



TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKS FOR YOU

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What's Happening in Tuscan-Canterbury

If you would like to include anything that's happening in the immediate area for the TCNA calendar or newsletter please send it to us at by the first of each month to "<mailto:presidentTCNA@gmail.com>"

See TCNA website for complete information of calendar events.



December 10 6:00-7:30 Waverly Library 400 E. 33rd
MTA 14th District Meeting

December 25 NO TRASH PICK UP

December 29 (Saturday) MAKE UP TRASH PICK-UP

January 1 NO TRASH PICK UP

January 5 (Saturday) MAKE UP TRASH PICK UP

January 4 5:30-7:00 Alizee Restaurant, Colonnade
Neighborhood First Friday Happy Hour

January 23 7:00-8:30

TCNA Board meeting The Broadview Apts, Lower level game room

Now through January 6, 2019 at the Baltimore Museum of Art

JOHN WATERS: INDECENT EXPOSURE

See the first retrospective of John Waters' visual arts career in his hometown of Baltimore. More than 160 photographs, sculptures, and video and sound works showcase the iconic artist and filmmaker's renegade humor and provocative insights. The exhibition concludes with objects from the artist's home and studio that inspire him and three peep shows that feature footage from Waters' rarely seen underground movies of the 1960s.

Johns Hopkins University Plan for Security



Paul Gallo, Chair TCNA Safety Committee

On Wednesday, November 14, at the Tuscan Canterbury Neighborhood Association meeting, officials from Johns Hopkins talked about their plans for security, including the possibility of re-introducing legislation that would create a Johns Hopkins police force. Melissa Hyatt, Vice President for Security, and members of the Hopkins security staff shared information, addressed questions, and listened to the comments and concerns raised by members of our community.

The key points that Melissa shared were as follows:

- Since April 2018, Johns Hopkins has been assessing their current security model
- The focus has been on training – specifically de-escalation training, reviewing and revising security organization policies across all their sites, seeking accreditation through a third party evaluation, and recruiting strong supervisors
- They have recently launched a student advisory board regarding security
- Proposal to re-introduce legislation to create a Johns Hopkins police force (timing January 2019)
 - Hopkins would be the 1st private institution to have a sworn police force in Maryland
 - There are armed police forces already in Baltimore at state universities such as Coppin, Morgan, Towson, and University of Maryland.
 - Goal is for Johns Hopkins police force to be a model for other private universities
 - Other private universities with police forces are University of Pennsylvania and University of Chicago
 - If implemented, a Maryland State entity would monitor the Johns Hopkins police force
 - The majority of the security officers today have very limited ability to enforce the law because they are not sworn officers

- The main driver for implementing a police force is the threat of an active shooter crisis – having a quicker response time means lives may be saved
- The Baltimore City Police work closely with Johns Hopkins today but if there were sworn officers at Hopkins, the information sharing would be improved
- The Tuscan Canterbury neighborhood is currently outside the Homewood campus boundaries. If Hopkins gets to the point of legislation being passed there could be a Memorandum of Understanding with the community to determine if any part of the neighborhood should be included within the campus boundaries.

For additional information, I would suggest the following resources:
Johns Hopkins Public Safety Initiatives website:

<https://publicsafetyinitiatives.jhu.edu/>

This site provides a list of events and opportunities for the community to weigh in, additional information, and a feedback form.

Article from the Baltimore Sun (10/23/18) regarding Hopkins seeking community input on renewed effort to increase security, create possible police force:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-hopkins-security-20181023-story.html>

Link to Op-ed piece in the Baltimore Sun (11/19/18)

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-op-1120-hopkins-police-20181119-story.html>

Neighborhood Watch

Paul Gallo & Maria Gallo, Co-chairs TCNA Safety Committee

As some of you may know, or have heard, there has been an ongoing problem with what appears to be drug and sex activity on Linkwood between Ridgemedede and Stoney Ford. Many neighbors have reported seeing suspicious cars along Linkwood, in this area, as well as discarded drug and other paraphernalia. This activity has been observed during all times of the day and night.



Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke brought this issue to the attention of Major Gibson at Northern District Police. They have responded by having additional patrols in the area. They have also asked that residents call 911 when they observe suspicious behavior. We have also started a Tuscany Canterbury version of a neighborhood watch. We currently have 35 volunteers.

