

The Stevenswood Connection

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Fall 2013 Edition

Life in the Community:

The Stevenswood 5K Walk/Run for Wellness was a success. I wish to thank Lifebridge Health Community Small Grant Program for awarding us a \$1,000 grant which paid for 81% of the total cost of \$1,225.51. Additionally, I wish to thank Adenah Lisby, SIA Vice-President and block captain for Ben Valley Road, and Jennifer Terrell, Director of Volunteer Services and Business Outreach at Northwest Hospital, for serving on the planning committee and addressing the logistics the day of the event. Moreover, I wish to thank the following Stevenswood residents for participating: Janel Eubanks-Mabrey, her son, Kevin Mabrey, her friend, Bryan Hassell, Roselind Little, Nevada Howard, my son, Paul Plymouth, and my wife, Bernice Broonks - Plymouth for finishing the 5K cross country course. There were fifty-four participants; Kevin and Paul were 2 of the top 18 finishers. Finally, I wish to thank Kelly Carter, Executive Director of the Liberty Road Business Association, for taking lots of pictures, uploading them on Facebook, and sending them electronically to my email inbox.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

President, Aaron Plymouth

Vice-Presidents:

Kareem Aziz

Prince Green

Adenah Lisby

Secretary (Acting), Carl S. Waters

Treasurer, Christina Lewis

Third Quarter Treasurer's Report:

June 30 – September 30, 2013

Balance on Hand as of 6/30/2013 **\$5,597.51**

Income (memberships) 2 @ \$25	50.00
Income (Police Grant)	450.00
Total Income	\$500.00
Total Assets	\$6,097.51

Disbursements:

5K Liability Insurance & Fax	(166.99)
5K Timing Service & Online Registration	(600.00)
PA Sound system and entertainment	(100.00)
24 5K T-Shirts	(273.48)
NNO Police Grant Returned	(250.00)
5K Hospitality	(60.14)
5K Event Poster	(31.77)
Beautification of Ben Run Park 6/6/	(450.00)
Beautification of Ben's Run Park 9/15	(175.00)
Office Supplies & stamps	(201.87)
domain name renewal stevenswood.org	(19.95)
The Stevenswood Connection printing	(243.95)
Total Disbursements:	(2,573.15)

Closing Balance as of 9/30 **\$3,524.56**

I wish to thank Carl S. Waters, Secretary (Acting), for everything he did to assist me in the preparation of Volume 6, Issue 4 of this newsletter; and I wish to thank him for everything he does to keep us informed and safe. He is not only a member of the SIA Executive Board, but also, he is my administrative

Ruby Tuesday Restaurant



A 5,000 sq. ft. restaurant is coming to 8737 Liberty Road in Randallstown this winter. Ruby Tuesday is driven by uncompromising freshness and quality, gracious hospitality and a growing list of restaurants destined to be the envy of the casual dining business.

Founded in 1972 - Publicly owned

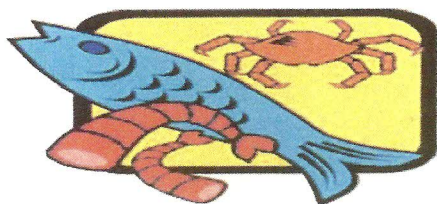
Traded - New York Stock Exchange (symbol: RT)

Nearly 800 company-owned and franchised restaurants

More than 40,000 corporate and franchise team members

Operations throughout the U.S. and all over the world

Colin's Seafood & Deli



This restaurant, scheduled to open by October, in the Randallstown Plaza Shopping Center is Colin's Seafood and Deli, 3653 Offutt Road. A Class B (BWL) onsite Liquor License application was approved on July 8, 2013. Please support it.

