English-style rowhouses designed by architects Flournoy and Flournoy.

The University Homes are somewhat more varied than those in these earlier developments. Though mostly all-brick, some of the Morris homes in Tuscan-Canterbury are brick-with-stucco or all-stucco. All the University Homes are distinguished because, with eastern and western exposures, sunshine enters all rooms. They were built in groupings of two, three or four, giving the development a more individualized appearance than is usually found in a “row-house neighborhood.”

Today, nearly 100 years after University Homes were built, a stroll along the development’s pristine streets and alleys shows how much the residents value and care for their spacious, sunny homes. Large trees have grown up along the streets and alleys during the past century, including enormous ginkgos, whose leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. Small gardens front and back are flourishing with flowers, ornamental trees, sculptures and creative landscaping. An imaginative array of rear decks, solariums and double-deck porches furthers the impression of a community that values the outdoors and fosters friendly connections among the residents. While they live close to public transportation, and within walking distance to the Hopkins Homewood campus, they enjoy a feeling of living in a country village, despite being situated in the middle of one of the city’s most densely populated districts.

Volunteers Needed for TCNA Committees

TCNA is seeking to fill a number of unelected leadership positions, including a website manager, Gardening Committee chair, Traffic Committee chair, newsletter editor, and neighborhood liaison with the Calvert School. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should contact TCNA President Sue Talbott at talbottsue@gmail.com.

Young TCNA Residents Grateful for Sense of Community

Editor's Note: Twin sisters share their thoughts about growing up in Tuscany-Canterbury.

Yasmine Worley

Every morning when the sun rises, the light from it gently touches each brick of the row houses in front of mine. The warm feeling that I associate with this sight can only be described as the feeling of belonging and the feeling of home. According to the dictionary, home is:

1. a house, apartment, or other shelter that is the usual residence of a person, family, or household.
2. the place in which one's domestic affections are centered.

For me, home is Cloverhill Road. I was born and raised here, and whenever I think of the word home, it scares me to think that it won't always be my home, that there will come a time when I think of another place as home.

Maya Angelou once said, "The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned." I have never experienced this ache that Maya Angelou describes, because I have already found my home and I didn't even have to look for it.

I have always taken my neighborhood for granted; everything is so perfect that

I always thought of it as ordinary. Now however, I have learned that a neighborhood can be a scary place and a place where people feel scared to be themselves. I know now that for some people, when they think of home, they don't think of the loving neighborhood that I have experienced, but instead they think of the feeling that Maya Angelou described: an unmet desire.

Now I know that the place where I live, where everyone is included and accepted no matter who they are or what they believe in, is not something that everybody has. Instead, it is something to be cherished and something to be thankful for.

Asha Worley

Community - a feeling of fellowship with others who live in the same area, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. In some neighborhoods, achieving the feeling of community is just an idea, but in our neighborhood the sense of community is everywhere. For the twelve years I have lived here, I have been a part of this community, and I don't think I would be who I am today without its influence on me. Growing up on Cloverhill has taught me how to be kind, patient, and respectful.

I remember the time that my twin sister and I set up a stand on the sidewalk selling

homemade paintings. We were about 5 years old, and the paintings were paint sandwiched between two pieces of colored paper. After about two hours, we had sold a grand total of one paint sandwich masterpiece. Of course, we were thrilled with our sale and the two dimes we had received. I realize now that the one person who had bought that single painting must have been kind, respectful, and patient to take the time and effort to buy a painting from two 5-year-olds sitting on the pavement.

When I visit other neighborhoods to see friends, I don't feel the same sense of community that I get from this neighborhood. Maybe it's because I have lived my whole life here, or maybe it's because in this neighborhood we can depend on one another when times get hard. I find it reassuring that everyone here respects all differences here. I think that I have learned how to be kind, respectful, and patient from observing the examples that everyone here sets.

I love living so close to my school; one of the best things is that I can wake up at 7 o'clock instead of 6. Mainly, though, I like being able to walk to school with my parents every morning and see my neighbors walking their dogs, picking up the paper, and going for a walk. I have learned to be respectful and kind to everyone I see and meet.

I remember when my dog died and my neighbors and friends sent cards and flowers. I remember how much each item meant to me, reminding me that everyone here can help you when you need it most. That's just one out of a hundred instances of caring that our neighbors have shown.

My favorite part of the year in this neighborhood is Halloween. I get to see everyone in one night, either trick-or-treating or handing out candy. When I was little, I always looked forward to this time. I got to see my friends and my neighbors; getting free candy was also a huge bonus.

I have made hundreds of memories here, like running up and down the road playing with water pistols, making fairy houses in the front yard, and of course selling paintings. I love every second of my life here in Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood, and I can't imagine living anywhere else.

Village at Home Helps Seniors Age in Place

By Eleanor Potter

For the past five years, I have been a member of the Village at Home, which serves Tuscany-Canterbury as well as 21 contiguous neighborhoods. There are Villages in many communities across the country. Their purpose is to allow seniors and people with disabilities to stay in their homes as long as possible. For a yearly fee, the Village at Home provides transportation and technical assistance from volunteers. It also offers discounted services from trusted, vetted vendors and planned group activities such as going out to dinner and a movie.

I have enjoyed my association with the Village at Home and have utilized transportation and computer assistance as well as the services of

several vetted vendors and have attended social gatherings. All of my village experiences have been positive, and it is a great feeling to be able to get assistance from individuals I can trust.

The Village depends on volunteers to provide rides for its members and other tasks, and these volunteers receive email requests and only respond when it is convenient for them to assist. A brief training session is required to become a volunteer, and the volunteers I have met all enjoy helping out their neighbors. Volunteers need not be Village members.

I believe that being involved with the Village as a member or a volunteer is quite worthwhile. Anyone interested in Village at Home can learn more by calling 410-235-3171 or by going to www.villageathome.org.

Work Completed on Bridges for Stony Run Walking Path

By Anne Perkins

It's been a long road, but the end of the Stony Run bridges project has finally come!

Once the contractor determined the bridges were safe in mid-February, the barriers were taken down, and walkers and runners

have been using both bridges ever since. People are enjoying the easy access to and from Wyman Park.

The contractor has wrapped things up. The large stones used for the construction access road from Overhill to the little bridge near Ridgmede Road were taken up in March, and the area where the construction access road was and the areas around both bridges have been seeded. New trees and bushes closer to each bridge were planted in April.

It will take time for the plantings to mature, so don't be discouraged by their size. Although the contractor is responsible for their care for the first year, people should be reminded not to run or walk on the newly planted grass and to watch out for and to keep their pets from damaging the new bushes and trees. Once the new plantings are established, Friends of Stony Run and the Department of Recreation and Parks will evaluate the need for more.

We had hoped to have a ribbon-cutting party for the opening of the bridges but now think it will be better to have a celebration event sometime in late summer or early fall. We will let everyone know when and what form this will take.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Perkins at annep315@verizon.net.



Mike Cross-Barnet

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 this form.

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I would like to receive updates from TCNA by email: Yes No

Annual Dues: \$20 Individual \$30 Family \$55 Business/Institution

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