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# The Stevenswood Connection

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## Executive Board:

Aaron Plymouth,

President

Kareem Aziz,  
Vice President

Prince Green,  
Vice President

Carl Waters,  
Acting Secretary

Christina Lewis,  
Treasurer

## Life in the Community

**2011 in Review:** This was a very good year to be living in Stevenswood. Throughout the year, we tried to build a strong sense of community among neighbors, provided information about code enforcement, worked with the County's Code Enforcement officer in order to remove unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles, published four newsletters, upgraded our website,

conducted a general interest survey, held two community cleanup events, and won a \$500 grant from the Baltimore County Police Department. Additionally, we partnered with nearby community associations in order to foster a stronger sense of community solidarity. We provided a forum dealing with emergency preparedness, health, and safety. A major accomplishment

was the creation of a Stevenswood Improvement Association Neighborhood Address & Telephone Directory for all 2011 and new 2012 dues paying members. That document was created by Carl S. Waters, Acting Secretary. Finally, after several years of due diligence, another major accomplishment was the installation of five traffic calming devices on Courtleigh Drive.

## 2012 Meeting Dates:

January 11

April 11

June 11

October 10

## 2012 Annual Membership Drive

The Executive Board met on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed the By-Laws of the Stevenswood Improvement Association, INC., ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP Section 2, The amount of annual dues shall be set by the General Membership and dues shall be due and payable as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The dues are still \$25.00 per household. Our fiscal year is the same as the calendar year beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> each

year. Thus, the Annual Membership Drive launches on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Sixty-five households joined in 2011. All current members are invited to renew your membership again in 2012, and all non-members are invited to join. Please complete the attached registration form, place it and your \$25.00 payment in the envelope provided and return it to your block captain. Thanks for your support. Let's make 2012 a banner year, and let's make our community even stronger.

### New Neighbors:

Stevenswood has several new home owners. Please join the Executive Board in welcoming Mrs Sharon Jones and family at 3413 Janvale Road; Mrs. Sharon Jones and family at 8518 Stevenswood Road; Mrs. Barbara Brooks and family at 8539 Stevenswood Road; Mrs. Cassandra Lewis and family at 8408 Carlson Lane, and last but not least, Mr. Ndubuisik Okeke and family at 3515 Janvale Road.

## Election of SIA Officers

All officers serve three-year terms, and all terms are set to expire on January 11, 2012. A Nominating Committee was appointed, which was comprised of Roberta Kelly, Chair; Alice Battle, and Randolph Mack. The slate is the following:

President –

Aaron Plymouth

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –

Kareem Aziz

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –

Adenah Lisby

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President –

Prince Green

Secretary –

Roberta Kelly

Treasurer-

Christina Lewis

Our General Association meetings are held in the

Pike Conference room at Northwest Hospital beginning at 7:30 and ending at 8:30 p.m. unless noted in the newsletter the month before the meeting. Enter Parking Lot A from Carlson Lane, drive to the gate, press the call box, and you will be allowed in.

***The Executive Board thanks Carl S. Waters for doing an outstanding job as Acting Secretary.***

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## Goals for 2012

During the winter of 2009, The Neighborhood Watch Program was launched. Later, several installments of information were released in our newsletters. One goal for 2012 is to strengthen this program by activating our COP program. If interested in participating, contact Aaron Plymouth by January 12<sup>th</sup>. COP training will be conducted on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

at the Randallstown community Center from 1:00 to 3:30. The session will overarch the Block Captain Seminar. Food will be provided. Additional goals are to form a Hospitality Committee, a Beautification Committee, a Special Events Committee, and a Community Cleanup Committee.

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thanks, Carl S. Waters!

## Life in the Community Continued

This past summer, several Janvale Road residents complained about heavy traffic and speed; they were concerned about the safety of children at play. As a result, the Baltimore County Bureau of Traffic Engineering and

Transportation Planning was contacted with respect to conducting a traffic study. The study revealed, and it was determined that the volume and speed were below the requirements for eligibility to receive

active traffic calming devices. In order to assist the Janvale home owners, Aaron Plymouth mailed a letter to each of them explaining how to implement passive traffic control measures. We hope Janvale is safer.

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### Treasurer's Report for 2011

Beginning Balance	as of January 1, 2011	\$3,118.67
Income (Membership)		
	65 @ \$25.00	\$1,625.00
	2 @ \$25.00 for FY 2012	\$50.00
	Sub-total	\$1,675.00
Income (Grant)		\$500.00
	Total Income	\$2,175.00
	Total Assets	\$5,293.67
Expences		
	Tree pruning	-\$90.00
	26 t-shirts from 2010 grant	-\$413.40
	Street banner bracket reoar	-\$125.00
	Newsletters	-\$95.23
	Community clean-up	-\$375.00 2 dumpsters
	LRCC 2012 membership	-\$50.00
	Return of Grant	-\$250.00
	Secretarial supplies	-\$10.58
	SIA website annaul service	-\$120.00
	100 Complimentary pens	-\$233.91 Myron Corp
	Bereavement	-\$25.00
	Total Liabilities	-\$1,743.12
Balance as of December 28, 2011		\$3,530.55

### 2012 Membership Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues: \$25.00

Please make check payable to Stevenswood Improvement Assn.