Liberty Liquor



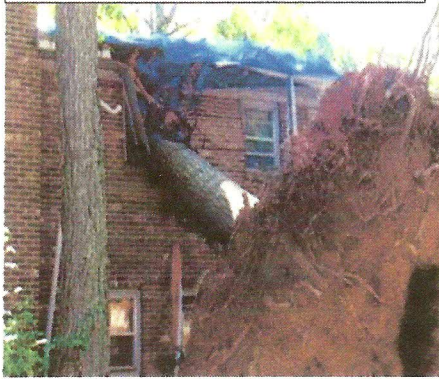
The planned Liberty Liquor Store, scheduled to open at 8625 Liberty Road was defeated in acquiring its liquor license. The store was scheduled to be the 9th Liquor Store on Liberty Road between Northern Parkway and Deer Park

Sidewalk Ramps



A request was made to the Baltimore County Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning to have sidewalk ramps placed at the following corners Carlson Lane at Stevenswood Road; and Carlson Lane at Kenjac Road; and Edcrest Road at Lauri Road; and Edcrest Road at Kenjac Road. The response stated that curb modifications can be considered on streets where people using assistance devices to aid them when crossing streets near their homes.

Tree Storm Damage



A request was made to the Emergency Preparedness Department of Baltimore County to provide information concerning the storm damage procedures when a tree falls on Your Property

At one time or another, just about every homeowner or someone the homeowner knows has had a tree fall due to wind, a storm or winter weather. The question that everyone wants to know is, "Will my homeowners insurance pay for the damage and who do I call for repairs?" The answers depend on the terms of your homeowners'

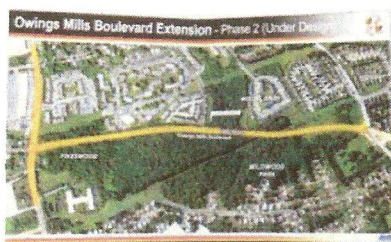
policy. Each homeowner should look at their homeowners' policy or talk with a representative from their insurance company to find out what the policy specifically covers and doesn't cover. Homeowners should also be sure to know what the policy deductible is, and any dollar limits on the amount of damage the policy will cover. Although the terms of your actual policy will determine if the damage you have incurred is covered, generally many homeowners' policies will:

- provide coverage for damage to your home and the contents of your home if a tree (even if it is your neighbor's tree) falls on your home or other insured structure, such as a fence or a detached garage
- provide some coverage for the cost of tree removal. Many policies pay a limited amount (usually between \$500 and \$1,000) to remove the tree(s) from your property, whether the tree damages an insured structure or just falls in your yard. The amount paid for tree removal is typically based on the event and not the number of trees that fall. This means that you will receive the same amount of money whether just one tree falls, or if 10 trees fall.
- provide some coverage for damage to your trees, shrubs or plants in certain very limited circumstances, such as fire, lightning or vandalism; damage from snow, ice or wind is generally not covered.
- not provide coverage for damage to your car if the tree falls on it.

Additionally, your local municipality may arrange for debris removal after a major storm that affects a large area.

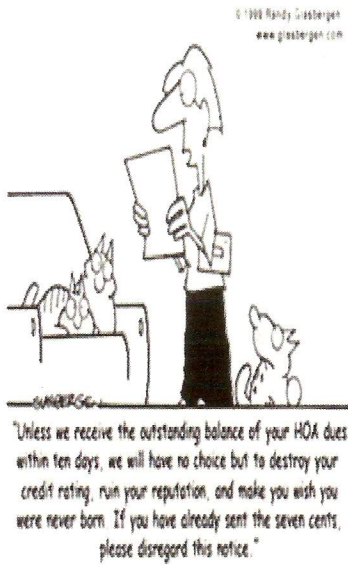
Any needed repairs are the responsibility of the homeowner, with no recommended list of companies providing repair services.

Owings Mills Boulevard Extension Phase II



Phase II of the Owings Mills Boulevard Extension will connect Winards Road to Liberty Road at Live Oak Road. The Kings Park signage will be set back from its current location because of the widening of Liberty Road at that location. Phase II is currently in the Design Phase with work scheduled to begin in September, 2013. Also, the final half-mile of Dolfield Boulevard connecting Reisterstown Road to Lakeside Boulevard in Owings Mills is open to traffic. The final phase of the Boulevard, which runs from Interstate-795 to Reisterstown Road, began in July of 2012 and was finished almost a year ahead of schedule.

2013 Membership Drive



For our 2013 membership drive, we achieved a 31% membership rate (63 of 205 households) in our community. Your \$25 (per household) annual dues will continue to be used for community expenses such as Community Cleanup, Social events such as bereavement, Hospitality events, Community Beautification projects, and Supplies including printing and distribution of the newsletters. Thank you for your support, to those of you who joined, and here's looking to a better drive for 2014.