Discussions have been held with The Ridgemedede / Ridgewood Condos, Tuscany-Lombardy, residents on Tuscany, Ridgemedede, Tuscany Court, and the Hopkins House and at the TCNA November meeting. The follow plan has been developed. Other ideas such as installation of security cameras, analysis of lighting on Linkwood change in parking restrictions have been discussed.

Volunteers are still needed while you are walking along Linkwood or are driving along Linkwood between Stoney Ford and Ridgemedede alley – anytime and any day.

Observe if any suspicious activities are occurring

- ❖ Person sitting in car alone for a significant time
- ❖ Suspicious transaction from one person to another
- ❖ Any drug or sex activity
- ❖ Any evidence of drug or sex activity
- ❖ **Only observe; Do not attempt to intervene**

Say something

- ❖ **Call 911 if you are concerned about suspicious activity**
- ❖ Email TCNA Crime & Safety Committee to alert us about what is happening crimesafetyTCNA@gmail.com (Paul and Maria Gallo, chairpersons)
- ❖ Ask neighbors to be involved

If are willing to help email crimesafetyTCNA@gmail.com

Lots Going on Around the Stony Run Bridges

Fall clean-up around the small bridge



On October 27 several volunteers worked in the rain to remove weeds, vines and other invasives near the little bridge over Stony Run at the foot of Ridgmede Road. The piles of debris were on display along Linkwood Road for several weeks but are now gone. It looks a lot better. Thanks to Jonna Lazarus, Michael Paton , Tom McGilloway, Ray Iturralde, Chris Whitaker, Anne Perkins, and Mary Pat Clarke.

Improvements around the large bridge



Before



Now

Several weeks later the area around the steps leading up to the larger bridge was replanted. You may remember that last October just before the ribbon cutting a native flower garden was planted in that area. It bloomed for a week or so in September this year but looked like a weed garden for the rest of the summer. Our volunteer weeders couldn't distinguish between weeds and flowers so TCNA decided to do something about it. Jonna Lazarus came up with a terrific design of

native perennials and small bushes and some large rocks to foil skateboarders. Everything went in about 10 days ago. it's going to look beautiful ...next summer. In the meantime, dogs and humans need to take care and not walk in it.

Safety Committee

Paul and Maria Gallo, Committee Chairs, CrimeSafetyTCNA@gmail.com



Holiday Advice from Baltimore City Police Department

- ❖ Lock your car! It is easy to do but also easy to forget.
- ❖ Place your keys in a metal box inside your house. Thieves have a device that can unlock cars which have a remote keyless entry function on the key fob. It picks up and repeats the signal from the key fob, amplifying it enough to unlock your car parked out front.
- ❖ Always leave your cars empty at night, so that thieves won't see anything tempting when they look in the windows.
- ❖ **Report these break-ins to the police (911) because it helps them to monitor patterns so that they can patrol the areas getting hit the hardest. Councilwoman Clarke suggests that we call 911 to report this.**
- ❖ Here is a link provided by BCPD with some additional information <https://www.baltimorepolice.org/community/holiday-safety-tips>



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

Ambassador Apartments Construction Update



Because of Baltimore's wettest fall ever, all outside work at the Ambassador Apartments has been delayed. The construction crew is now working 9 hours a day and 6 days a week hoping to finish the work on the east side of the building as soon as possible. The pouring of the

second round of concrete is scheduled for December 14 (weather permitting) and a third round will be done by the end of the month. Weather delays are also preventing the setting of a firm date for completion of the ramp from 39th Street and the return of parking and sidewalks to normal use.

Gas Leak on Linkwood Road between Stoney Ford and Ridgemedede

You may have noticed a number of trucks from BGE and other construction vehicles during the week of December 3 on Linkwood. All repairs have been made as of December 6.

West University Parkway Construction

The new owners of 106 and 108 W University completed all construction work at 108 W University. It opened in September. Construction work at 106 W University and is scheduled for completion in June 2019. We look forward to sidewalks and parking returning to normal at that time.

