



# The Stevenswood Connection

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**Executive Board Members**

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**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Prince Green  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Arthur Brown  
**Treasurer** – Patricia Mosley  
**Secretary** – Carl S. Waters

**2015 General Meeting Details**

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Meeting**  
**Northwest Hospital Pike Room**

**Next Meeting Dates**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

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**Stevenswood Association Members**

**2015 – 50 of 205 (24%)**

**2014 – 68 of 205 (33%)**

**Life In The Community**

**From The Stevenswood Association President**

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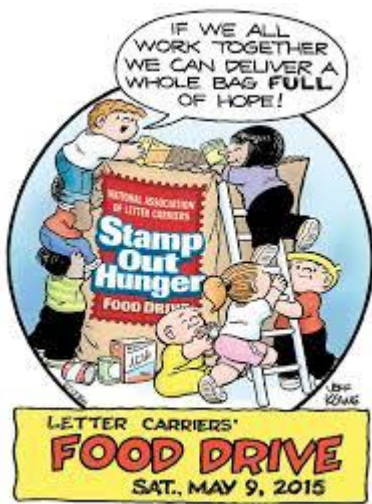
It's Daylight saving time, and spring is here. I hope everyone got through the winter safely with no damage to your homes, automobiles, or sheds. Now comes landscaping lawns, gardens, while pressure washing driveways, walkways, decks, and patios. These beautification tasks improve our homes' curb appeal and our overall well-being.

Our living under an improvement association differs from a home owners' association (HOA). We have elections, by-laws, and collect voluntary annual dues. We are free to decide exterior changes that suit our wants and needs. Our only covenant is not to fence in front yards. While a HOA has elections, by-laws, boards of directors, and require annually assessed dues. Exterior standards are set, and changes are made by committee approval, or fines can be levied.

Please value our privileges in Stevenswood. Do your share in improving the community by joining the Association, joining a committee, coming to General meetings, and sharing your electronic information

## GOALS

1. Group Exercise (Walking) – Neighborhood and Randallstown Community Center
2. Increase effort for greater participation in Baltimore County Recycling Program.
3. Increased effort in the use of modern day electronics (email, internet, etc.)
4. Getting to know our neighbors (especially the elderly), along with role of block captains



Please don't forget our community commitment to participate in this food drive sponsored by the Postal Workers. During that day postal workers will collect donations from the front porch of all participating residents. Please remember to leave your items out on that day. Some of the items can be canned (meat, ham and chicken), peanut butter, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned (stews, tuna, salmon and sardines), nuts and seeds, dried canned beans, breakfast cereals, rice and rice cakes, pasta, canned (fruits, juices, vegetables, soups), evaporated milk, powdered milk, puddings and custards, toilet paper, plastic/paper plates and cups and utensils, infant and feminine hygiene items.

## Actions

### Active

1. Dues – 34 members for 2015 took advantage of the 40% credit, but many more have not joined to help us.
2. The Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is in progress.
3. Multiple grant applications in progress.
4. Monitoring Class A and Class D Liquor License applications for locations along the Liberty Road corridor.

### Completed

1. Association Officers have been elected
2. Stevenswood Association played a key role in submitting emails and bringing out participants against the liquor license request of The New Liberty Tavern.
3. Thanked those members who volunteered for association committees.



## Community Clean Up Day

Scheduled for May 9, 2015 from 7 am. To 12 noon. There will be no other day scheduled. There will be two dumpsters located; (1) Stevenswood & Lauri roads, and (2) 8546 Stevenswood Road. If anyone needs a list of Acceptable, Prohibited, or Restricted items, contact any officer for a printed copy or access the Stevenswood.org website. The association expenses, community clean-up participation, and membership have weighed heavily on association decisions.

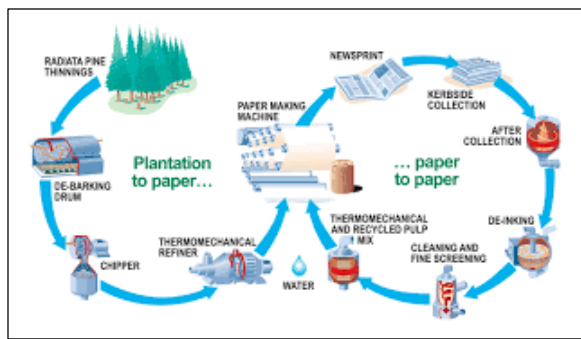


## **Social Coordinator**

This coordinator will be responsible for the following:

1. **New Owner Family communications**
  - a. Establish a process to be notified when a new family has moved into the community:
    - i. Baltimore County Real Property Database search of sales in the 12 neighborhoods
    - ii. Real Estate section of the Sunday Sunpaper
    - iii. Communications with community neighbors
  - b. Create and provide a welcome to the community packet containing:
    - i. The community website (Stevenswood.org) which contains current information about the community
    - ii. If new owner doesn't have computer access, provision should include:
      1. Community History
      2. Community By-Laws
      3. Recent newsletter
      4. Association Membership Application
      5. Local Schools, churches, eateries, etc.
      6. Municipal leaders
      7. Any other information deemed necessary
2. **Communication highlights for the community**
  - a. Graduations (from pre-school to graduate school)
  - b. Congratulations for significant events such as certificates of merit or weddings
  - c. The joys of birth
  - d. The sympathy of illness
  - e. Condolences of bereavement
  - f. Provide community letter or card during special events.
3. **Coordinate refreshments, when appropriate, during:**
  - a. General Meetings
  - b. Association sanctioned events, such as community clean up.