Membership breakdown by street:

Ben Valley Road	4 of 13	Kenjac Road	0 of 17
Carlson Lane	2 of 7	Lauri Road	10 of 15
Chris Court	0 of 7	Stevenswood Court	0 of 4
Courtleigh Drive	12 of 41	Stevenswood Road	15 of 44
Edcrest Road	8 of 14	Woodhue Court	0 of 6
Janvale Road	10 of 29	Woodshire Court	2 of 8



RECYCLE-RECYCLE-RECYCLE

In 2012, Baltimore County residents recycled more of their household trash than in the history of the County's more than 20-year history of recycling. During the calendar year of 2012, more than 52,500 tons of material was collected for recycling from Baltimore County residents. This is an all-time County record, and approximately 1,200 tons more than what was collected for recycling in 2011.

By diverting these 52,500 tons of material from the waste stream, the County saved nearly \$3 million in avoided disposal costs of about \$57 per ton. The county collected 314,000 tons of residential trash last year as well, so there is room for improvement. The Catonsville/Oella area has one of the highest curbside recycling rates in the county, 31.7 percent in December 2012. The County Executive congratulated those residents, and thanked them for their recycling efforts, which have shown improvement over the past year from an average of 24.2 percent by weight in 2011 to an average of 27.6 percent by weight in 2012.

We know the Stevenswood Community can improve on the number of households that recycle and you know it's for the benefit of all of us. Let that Recycle Collection Truck stop at every house throughout the remainder of 2013 and into the coming years. Thank you to all who find the time to participate.

In an effort to increase recycling participation the SIA Executive Board has approved the following promotion.

1. A \$ 15.00 credit to the 2014 \$ 25.00 membership application for any household who:
 - a. Purchases at least a 14 gal. recycle bin/container for recycling purposes; and
 - b. Provides the proof of purchase attached to their 2014 Membership Application; and
 - c. Provides the \$ 10.00 reduced Membership Fee with their 2014 Membership Application
2. The promotion period begins October 1, 2013 and ends January 31, 2013.

ACA AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Maryland Health Connection, the state-based health insurance marketplace operated by the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, provides customer call center support in Baltimore for residents and small employers statewide. Representatives, including bi-lingual staff, guides Maryland residents and small employers through their health coverage options, explain financial assistance options available including federal tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, and answers customer service questions.

The call center, staffed with 125 representatives, will aid residents in selecting health insurance plans through Maryland Health Connection. The call center is operational seven days a week, during the open enrollment period, which ends on March 31, 2014.

A translation help line provides translation services in 200 languages for individuals who require additional assistance and TTY service is provided for the hearing impaired. Representatives are available during open enrollment (Oct. 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The call center is located at 1 South St. in Baltimore City. The toll-free phone number is 855- 642(MHC)-8572, and 1-855-642(MHC)-8573 for TTY service. The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is working with other state agencies, including the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources, as well as consumer assistance organizations and insurance companies to ensure the appropriate hand-off procedures are implemented for transfers to other agencies and organizations in the event consumers require help with other matters. It also will employ state-of-the-art technologies for call distribution, tracking, and reporting, online knowledge database and workforce management.

Following open enrollment in March 2014, the call center will be open during normal business hours to serve Maryland residents, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

An estimated 14 percent of Maryland's population of 5.8 million, or 800,000, is currently uninsured. The state-based insurance marketplace will provide access to financial assistance to individuals and families to reduce the cost of monthly insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs such as copays and deductibles through Advance Premium Tax Credits and Cost Sharing Reductions. An estimated 180,000 individuals are expected to enroll in qualified health plans (QHPs) during the first year of Maryland Health Connection's operation. Statewide, nearly 100,000 Marylanders are expected to become newly eligible for Medicaid as a result of the expansion of Medicaid provided by the Affordable Care Act. Individuals who enroll through Maryland Health Connection before Dec. 18 will have coverage beginning in Jan.

