



The Stevenswood Connection

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January 1, 2017

2016 General Meeting Details

2nd Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Next General Meeting Date

January 11th – Pike Room

Next Meeting Dates in 2017

APR 12 – JUL 12 – OCT 11

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Stevenswood Association

2016 – 82 Members



Homes (205) Excluded (19)

Member Distribution

Email (65)

Hardcopy (17)

SIA 2016 Meeting Attendance

Jan (18) Jul (37)

Apr (21) Oct (12)

Life In The Community

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On behalf of the Stevenswood Executive Board, I extend to each of you, season's greetings and best wishes for a new year filled with grace, gratitude, peace, good health, safety, prosperity, and cherished memories of years past. and hope of great things to come.

Last year the Executive Board made a 21st century decision to mail the Winter edition of the Stevenswood Connection to all households. Then, the spring, summer, and fall editions were delivered either electronically or manually, to our members. Of our 82 members in 2016, 65 had given us electronic access. The practice is continuing in 2017 because it reduces our quarterly print costs and promotes efficiency.

As President, I am entering the 3rd year of my 3-year term in office. I plan to work collaboratively with the Executive Board as effectively and efficiently as possible in and for our community to keep it healthy, safe, prosperous, and a vibrant place to live. The five of us need each of you to embrace the mission and vision of the Association by completing the attached 2017 Membership Registration Form, by sharing your current email address, by joining in January at the 40% discount rate of \$15.00, by actively participating in the County's Single Stream Curbside Recycling Program, and by fully participating in our 2nd Annual Operation Clean Sweep Program.

I am asking you to pledge to join the Association, to do your share in improving your community, to get to know your neighbors, especially our senior citizens, to come to the General meetings, and to encourage our millennials to take an active part in leading our way into even a brighter future here in Stevenswood. Our motto is, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." So, please help us to preserve Stevenswood's rich history, culture, and diversity. Peace and Blessings to one and all.

THANK YOU!!!

2016 MEMBERSHIP

NAME	#	NAME	#	NAME	#
Ben Valley		Janvale		Stevenswood Rd	
Uffer	3300	Kennedy	3310	Reavis	8506
Sheppard	3301	Laboo	3402	Robinson	8511
Donnelly	3305	Williams	3404	Austin	8512
Block	3309	Clark	3406	Egbe	8520
Carlson		Hughes	3414	Bunn	8521
Craig	8400	Greene	3419	Lawson	8524
Kelly	8402	Maultsby	3421	Carr	8525
McDonald	8404	Chase	3425	Collins	8530
Lewis	8408	Lann	3426	Little	8531
Chris		Fauntleroy	3427	Reese	8532
Mayo	3	Kenjac		Lewis	8533
Courtleigh		Foster	3304	Mosley	8534
Goldberg	3404	Johnson	3305	Sykes	8536
Hinnant	3406A	Greene	3308	Porter	8537
Battle	3407A	Lauri		Brooks	8539
Robinson	3410	Waters	3302	Howard	8540
Stewart	3411A	Queen	3304	Murray	8541
Johnson	3412	Hawkes	3305	Howard	8542
Gladden	3414	Camphor	3308	Campbell	8544
Mason	3416	Walker	3310	Plymouth	8546
Spencer	3418	Stuart	3311	Aziz	8548
Kennard	3420	Davis	3312	Green	8550
Byrd	3424	Parker	3315	Howard	8552
Fuller	3502	Randolph	3317	Woodhue	
Neal	3504	Wright	3319		
Goggins	3510	Stevenswood Ct		Woodshire	
Edcrest		Henson	3400	Watkins	4
Kelly	3415	Bredenburg	3404	Howard	7
Gonzales	3417				
Smith	3418				
West	3419				
Cohen	3420				
Thomas	3426				
Brown	3427				
Peroutka	3429				
Daniels	3431				

2016 Guest Speakers

April 13 – Lisa Clerman

Alzheimer's Association –
The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer

