

TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKS FOR YOU

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What's Happening in Tuscany-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"



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See TCNA website for complete information of calendar events.

Tuscany-Canterbury Sponsored Events

January 23 7:00-8:30 TCNA Board meeting* The Broadview Apts, Lower level game room

February 1 5:30-7:00 Neighborhood First Friday Happy Hour Alizee Restaurant, Colonnade

March 6 7:00-8:30 TCNA Board meeting* The Broadview Apts, Lower level game room

May 1 7:00-8:30 TCNA Board meeting* The Broadview Apts, Lower level game room

June 4 7:00PM TCNA General meeting & Residential Parking Permit Pick-up; Calvert Middle School auditorium

June 8 RESIDENTAL PARKING PERMIT PICK-UP
Residences at the Colonnade (lobby) 3801 Canterbury
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Community Events of interest (These events have been recommended by members of TCNA. If you have any events that you would like to be included please email presidentTCNA@gmail.com by the first of the month.) See links for more information.

January 27 5PM Baltimore Museum of Art
The Baltimore Chamber Jazz Society launches the new year with a
concert by the renowned Pat Martino and his Quintet. More
information: baltimorechamberjazz.org

February 8 8:40-9:30 Calvert School Alert for neighbors: 9th Age Play

February 1-February 28, Homewood Museum JHU Campus Free admission & Guided Tours (Tuesday-Sunday)

In honor of Black History Month Homewood Museum is launching a new interprative tour. The revamped tour, titled "Families at Homewood," draws on new scholarship to tell the stories of <u>Charles and Harriet Carroll</u>, for whom Homewood was constructed in 1801, and two enslaved families, <u>the Rosses</u> and <u>the Conners</u>, who labored for the Carrolls in first quarter of the 19th century, and whose stories have never before been told in such detail. CLICK ON LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION:

^{*} Board meetings are always open and time for comments and concerns can be raised at the end of each meeting

Johns Hopkins University Plan for Security



Johns Hopkins Security Plan

What's Happening?

November TCNA General Meeting discussed Hopkins' needs and ideas

Representatives from Hopkins gave a comprehensive description of Hopkins' pubic safety proposal at our Fall General Membership meeting. We included additional information about the program in our December E-Newsletter.

JHU Interim Study released

Since then Hopkins has completed the Interim Study requested by the legislature early last year. The *Interim Study* provides a comprehensive overview of the security gap that Johns Hopkins is experiencing and an analysis of prospective solutions. It details more than 125 meetings and events we have held with the community and key stakeholders; summarizes research on policing; provides data on violent crime on and around the Johns Hopkins campuses; and describes four security options, including simply hiring private armed guards to protect our campuses—a step that requires no additional state or local approvals, but also offers insufficient public accountability.

Based on this research and community input, Hopkins' *Interim Study* recommends the creation of a university-based police department of approximately 100 officers (over three to five years) to replace the armed off-duty Baltimore City police officers and sheriff's deputies who are currently working as a part of the Johns Hopkins security operation. Importantly, the report also sets forth and commits Johns Hopkins to best practices in constitutional, community-oriented policing and incorporates recommendations included in consent decree

Baltimore City has with the US Department of Justice. It also incorporates many recommendations derived from their meetings with Baltimore communities.

If you want to know more, here is a link to Hopkins' Interim study that was requested by the General Assembly last year. **Click here**

Legislation to be introduced for Hopkins Security Force

A bill sponsored by Hopkins is being drafted and will be introduced during this year's General Assembly session. Several weeks ago Senate President Mike Miller announced his support.

The TCNA Board will discuss whether or not to lend its support at its January 23 Board meeting (7 pm Broadview, lower level Game Room, if you want to attend).

Please let us know if you have concerns or questions or would like to have regular updates about what's happening on this issue.

PresidentTCNA@gmail.com

Hopkins Deli SPECIAL FEBRUARY 2019

10% Discount for current TCNA members

15% Discount for any new member since January 1, 2019

This discount is offered to TCNA members for the month of February. Take this portion of the newsletter or show them this on your phone and you will get the discount. The discount is good for the month of February in-store only for any item except cigarettes. Any questions see Zafar Igbal, (manager) or Lucky Singh (owner).

If you know of someone who lives in the neighborhood and is not a member, they can join by going to the TCNA website: www.tuscanycanterbury.org

Hopkins Deli has supported our neighborhood for many years by donating food to our events and as a TCNA business member. We are very excited about this great Valentine's present for our members. THANK YOU Hopkins Deli. We love you too.