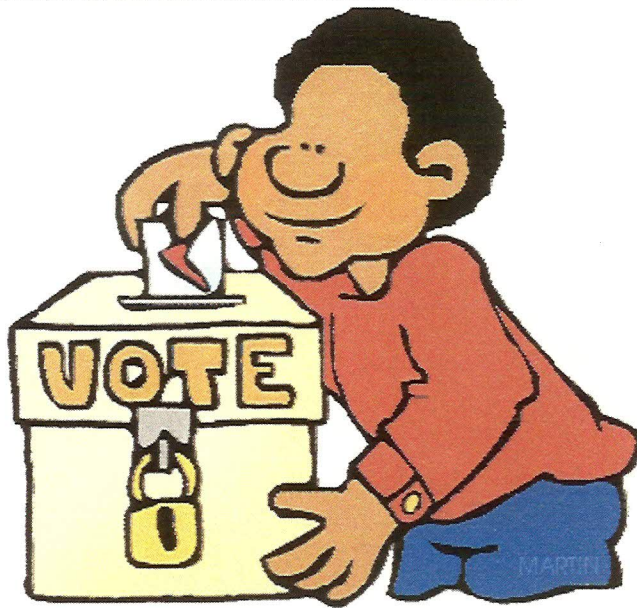


Enrollment assistance in Randallstown, call for help:

Chase Brexton Health Services
Main Phone 410-496-6441
Fax 410-496-6448
Randallstown Center
Brenbrook Plaza Shopping Center
3510 Brenbrook Drive | Randallstown, MD 21133

The October 9, 2013 General Meeting, will have Ms. Lori Hammond, the Community Relations Director of AmeriGroup as guest speaker. She will provide a presentation of the Affordable Care Act medical provisions.

Election of SIA Officers

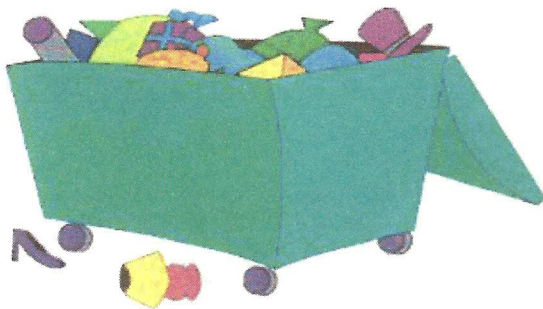


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In accordance with the by-laws of SIA, all officers serve a three year term. All terms are set to expire at the January 14, 2015 General Meeting. In accordance with general consensus the existing officers of the Stevenswood Improvement Association are President, 3 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary. A nominating committee (5 members) is scheduled to be elected at the General Meeting of July 9, 2014. This committee shall notify the membership of the nominee candidates in October, 2014. The October General Meeting on October 8, 2014 will determine the election candidates from the nominating committee and any additional candidates presented at this meeting. The officers shall be elected at the January 14, 2015 General Meeting.

This information is provided at this time because it is anticipated that a full slate of new candidates may be needed

Community Clean Up



One dumpster will be located at the corner of Stevenswood and Lauri Roads; and the second dumpster will be located in front of 3406A Courtleigh Drive. Both will be delivered for a 7 am to 12 pm usage period. If anyone needs to be provided with a list of Acceptable, Prohibited, or Restricted items please contact any SIA Officer for a printed copy or access the Stevenswood.org website.



QUESTIONS And Answers

What can I do as a Stevenswood resident to make our community an ideal place to live?

A: Keep your house and yard properly maintained; and donate your old unused vehicles to charity; and put your trash in rodent proof containers with tight fitting lids; and look out for your neighbors.

Is there a community newsletter? If you don't pay membership dues are you entitled to a newsletter?

A: There is a community newsletter, "The Stevenswood Connection". Each edition is scheduled for publication just prior to each General Meeting, (which are held in January, April, July, and October). The initial edition scheduled for January of each year is mailed to all 205 households in the community. The remaining 3 editions are distributed via block captains, to all 205 households in the community.

Each Edition is posted to the Stevenswood.org website.

What are the new speed camera locations?

Towson, Maryland (May 29, 2013) – The Baltimore County Police Department has approved installation of speed cameras in 13 additional school zones where data and community input show that speeding is a problem.

Construction of the camera pads has begun at the new locations. Police advise motorists traveling through these school zones to reduce their speeds to the legal limit now.