July 13 – Elly Heidi

MD Volunteer Lawyers Service –
Why Estate Planning Matters

October 12 – Megan Schatz

Bureau of Solid Waste Management
Reasons to Recycle

Action Corner

2016 At A Glance

- 36 members received 20% January dues credit.
- Baltimore County Crime Prevention Grant of \$940.
- Monitoring Class A & D Liquor License requests. Grind & Wine Restaurant to replace Café Noir.
- Operation Clean Sweep
 - Thursday, March 31 – Street Sweeper
 - Monday, May 9 – Code Enforcement Sweep (36 violations)
 - Saturday, May 14 –
 - Refuse Dumpsters
 - Clothing Donation Truck
 - Electronic Recycle Truck
 - NALC Food Drive
- Monday, July 11, Participated in Liberty Road Clean Up Phase II.
- Tuesday, August 2, National Night Out Community participation
- Stevenswood Connection Newsletter
 - Published Winter Edition for all 205 households
 - Published remaining 3 Editions for members
- Sold 39 9th Annual Gala Tickets
- Teamed with county to keep streams safe
- Restricted "We Buy Houses" signs in Stevenswood.
- Supported Vaughn Greene's zone change to build a repast hall
- Opposed zone change for a 12 – 15 used car lot at 9217 Liberty Road
- Stevenswood Association Elections
 - Appointed Beverly Mason as chair of 2017 Nominating Committee
 - Announced that Plymouth, Green, & Waters will leave board
- Situation tour of Stevenswood Community with Councilman Julian Jones to point out areas of concern.
- Requested Baltimore County to correct low illumination of community street lights.
- Announced "Live Near You Work Program" grants of Lifebridge & Baltimore County for \$2,500 each.
- Opposed WAWA Gas Center takeover of Golden Dragon Grill & Allstate Car Care--Liberty & Milford Mill
- Requested upgrade to area power situation—result is lines being placed underground
- Requested that the 2 Bens Run curbside beds be covered. County installed River Jack Stone.
- Councilman Julian Jones awarded Community Service awards for Corrina Murray, Mack Randolph, and Carl Waters

Senior Corner

God's Plan for Aging

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking.
And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom, He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch.
And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So, if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Social Corner

2016 AT A GLANCE

Welcome-

Walter Arevalo 8410 Carlson Lane
Nwosu Chinenye 8504 Stevenswood Road
Donna Williams 8412 Carlson Lane
Rachel Ricks 3423 Edcrest Road
Ibidunni SangotiKun 3306 Kenjac Road

CONGRATULATIONS-

Prince & Montreal Green - 8550 Stevenswood
 New Granddaughter - Talia Roebuck
William & Yoma Howard - 8552 Stevenswood
 Granddaughter Katlyn Gregg to Rutgers (Fr)
Aaron & Bernice Plymouth- 8546 Stevenswood Rd
 Son Paul - Masters in Public Admin from UNC

OBITUARY-

Marsha Fuller 3502 Courtleigh Drive
Ella White Campbell 8544 Stevenswood Road
Josette Powell 8529 Stevenswood Road
Roberta Kelly 8402 Carlson Lane
 Father - Robert Lee Kelly
Corrina Murray 8541 Stevenswood Road
 Brother -- Walter Francis Milton

2nd Annual Operation Clean Sweep

The Community Clean Up will entail the following:

1. Saturday, May 6 Membership Shred Event
2. Monday, May 8 Code Enforcement Sweep
This unit will sweep the community streets and any violations will be ticketed.
3. Friday, May 12 Street Sweeper
The streets are requested to be cleared of vehicles and/or obstructions for this sweep to be effective
4. Saturday, May 13
 - a. Refuse Dumpsters
Membership usage of the dumpster from 7 am to 12 pm on Lauri Rd
 - b. Clothing Donation Truck
Community usage by leaving their collectible items at their curb.
 - c. Electronics Recycle Truck
Membership usage by leaving acceptable items at Stevenswood/Lauri intersection.
 - d. NALC Food Drive
Community usage by leaving acceptable items in postal provided bags for workers.

Community Leader Profile:
Aaron Plymouth-All Talk and All Action
Edited from August 18, 2016 Northwest Voice Article

You will find Aaron Plymouth at just about every political reception, ribbon cutting and community event in the northwest. Considered a go-to person when there is a need for advocacy and action, he can marshal volunteers and get the community engaged on specific issues. His leadership and influence comes from the strong relationships he has built with elected officials, government and business leaders, and most importantly, his neighbors.

As president of the Stevenswood Improvement Association, an organization representing 205 well-maintained single-family and detached homes off Old Court Road behind Northwest Hospital in Greater Randallstown, Plymouth takes his leadership role seriously. Items related to the safety and quality of the neighborhood—such as installing handicapped ramps and speed bumps, working with Northwest Hospital to enclose an incinerator, and looking at deteriorating driveway aprons—get his full attention.