Overhill Closed between Linkwood and Wickford

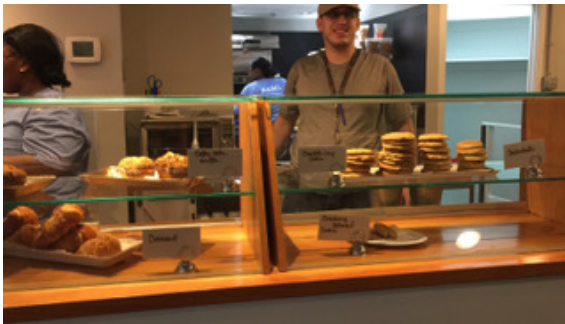
Contractors will be working to replace storm water pipes under Meadow Lane, the alley behind the houses in the 4200 block of Wickford Road, for the next 10 days or so – weather permitting. The work has necessitated the closing of Overhill Rd between Linkwood and Wickford Roads several times this past week so that construction equipment vehicles and equipment can come and go. Sadly, the turf that had begun to smooth out and grow after several earlier

construction projects is once again torn up and full of the big stones that are required for these type of construction projects. The stones will be removed and the ground smoothed out, repaired and seeded as soon as the work is completed.

Sam's Canterbury Café

A new kitchen has been installed in Sam's. It provides a pass through from the kitchen to the dining area and will make serving more efficient. Other new features at Sam's...

- ❖ Lisa Auld is the new General Manager but don't worry Sam is still present and helping daily.
- ❖ The pastries are now all homemade daily on the premises, the menu has been updated, and the weekend brunch continues.
- ❖ The refreshes have lightened up the atmosphere making it more inviting.
- ❖ Check out the window ledge for items for sale.
- ❖ New hours: (Monday closed: Tuesday-Friday 7 to 4; Saturday & Sunday 8 to 3.



Homemade pastries & cookies daily



New kitchen with pass through window

PUBLIC FORUM: MTA BUS LINK TRANSIT SERVICES



District 14
Transportation Forum
Monday – December 10
6 – 7:30 pm
Enoch Pratt Free Library – Waverly Branch – 400 East 33rd
Street

An opportunity to meet with representatives from the MTA,
ask questions and share your experiences riding buses, light
rail and the metro.

Sponsored by Bus Workgroup14, a grassroots groups of
neighborhood residents in the 14th City Council District.
For more information, visit:
www.facebook.com/busworkgroup14/

Zoning Issues: City Council Legislation: SIGNS

A City Council Bill was introduced in August that would have remove from the zoning code "Feather Flags and other Attention Getting Temporary Signs." Through the efforts of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and the Tuscany-Canterbury Association, the Planning Department approved amendments that prohibited feather flags and other attention getting devices in all residential areas. The bill passed through the City Council Land Use Committee with these amendments, then was approved on the second reader and the third reader (December 3). It is now on the Mayor's desk to be signed.



BLUE DISCHARGE INTO STONY RUN STREAM STILL NEED YOUR HELP



Department of Public Works (DPW) investigated this discharge issue and could not find the origin of it. They went to all the buildings that connected to this pipe and found nothing. They continue to monitor this area on a regular basis and have not seen any other discharge issue in the past two months.

You can see this discharge pipe from the large bridge facing east (toward the Hopkins House). If you walk across the bridge please, look for the pipe and determine if there is any discharge from that pipe and if the discharge is clear, a milky cloud, a color similar to the picture, or no discharge.

DPW says that before they can investigate the source of a discharge, they need to know about it as soon as it happens. With everyone monitoring this pipe, the source of the discharge can be located and then eliminated. If you walk across the large bridge and see any unusual discharge, **CALL 311 IMMEDIATELY** and explain that there is a discharge coming into the Stony Run stream at Linkwood and Stoney Ford Road by the large bridge. Then send this information to StreetsandGreensTCNA@gmail.com. We will follow-up with DPW also.

REMINDER: Leaves and Storm Drains



It's that time of year again! Most of the leaves have fallen and it is collection-time. We ask you to collect especially those that are along the street curbs that define your property. This is the responsibility of all homeowners, apartment owners, businesses, condo associations, etc. The leaves can be bagged and put out with the Tuesday trash collection.

There is a problem when leaves are not collected. They stop the drainage of water to the storm drains and become matted, then freeze when temperatures drop and make it difficult to pull out of parking places when it snows. Finding a place to park is difficult enough as it is. Thanks for your support!