Neighborhood Watch

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

Neighborhood Watch that teamed up with the Baltimore City Police seems to be successful: **Drug Dealing appears to be gone.**



None of the Neighborhood Watch volunteers or any other neighbors have reported any drug activity on Linkwood in December or January. The 35 Neighborhood Watch volunteers reported 5 suspicious activities in November. The police were both undercover and visible through traffic stops in November for a dozen or more hours. Special thanks to Major Gibson and Captain Joel Heiss who helped coordinate the police effort in the neighborhood. Thanks to all the neighborhood volunteers who looked out for suspicious behavior and informed the police and the TCNA Safety Committee. You made a difference!

However <u>we can't stop</u>. The Neighborhood Watch volunteers will continue to monitor the area on Linkwood between Stoney Ford and Ridgemede Road to make sure no activity starts again. If are willing to help click here: safetyTCNA@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

Ambassador Apartments Construction Update



Behind the fence you will see a structure that will become a ramp to an entrance for the back of the Ambassador. Between the ramp and the 39th Street sidewalk will be planted trees and bushes in the Spring. The ramp is nearly finished. One round of concrete has been poured and drainage is being installed and then the final round of concrete will be poured (when there is no rain and the weather is above 38 degrees). Once that is finished, the fence will be moved back and the sidewalk and parking will be available. Once spring arrives and the planting is done, all the construction materials will be removed and the fence will be taken down.

Gas Leak 39th Street and Canterbury Road

Several gas leaks were located and repaired near the roundabout last week. 39th Street was closed and BGE crews were on site around the clock for many days. There was no danger to any of the homes, apartments, or condos in the area. The street has been repaired and BGE will repair all the brickwork on the Roundabout as soon as possible.

If you smell gas, call BGE immediately 1-800-685-0123

South of Overhill Road along the alley behind Wickford Road (Meadow Lane)

"Should be finished in a week or so unless it rains", explained one the construction workers as we chatted Thursday morning standing in the mud, about two dump truck-lengths south of Overhill Road. "We're almost there."

The men digging the trench for the new sewer line under the alley can't work in the rain so their work has been slowed. The trench (don't go and look; it is really muddy!!!) extends from Overhill Road south to the end of the alley. They started at the southern end many weeks ago. The end is in sight...

Safety Committee

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

Advice from Baltimore City Police Department, January 2019

Major Richard Gibson, Northern District

Auto Awareness

Message from Captain Gibson



"We are asking you to remain vigilant and aware in regards to larceny from auto prevention. Daily we review crime data and make deployment decisions based on trends and patterns. Please take the following precautions to help protect your property:

- 1- Lock your car doors. Too many residents admittedly do not lock their doors and the suspects will keep coming back if they believe access is easy.
- 2- Put your key fob in aluminum foil or metal box. This prevents suspects from using universal remotes to open doors.
- 3- Hide valuables.
- 4- Call 311 to make a report. Chances are that call will be handled by the Telephone Reporting Unit. That data is instantly sent to the command for deployment intel. It's important to follow those simple steps and please share them with your fellow community members."

Here is a link provided by BCPD with some additional information https://www.baltimorepolice.org/community/holiday-safety-tips"

Other Neighborhood Crime Updates

Secure your Car!!!

In the last 6 months 2 cars have been stolen in the Linkwood/ Ridgemede Road part of the neighborhood. This is not a crime wave by any means but does prompt us to continue to remind everyone to LOCK YOUR CARS. Since we reminded the neighborhood about this in earlier Newsletters the incidents of car "break-ins" has gone down.

Possible ways to prevent a stolen car

- If you see any suspicious activity around a neighbor's car, call 911 and report it.
- Always lock your car and keep your key fob in aluminum foil or a metal box.
- If you are gone on vacation, park your car in a protected / secured location. Let your neighbors know that you will be out of town to watch out for your home and car.

Cold weather is here. Don't go out and start your car and then return to your home with it running (even if you lock your car)

If you see something say something and call the police.

We are getting better about saying something to neighbors, but that is not enough. We still don't call the police if we see something that looks suspicious. Tuscany-Canterbury is one of the safest neighborhoods in Baltimore. We want to keep it that way. It will take everyone to help.

Zoning Issues: City Council Legislation: SIGNS

Mayor Pugh signed the new comprehensive zoning regulations concerning all signs in Baltimore. This included the amendment prohibiting feather flags that Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke fought to enact at the request of the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood.