When the neighborhood begins to take on an unruly appearance with tall grass and weeds, unlicensed vehicles parked on the street and the stream littered with debris, Plymouth knows it's time to schedule an Operation Clean Sweep. He sends a detailed letter to homeowners advising them on what they can expect at the two-day activity, for example a visit from county inspectors who will have no problem writing citations for code violations. During the second day of the clean-up, a street sweeper whisks through the eight streets and four courts. The activity concludes with a curbside pickup of unwanted clothes, household items, and electronics.

Plymouth keeps the community informed and in-the-know at quarterly meetings of the improvement association and monthly meetings of the Combined Communities Advocacy Council of Greater Randallstown (CCACGR), a group of which Stevenswood is a member and he chairs.

Describing himself as systematic and organized, it is also his style to bring individuals' different strengths together to get the job done. He is a stickler for following the bylaws, punctuality and processes, such as following an agenda. If you don't know what time it is, he'll tell you in his base voice.

Anyone looking to open a liquor store on Liberty Road will come up against Plymouth's "Operation 100 Plus 50." Stevenswood homeowners know the drill: When they receive the call to action, it is their responsibility to see to it that the county liquor board receives 100 letters in the inbox or mailbox and 50 people at its public hearings.

"Since 2010, we have decided that there will be no more class A liquor licenses granted for package goods, e.g. beer, wine and liquor, to anyone west of the beltway to Deer Park Road," Plymouth says. "We're also stopping those for class D, which is a bar or lounge."

He adds, "So long as I can breathe, I will fight and fight to keep all class A and class D out of the area because we have super saturation of liquor stores. We don't need anymore."

Everything the group achieves is part of a team effort and he praises his officers for their support.

Prince Green is Stevenswood's 1st vice president, Arthur Brown is 2nd vice president, Patricia Mosley is treasurer, and Carl S. Waters is secretary.

In the CCACGR, which is comprised of 10 community associations,

Danny Blount serves as vice chair, Susan Sherman as secretary, Tim Clark as treasurer, Virginia Jones as sergeant at arms, Nan Sherman as special assistant, and Patricia Clark as public information officer.

Born and raised an hour's drive away from Raleigh, in Kingston, North Carolina, Plymouth headed north to attend graduation school at the University of Pittsburgh. He earned a master's degree in education there and received another in administration and supervision from Loyola. His professional experience includes positions as reading specialist, teacher and assistant principal. After deciding that "administration was not my thing," he returned to the classroom as a reading specialist at Old Court Middle and Scotts Branch Elementary. He has been retired for 10 years.

Plymouth and his wife Bernice Brooks-Plymouth, a registered nurse in adult psychiatry, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in June. The couple moved from an East Baltimore rowhouse to the Stevenswood community in 1985, attracted by better schools. Their two sons—Phillip, 33, an accounting manager for a large firm, and Paul, 28, is an administrative assistant for Baltimore City Councilman Jack Young—attended Winfield Elementary, Sudbrook Middle and Randallstown High School before heading to college.

Election

Stevenswood Association Officers

In accordance with the by-laws of the Stevenswood Association, all officers are elected to three year terms. The current terms are set to expire at the January 10, 2018 Winter General Meeting. The board officer positions which will be placed for nomination are President, 1st First Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A nominating committee of 5 members is scheduled to be elected at the Summer General Meeting of July 12, 2017. This committee chair shall notify the membership of the nominee candidates in October, 2017. The Fall General Meeting on October 11, 2017 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 10, 2018 meeting, to immediately assume their positions.

Executive Board Members



President – Aaron Plymouth



1st Vice President – Prince Green



2nd Vice President – Arthur Brown



Treasurer – Patricia Mosley



Secretary/Editor – Carl S. Waters



If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement by dialing 9-1-1.
Describe who or what you saw; when you saw it,
Where it occurred; and why it's suspicious.

If you smell something, do something. If natural gas is leaking, call BGE 1-877-778-2222 immediately and report it.

Goals of 2016

1. **Increase community participation in County Recycle Program to 30% (62 households)**

This goal was not accomplished. It is hoped that the guest speaker from Waste Management made an impact on the community and there will be better participation in 2017.