Neighbors Have Asked?

We are constantly asked questions about things that are happening in the neighborhood. Questions are referred to board members and officers to answer and respond. We thought you might be interested in some questions that were asked over the last several weeks so are including them in our E-newsletter.

If you have a neighborhood question or issue that you cannot resolve (by calling 311 or checking the TCNA website), please email presidentTCNA@gmail.com and we will try to answer your question or help resolve the issue.

Linda Eberhart & Anne Perkins
Co-Presidents TCNA



❖ **Why did Calvert School post big No Trespassing signs on the fence around the Tuscany Woods?**

Property owners in Baltimore are required to post signs like these to warn people not to enter their property without permission. The size of the sign, the colors that are used, and the number of signs are required by either city regulations or by insurance policies. If someone trespasses and hurts themselves, insurance companies often will not cover damages without warnings like these signs.

❖ **What are the times the trucks can make deliveries to Calvert School?**

The Covenants between Tuscany Canterbury and Calvert School require that deliveries occur after 8:30 am and before 3:00 pm.

❖ **When will the large banner come down at the Social Apartments on Charles Street?**

The City zoning enforcement office notified The Social that the sign must be removed. Since the sign has not been removed, the issue has been assigned to the City legal department and the next step will be court action.

❖ **Can I plant Galanthus bulbs (snowdrops) bulbs along Stony Run? They look so pretty in the Spring.**

*No. The land on both sides of Stony Run is City parkland. To do anything – plant a tree, build a bridge, place a bench etc. – in a city park one must get permission from Parks and Recreation first. The City favors the planting of **native** plants bushes and trees. Galanthus is not native and is even considered an invasive since it spreads so quickly – who knew? Friends of Stony Run (FSR) and the Roland Park Foundation have published a Strategic Plan for Stony Run and in it lists native plants, flowers and trees that are okay. FSR also gives advice to neighborhoods and individuals who want to make improvements in the park.*

Reminders: When it SNOWS....



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CITY STREET IS NOT DONE

- If you DO NOT see a snowplow or salt truck within the first 12 hours of when the snow starts, call 311 and let them know that your street has not been treated. Be sure to record the confirmation number.
- After you get a confirmation number, call Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office (410-396-4814) or email her at MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov with your name, street and the 311 confirmation number. Mary Pat will follow up with the Snow Call Center.

Residents' responsibilities

- Shovel your sidewalk
- Do NOT put snow in the street when you shovel your sidewalk or clear your car
- Park as close to the curb as possible during snow storms so that the plows can get through
- Remove snow from storm drains (so that streets don't flood)
- The City and the neighborhood association do not clear alleys. It is the responsibility of the residents to do their alleys (if they want them cleared)

To view the full snow plan click here

The Dangerous Spotted Lanternfly

Chris Whitaker, Chair Streets & Greens Committee



The spotted lanternfly appears to have caused more damage in less time than any invasive insect to arrive in the Mid-Atlantic region, and it's proliferating more rapidly than the researchers trying to learn about it can handle.

It is now understood that it feasts on more host plants than expected, reproduces more quickly than anticipated, and faces no known native predators. It also latches onto a wide variety of hard surfaces, allowing it to travel to parts unknown aboard cars, trucks and trains.

Experts are asking Maryland residents to become informed on lanternflies and to report sightings early in hopes of tamping down on a possibly disastrous invasion.

Residents can report sightings or view photos of the lanternfly on the University of Maryland Extension's home and garden information center website.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/environment/bs-md-lanternfly-explainer-20181026-story.html>

<https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/topics/spotted-lanternfly>

Sale Prices of Homes and Condos in Tuscany- Canterbury (October and November 2018)

Thanks to our board member and realtor, Julia Frazier who provides this information for each newsletter. To see previous sales go to TCNA website and previous newsletters are available.