## Why Recycle?

### Here are six great reasons to recycle:

#### Recycling conserves natural resources.

For every 2,000 pounds of steel recycled, 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone are conserved.

#### Recycling saves energy.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television or computer for three hours. Recycling plastic uses 80 percent less energy than manufacturing plastic from virgin materials.

#### Recycling reduces pollution.

Making goods from recycled materials creates far less air and water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials. For example, making a ton of paper from recycled fiber keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air and saves 100 gallons of water.

#### Recycling creates jobs.

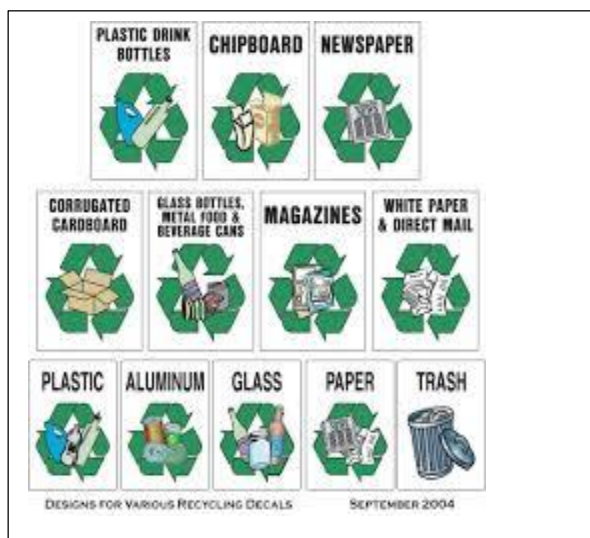
A million or more people are estimated to hold jobs in the recycling and reuse sectors nationwide.

#### Recycling saves money.

For every ton of recyclable material diverted from trash, the County saves \$57. At a time when every dollar counts, recycling saves Baltimore County nearly \$3 million per year in disposal costs.

#### Recycling lengthens landfill life.

Baltimore County's only operating landfill is already half full. The more that County residents recycle, the more years the landfill will last.





*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote once in elections, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to be a part of. To Date, 19 of your neighbors, have volunteered to participate in at least one Stevenswood committee. Won't you join a committee or even help to make a membership milestone of 100. It only takes an initial moment of your time or a \$25 membership to show you care. Bless You.*

### Stevenswood Association Volunteers for 2015

Social	Exercise	Beautification	50th Anniversary	Volunteers	
<u>Gwen West</u>	<u>Barbara Howard</u>	<u>Mack Randolph</u>	<u>Christina Lewis</u>	Terry Howard	Annie Reese
		Pearl Kennard	Arthur Brown	Rosalind Little	Christina Lewis
		Charles Campbell	Theo Clark	Beverly Mason	Bernice Plymouth
		Yoma Howard	Evie Collins	Pamela Green	Gwen West
		Evie Collins	Pamela Green	Yvette Lawson	Barbara Howard
		Cam Murray	Marsha Fuller	Marsha Fuller	Charles Campbell
			Yvette Lawson	Theo Clark	Evie Collins
			Annie Reese	Arthur Brown	Cam Murray

**The Committee Coordinators are highlighted in RED.**

### SIA Membership History

Streets	Houses	Membership Year						
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	<b>205</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>
<u>Ben Valley Road</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Carlson Lane</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Chris Court</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Courtleigh Drive</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Edcrest Road</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Janvale Road</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Kenjac Road</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Lauri Road</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Stevenswood Ct</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Stevenswood Rd</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Woodhue Court</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Woodshire Court</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

**SIA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Contact – Aaron Plymouth (410-922-4124)**

Please attend the upcoming Stevenswood Association General Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Northwest Hospital Pike Room to honor seven (7) current residents who were among the first home owners in Stevenswood. During the meeting, they will be presented with a Baltimore County Executive Citation from County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, by Tony Baysmore; and a Baltimore County Resolution from Councilman Julian Jones. Also, at the meeting, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs celebrating the incorporation of the Association in 1965 will be given to each represented household which is owner occupied. Refreshments will be available. This event is sponsored by a Lifebridge Health Community Small Grant of \$1,000. **Kindly RSVP (of your presence) to Aaron Plymouth via email or phone no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 2nd.**

If you can't attend this special meeting and wish to obtain the one-of-a-kind 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mug; please contact Aaron (between April 9 and April 16 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) to arrange a time to pick up your mug. Special provisions for special situations can be arranged, if notified.

We will celebrate Stevenswood's rich history, culture, and diversity by honoring seven (7) of our pioneers who were among the firsts to buy homes in Stevenswood between 1959 and 1965. Moreover, they still live in their homes and follow our Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Our honorees are:

Mrs. Shirley Cohen, 1961

Mr. Raymond Katzen, 1963

Mrs. Mary Davis, 1959

Mrs. Arlene Lann, 1960

Mr. Bernard & Mrs. Phyllis Fine, 1963

Mrs. Esther Sherman, 1962

The Honorable Julian Jones, Jr. Councilman for the 4<sup>th</sup> District is our keynote speaker.



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book**

Christina and her committee are in search of photographs of the Stevenswood community over the years. Any pictures depicting homes under construction, newly planted trees, well landscaped properties, community gatherings, weather conditions, etc.

Selected pictures will be included in the 50th Anniversary Memory Book.

**Please contact Christina Lewis, 410-496-2393.**