2. **Increase electronic distribution to 80% of membership (66).**

Electronic distribution of 2016 membership stands at 65

3. **Increase membership-44% (82) of households**

Membership stands at 82

4. **Keep a watchful eye on liquor licenses**
Continuing to monitor license applications

Goals for 2017

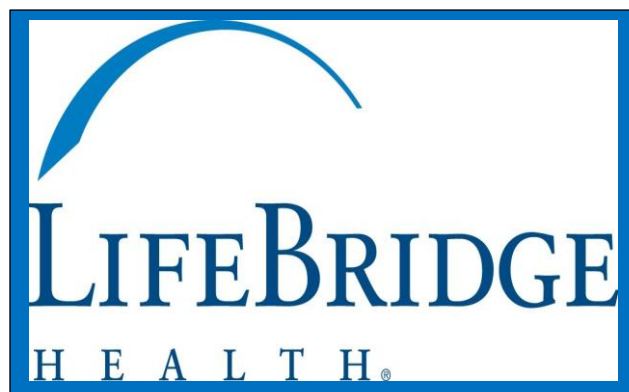
1. **Encore Guest Speaker presentation to provide an update overview of the Northwest Hospital revitalization projects, as well as scheduling other pertinent speakers.**
2. **Increase Membership to 46% (85)**
3. **Perform successful Operation Clean Sweep**
4. **Add Association Shred Event to OP. Clean Sweep**
5. **Monitor curbside recycling for % of improvement**
6. **Organize successful National Night Out**
7. **Organize successful Election Process**
8. **Research/Replace permanent signage replacement for Carlson Lane**

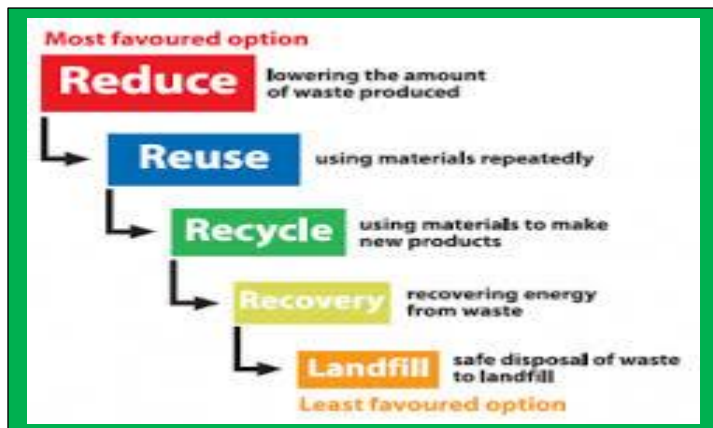
Stevenswood Ceremony

You are cordially invited to the next Stevenswood Improvement Association general meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pike Conference Room at Northwest Hospital. The highlight of the meeting is an unveiling and celebration of the Stevenswood Curbside Beautification Project.

1. Baltimore County installed River Jack stones at the two curbside landscape beds
2. Arbormasters, Inc. planted 4 decorative boulders at each bed, at a cost of \$600.00.
3. We were awarded a \$1,000 grant from LifeBridge Health Community Small Grant Program to help fund this beautification project.
4. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Please RSVP to Aaron Plymouth by noon on Monday, January 9, so that arrangements can be made for refreshments.

Stevenswood thanks Baltimore County and LifeBridge Health for their continuing support of our beautification and wellness projects.





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Speaker Pro Tem Delegate Adrienne A. Jones
10th Legislative District

It has been an extreme pleasure to represent the residents of Baltimore County's 10th Legislative District for the last nineteen years. In a County filled with such diversity and with a few challenges, I am honored by the fact that you have allowed me to act on your behalf in the Maryland House of Delegates. I am also grateful for the friendships that I have developed with many of you over the years. The 10th District truly represents a diverse community, and each of you has made a contribution towards making this a clean and safe place to live, work, and enjoy.

As I continue my work as your elected official, I hope we can continue to work to make this the Best Legislative District in the State of Maryland. Please feel free to continue to contact me in my District or my Annapolis Office.



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2017 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAMES (s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Membership Dues for 2017

Full - After January 31 \$ 25.00

January 40% Discount \$ 15.00

Make checks payable to Stevenswood Improvement Association, Inc., and submit form and payment to a Stevenswood Association Officer or place in the front door mail slot of President Plymouth at 8546 Stevenswood Road

Will you join the County Recycling Program? _____ **YES**

Will you join "OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP"? _____ **Yes**

Shred Event	_____	Yes
Refuse Dumpsters	_____	Yes
Clothing Donation Truck	_____	Yes
Electronics Recycle Truck	_____	Yes
Letter Carriers Food Drive	_____	Yes

FOR SIA 2017 PLANNING PURPOSES ARE THERE ANY ISSUES THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS IN 2017?

Please enter any issues on the back of this form.

PLEASE! Join Today