Address	SOLD Date	Sold Price
4000 Charles Street N (Unit #1208)	11/9/18	\$70,000
4000 Charles Street N (Unit #410)	11/9/18	\$184,000
230 Stony Run Lane (Unit #1D)	10/30/18	\$198,000
4100 Charles Street (Unit #408)	11/5/18	\$212,500
3704 Charles Street Unit#1404	11/14/18	\$375,000

Tuscany- Canterbury Neighborhood Association

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TCNA has two membership meetings a year, one in November and the other in June (second Wednesdays at 7:00 with a social following the meeting), at the Calvert School Middle School building. Members and non-members are welcome. Resident Parking Permits are distributed from 6:00-7:00 prior to the June meeting.

Board meetings are held 6 times a year in July, September, November, January, March, and May (first Wednesday of the month at 7:00). Meetings are held at the Broadview Apartments (105 W 39th Street at the lower level Game Room). All are welcome. A comment time is provided at the end of the meeting for comments and thoughts.

Officers: 2018-2019

- Co-Presidents: **Linda Eberhart** (Tuscany Rd)
- Co-Presidents: **Anne Perkins** (Tuscany Rd)
- Vice President: **Garth Thompson** (Ridgemedede Rd)
- Secretary: **Ron Shultz** (Linkwood Rd)
- Treasurer: **Bill Bass** (Cloverhill Rd)
- Past President: **Sue Talbott** (Charles St)

Board Members

- **Gretchen Anderson** (Cloverhill Rd), Vice-Chair Streets & Greens
- **Dave Baker** (Stony Run Lane), Co-chair Communications
- **Ann Christopher** (Tuscany Ct), Co-chair Events and Membership
- **Julia Frazier (Canterbury Rd)**, 100th Anniversary & Calvert School Liaison Committee
- **Maria & Paul Gallo** (Tuscany Court), Crime & Safety Committee & Representatives to Northern District Police Community Council
- **Hannah Mazo** (Ridgemedede Rd), Co-Chair Events and Membership
- **Rosalyn Mansouri** (Charles St), Coordinator of First Friday
- **Mona Mohamed** (Charles St), Website Manager
- **Brooke Murdock** (Stony Run Lane), Chair, Calvert School Liaison Committee
- **Jo-Ann Orlinsky** (Charles St), Coordinator with Condo Associations
- **Steve Summers** (Ridgemedede Rd), Co-chair Communications
- **Chris Whitaker** (Tuscany Rd), Co-chair Streets and Greens

Neighborhood Committees 2018-2019

Please contact any of the committees via our new emails to volunteer or with ideas and thoughts or the Co-Presidents, Linda Eberhart and Anne Perkins
presidenttcna@gmail.org

Calvert School Liaison Committee, CalvertTCNA@gmail.com

This committee meets with the Calvert School Headmaster four times yearly to discuss neighborhood issues. This committee has representatives from areas surrounding Calvert School.

Communications, CommunicationsTCNA@gmail.com

Website management, E-newsletters, email communications, lit drop notices and deliver flyers to condos and apartment buildings

Crime and Safety Committee, CrimeSafetyTCNA@gmail.com

This committee has just been created. The goal is to alert neighbors to ways of continuing to maintain a safe neighborhood.

Events & Membership,

EventsTCNA@gmail.com & MembershipTCNA@gmail.com

TCNA sponsors an annual picnic for all neighbors, organizes the First Friday Happy Hours, hosts socials after the membership meetings, develops ways to welcome new residents in the area, and --new for this year -- will plan 100th Year Celebration of our neighborhood. This committee also encourages residents to join TCNA.

100th Anniversary Celebration: Kenna Forsyth, chair
They are planning activities to learn more about the history of the neighborhood and activities to meet neighbors and have fun!

Safety Committee and Neighborhood Watch

CrimesafetyTCNA@gmail.com

Alert neighbors about ways to maintain a safe neighborhood, monitor crime issues in the area, or become a neighborhood watch volunteer

Streets and Greens

StreetsTCNA@gmail.com GreensTCNA@gmail.com

This active committee maintains our 3 neighborhood gardens, is developing a comprehensive plan for improvements for Stony Run Park, works with the City on snow renewal on streets (not alleys or sidewalks), and will be developing a plan to maintain our street trees. The committee also works jointly with the Broadview Apartments on the 39th Street traffic-calming plan.

Woods Committee

is no longer active because it accomplished the goal of monitoring the sale of the Tuscany Woods. Our neighborhood reached an agreement with Calvert School in April 2018. (See website for complete agreement).