This amendment prohibits feather flags and all other attention getting devices from all residential area. Without this amendment, these signs would have been unregulated and therefore allowed anywhere in the city. A special thanks also goes to the Baltimore Planning Commission and the Land Use committee of the City Council who supported this effort.



TRASH CONCERNS

❖ Secure Paper Trash

Last week on the very windy paper-recycling day, paper went flying all over the neighborhood. Please secure paper in containers on recycling days. Thank you to the Ridgemede & Ridgewood Condos and all the other neighbors who helped clean up the paper that flew into the Stony Run Park.

Dog Poop Bags (sorry there just isn't any other way to say it)

There is a problem. Dog walkers are leaving dog poop bags in other people's trash or recycling cans. Several of the Condominium and Co-op Associations as well as town house residents are experiencing problems. The bags go to the bottom of the big cans where the trash collectors can't reach them and therefore stay there far too long; or the can is turned over and poop bags end up on the street – not good.

We are looking into asking the City for disposal cans in the Stony Run Park but in the meantime... dog owners, please be considerate of how you are disposing of the bags. **Never** put the bags in recycling and please dispose of them at your home or building instead of using trashcans in the neighborhood.

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



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

Last month we reported "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."

IT'S GONE! Thank you to Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and the City zoning enforcement office who persevered until this illegal sign was removed.



Tuscany-Canterbury is an entirely residential area and the signage that is allowed is very limited. The TCNA board in September 2018 voted to enforce all the signage regulations in the neighborhood. We meet with the owners or managers of building to discuss the signage issues, give them time to removed illegal signs, and then if there is no action, notify the City zoning enforcement office.

* How long can you leave a car parked in front of your home or someone else's house or on the street anywhere?

Unless there is a sign that says No Parking (for whatever reason) or a Handicapped sign, you can park your car along public streets. Nevertheless, according to the Baltimore City Code, you can't leave it there "more than 48 hours continuously in the same location."

PART 4. CONTINUAL OR CONTINUOUS PARKING

§ 6-21. Continually depriving occupant of parking spot. No specific vehicles shall be habitually parked in front of a building to the detriment of its use by the owner or occupant of such building. (City Code, 1927, art. 4, §82; 1950, art. 38, §65; 1966, art. 31, §77; 1976/83, art. 31, §57.) (Ord. 26-823.)

§ 6-22. Continuously parking in 1 spot. (a) Prohibited conduct. No vehicle shall be permitted to stand more than 48 hours continuously in the same location.

http://ca.baltimorecity.gov/codes/Art%2031%20-%20Transit&Traff.pdf

So, if students or neighbors leave a car in front of your house or on the street for more than 48 hours, **call 311**_if it is a problem.

Why hasn't anything been done about the parking violations on Stony Run Lane between 39th Street and Stoney Ford?





18 parking violations have been issued in this area in the past 2 months. If you see Permit Parking or other parking violations, you can call 311. The sign shows NO STOPPING with an arrow pointing toward 39th Street. There is a sharp and dangerous curve at that point on Stony Run. Many of the violations are happening at that one parking spot.

What do I do if my street is not plowed or salted in a snowstorm?

FIRST: 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. (They will tell you that the problem will be solved in 24 hours... don't be discouraged. Be sure to record the confirmation number. This is just the first step)

THEN: 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.

THIS SYSTEM WORKS. During the snowstorm on January 12, one street had not been plowed and another block was covered with dangerous ice. The residents followed the directions above and within an hour, a plow was on the street and a salt truck eliminated the dangerous ice. Thank you Mary Pat Clarke and Kenith Ching (responsible for City snow removal and many other things).

For more Snow Information in Tuscany-Canterbury, check out TCNA website.

Sale Prices of Homes and Condos in Tuscany-Canterbury (December 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

4000 Charles Street (Unit 704) \$104,000 3908 Charles Street (Unit 303) \$1,625,000 3902 Canterbury Rd (Unit 1B. \$320,000 221 Stony Run Lane (Unit F3) \$183,500 230 Stony Run Lane (unit 1D) \$198,000

Tuscany- Canterbury Neighborhood Association

PresidentTCNA@gmail.com www.tuscanycanterbury.com

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** (Ridgemede 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 (Ridgemede 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** (Ridgemede 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@qmail.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

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 $100^{\rm th}$ 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 enighborhood, 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).