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# The Stevenswood Connection

**Executive Board** 

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2013 Meeting Dates:

January 9

April 10

July 10

October 9

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# Life in the Community

Spring Has Sprung:

Stevenswood is one of the most beautiful older communities in Baltimore County. The singular reason is that most home owners take pride in the condition of their homes and the curb appeal of their lawn and flower beds. Please continue this trend this year. Even though we are a model community, there are two issues that persist and need immediate attention:

Trash Can Reminder:

The Baltimore County
Code requires that all
trash cans have tightly
fitted lids on them. Only
grass cuttings and leaves
should be placed in heavy
duty plastics bags secured
by ties..

Pets on a Leash: The increased presence of pet owners walking their dogs on our sidewalks has spiked concerns of some homeowners. It appears that some pet walkers still

do not have a visible means of scooping poop. This, too, is a Baltimore County Code violation. Light duty plastic bags such as grocery bags are an easy and handy remedy. Please comply.

2013 Membership Drive: I wish to thank the fortytour households who already joined SIA as of April 1. It is not too late to join. Dues are \$25.00.

## Community Clean-up and More:

The next community clean-up is Saturday, June 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. As usual, one dumpster will be located at the corner of Lauri & Stevenswood Roads. The other dumpster will be located in front of 3406 A Courtleigh Drive. This service is limited to dues paying members only. If you plan to participate and are unsure of what is acceptable, please visit SIA's webpage.

Please Save the Date: Steveswood is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night
Out and Community
Picnic on Tuesday,
August 6. More details will
be contained in the
Summer Edition of The
Stevenswood Connection
newsletter.

New Neighbors: On behalf of the Executive Board, I wish to welcome Mr. Rehman Olufayo and family,3310 Ben Valley Road; Mr. Garnett Reid and family, 3416 Janvale Road, and Mrs. Esther Sherman and family, 3310 Kenjac Road. **Newly Weds:** 

Phillip Aaron Plymouth, the son of Bernice and Aaron Plymouth, was wed to the lovely Ashley P. Cook of Baltimore on March 23, 2013.

#### Sick and Shut In:

Please say a special healing prayer for Mrs. Mary Hinnant, 3406A Courtleigh Drive, for Dr. Ella White Campbell, 8544 Stevenswood Road, and anyone else who may be sick or shut in. Prayers have amazing healing powers.

## **Project Lifebulb – Civic Works**

Project Lightbulb, a
Civic Works program
funded by a Maryland
State grant, seeks to
visit 500 homes in the
Baltimore area in order
to provide residents
with free supplies and
information that they
will need to increase
home energy efficiency.
In each home,
AmeriCorps members

will install up to 15 CFL bulbs, 2 low flow faucet aerators, 1 low flow shower head, 1 insulating hot water heater wrap and up to 6 feet of accompanying hot water pipe insulation, and 1 CO/Smoke Detector. According to energy comparisons from BGE, a Project Lightbulb visit

results in an average monthly electricity savings of 53 kWh per home (approximately \$90 each year). If interested, contact Anderson Haywood, 443-825-1686. Civics Works' website is <a href="http://www.civicworks.com/programs/green/lightbulb/">http://www.civicworks.com/programs/green/lightbulb/</a>.

## Goals for 2013

### **Standing Committees:**

At the present time, Stevenswood is in need of the following standing committees: Nominations, Hospitality, Beautification, Special Events, and Community Cleanup. If interested, please contact Aaron Plymouth.

#### 5K Walk/Run Marathon:

There will be a 5K Walk-A-Thon on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Northwest Regional Park. The goal is attract at least 50 entrants from Stevenswood and nearby communities. If anyone would like to sign up for the 5K walk, but does not regularly walk for fitness, then, take a few weeks to train for it so you can enjoy the event without the agony of the feet. Training begins on July 1st. The good news is that the basic training for a 5K walk includes the amount

of exercise recommended as the minimum amount to reduce your health risks and maintain optimum health. Five kilometers is 3.1 miles, and it can be walked in 45 to 60 minutes.

The 10 week training program will be posted on Stevenswood's webpage on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please register with Aaron Plymouth by Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

## Life in the Community Continued

#### **SIA General Meeting:**

The next general meeting is Wednesday night, April 10<sup>th,</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 in the Pikes Conference Room at Northwest Hospital. Our speaker is Mr. Brian White, President of Northwest Hospital. He

will share information about new programs and planned improvements going on now. In addition, Officer Kristi Makowiecki will share crime stats in the community and provide spring safety tips. All residents are welcome

to attend this very important meeting. Our speakers welcome questions. Likewise, the agenda allows for comments and questions from the floor.