The new sites are:

- Carver Center for the Arts School – Kenilworth Drive at Camberly Circle
- Pikesville Middle School – 7700 block of Seven Mile Lane
- Vincent Farm Elementary, 6000 block of Ebenezer Road
- Fort Garrison Academy, 3300 block of Woodvalley Drive
- Westchester Elementary, 2300 block of Old Frederick Road
- Mt. Carmel School, 1700 block of Old Eastern Avenue
- Mt. DeSales Academy, 700 block of Academy Road
- Lansdowne Middle School, 2200 block of Lansdowne Road
- Dogwood Elementary School, 7200 block of Dogwood Road
- Church Lane Elementary School, Allenswood Road at Fernside
- Deer Park Middle School, 9800 block of Winands Road
- Stemmers Run Middle School, 200 block of Stemmers Run Road
- Riderwood Elementary, 8100 block of Thornton Road

QUESTIONS And Answers

Who do I call if a vehicle is parked in the wrong direction on the street?

Call Baltimore County Police non-emergency number, 410-887-2222, if the vehicle is not parked with the passenger side next to the curb. County Police are now issuing tickets for this violation

Who do I call if my neighbors do not shovel their sidewalk after a snowstorm?

- A. Call Baltimore County Police non-emergency number, 410-887-2222, if the snow is not removed within 24 hours after the fall of any snow. The police can give a warning or a \$25 fine for each failure to remove the snow and an additional \$25 for each day the obstruction continues.

Does the Stevenswood Improvement Association, Inc. have Bylaws?

- A. Yes, the Bylaws are posted on the Stevenswood.org website and a paper copy can be requested from the President or any officer of the association

What are the Association Goals for 2013?

- A. To have members join the standing committees of Nominations, Hospitality, Beautification, Special Events, and Community Clean Up.
- B. To have community members participate in the 5K Walk/Run Marathon on September 15, 2013. The 10 week training program was posted to the Stevenswood.org website and would be of benefit to a lot of us. Free registration was open until September 14, 2013.

WHO: Open to Everyone in the Greater Randallstown Community

There were 54 participants in the Marathon

WHEN: Held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills, MD

COST: FREE! FREE! FREE!

When is the next General Meeting so that I can ask my questions?

- A. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at Northwest Hospital Pike Conference Room at **7:00 pm.**



QUESTIONS And Answers

What do you do when overgrown tree roots damage the sidewalk?

A. The homeowner is responsible to repair the sidewalk. Since this is a Baltimore County Code violation, notification should be made and county resources will provide the corrective action.

Can I leave my expired or untagged vehicle parked in my driveway?

A. No, this is a Baltimore County Code violation and should be reported.

My neighbor frequently works on cars in his driveway and in front of his house. Is this allowed?

A. No, this is a Baltimore County Code violation and should be reported.

With outside events, involving many people and loud music late into the night; What can I do if I feel the noise level is too high and causing a disturbance?

A. You are advised to call 911 and let the police handle the situation

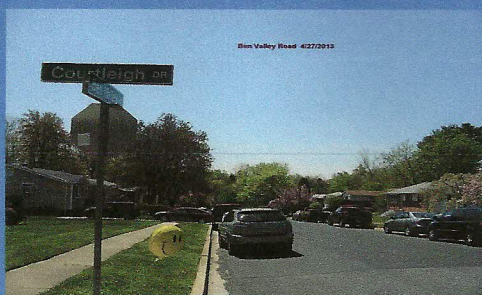
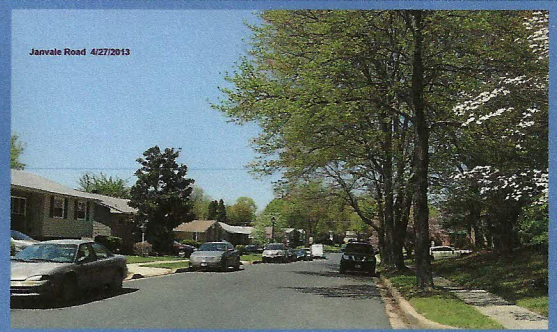
My neighbor's dog barks excessively, day and well into the night. What can I do?

A. You are advised to call 911 and let the police handle the situation

How and when do I pay my membership dues?

A. Membership dues are due on January 1 of each year. The initial Newsletter of the year will contain information about how to pay your dues. You can also provide your dues to your block captain or an officer of the association.

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