



TUSCANY- CANTERBURY

Spring 2011

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 26223 Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Stream Cleanup, 2011



On April 2, TCNA members took part in the annual state-wide stream cleanup. They worked along Stony Run from Overhill to the West University Parkway Bridge. AJ O'Brien supplied two sets of waders, and two brave volunteers went into the stream north of the Linkwood Apartments driveway to haul out all kinds of junk. A large pile of tree limbs was heaped by the side of Linkwood Road, awaiting pickup by a City truck. Nearby the bridge volunteers climbed down the steep incline in order to pick up several bags-full of trash, bottles, and cans. At the foot of Stoney Ford Road the long-clogged street drain was cleared of debris, and dirt and leaves were shoveled from the gutters along the curb. Three cheers for the volunteers!
—Sue Talbott



TOP: Jack Goellner (second from left) and Barbara Lamb (right) enjoy a moment's break while Vic Romita (left) and John Wessner haul a log out of Stony Run. BOTTOM: Team members Sarli Hermansky (left) and Deborah Callard are helping to get Stony Run flowing again.

TCNA Spring Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, June 21,
7:30-9:30 p.m.,
Calvert Middle
School Cafeteria**
*(Enter cafeteria from
Tuscany Road;
enter parking lot from
Charles Street.)*

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to order | 6. New business: |
| 2. Opening remarks | Election of Board of Directors |
| 3. Treasurer's report | <i>(See page 3 for list of nominees.)</i> |
| 4. Committee reports | 7. Special Topic: "Proposal for a |
| 5. Old business | Roundabout at 39th and |
| | Canterbury" <i>(Look for a link to</i> |
| | <i>the design on the TCNA Website.)</i> |

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2010-2011**

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From the President

Happy spring. We welcome May flowers—a visit to nearby Sherwood Gardens will help erase memories of the long, hard winter we endured. Thankfully, we were spared the seemingly endless snow storms that blanketed areas north of us.

The TCNA board continues to work with the Department of Transportation in an effort to find solutions to the dangerous intersections at 39th Street and West University Parkway and at 39th Street and Canterbury Road. It took almost eighteen months for the new left-turn signal to be installed at the intersection of Charles and 39th, so I don't anticipate solutions to the other problems any time soon. With support from Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, however, hope springs eternal: I anticipate having news to share with you at TCNA's general membership meeting on June 21 (Calvert School, 7:30 p.m.).

The Association's e-mail and Website system is under review by the board, prompted by results of the recent member survey, which showed the importance our members attach to electronic communication. I expect to provide an update at the June 21 meeting.

A good number of TCNA members joined A.J. O'Brien, our vice president, in Maryland's state-wide "Clean Streams" project last month. These hardy souls removed all manner of debris—bottles and cans, dead vines and tree branches—from the banks and streambed of Stony Run. Maybe you saw the piles they left along Linkwood Road for pickup by the City. Planning for

the Stony Run Walking Path continues, and a final plan for the alignment should be available at the June 21 meeting.

An article in the April *Urbanite*, "Good Neighbors: College-Community Collaborations Are Popping Up around the Region," reminded me that I've noticed a significant increase in the flow of information from Johns Hopkins directed to neighboring communities. I sense a positive change in attitude toward those of us who live in Tuscany-Canterbury, and I encourage TCNA members to let me know about positive or negative interactions they have with JHU or Loyola, our two nearest college communities.

As we prepare to elect TCNA board members who will begin their terms on July 1, 2011, I want to bid adieu to Sherry Christilf and John Robinson. Sherry, chair of the Membership Committee, has served more than a few terms on the association's board, and she well deserves a rest! We thank her for her part in the recent and very successful membership recruitment campaign. John has chaired the Calvert Liaison Committee, which monitors the restrictive covenant signed by Calvert School and TCNA in June 2001 and amended in August 2008. On behalf of the Tuscany-Canterbury community I thank Sherry and John for their fine work as members of the TCNA board.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., at Calvert School for the annual spring meeting of TCNA.

—Susan W. Talbott

Candidates for the 2011-2112 TCNA Board

The TCNA Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

These (and any other candidates nominated by TCNA members in accordance with the association bylaws) will be voted on by the members attending the spring general meeting on June 21. The complete roster of nominated officers and other board members is included here. Those whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) are members of the current board.

President: Susan Talbott (The Warrington)*
Vice-President: A.J. O'Brien (Cloverhill Rd.)*
Treasurer: Cartan Kraft (Tuscany Court)*
Secretary: Margaret Olson (The Ridgemedede)*

David Bedingfield (The Winthrop House)*
 Bill Eberhart (Tuscany Rd.)*
 Kenna Forsyth (Canterbury Rd.)*
 Ned Lewison (The Gardens of Guilford)*
 Michael Matunis (Cloverhill Rd.)
 Kevin Moore (The Colonnade)*
 Andrew Parsley (Tuscany Rd.)*
 Deborah Rose (Highfield House)

Any member of the association in good standing may nominate any other member to any of the positions filled by election, provided that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. Nominations from the membership must be in writing and must reach the current president (Susan Talbott) at least fifteen days prior to the spring general meeting. Nominations may not be made from the floor at that meeting.

—Fred Chalfont, Chair
 2011 Nominating Committee

Survey of Neighborhood Shows Residents to Be Like-Minded

The results are in. A board-sanctioned survey of the TCNA membership, managed by Kevin Moore in January and February, yielded a surprising piece of information: responses to the fifteen survey questions showed that the opinions of members living in multifamily high-rise dwellings are nearly identical with those held by members who live in single-family houses.

There was also agreement on the relative importance of the questions. Ranking highest was the response showing that TCNA members value the e-mail bulletins, offered on an almost weekly basis by TCNA president Sue Talbott, providing up-to-date information on traffic alerts, weather conditions, and crime. The next four questions, in order of considered importance, were:

- **Maintaining active communication with adjoining communities and the City Council**
- **Maintaining existing green spaces in the neighborhood**
- **Coordinating snow removal on streets not plowed by the City**
- **Working with the City on traffic flow and traffic calming**

Coming up a close sixth was working with the City on street maintenance issues. The question that excited the least enthusiasm was that of arranging for dedicated security patrol services at owners' expense.

The survey was conducted not only as a means of learning how the association can better help and inform its members but also to demonstrate how valuable TCNA is to the neighborhood and to encourage more Tuscany-Canterbury residents to become members. The unexpected finding that neighborhood residents seem to agree, no matter what their dwelling, on the values and needs of our community is a demonstration of true neighborliness.

—Marianna Busching

In and around the Neighborhood

by David Beningfield

Here are some highlights of long-range activities planned and under way in and around Tuscany-Canterbury.

PLANNED JHU LACROSSE FACILITY

As reported in our last newsletter, construction on this project is scheduled to begin in early July 2011; completion is projected for May 2012. JHU has not convened a status meeting with representatives of nearby neighborhoods since the initial meeting last fall. However, TCNA remains in touch with JHU officials and has made it clear that we expect timely involvement in construction decisions relating to traffic, parking, and noise abatement as work on the new facility progresses. We will continue to track this activity and will keep TCNA members informed by e-mail.

ZONING HEARINGS

The association is now on the e-mail list to be kept regularly informed about all scheduled zoning hearings. Since our last newsletter was published, TCNA was represented at the March 2011 zoning hearings involving two properties within Tuscany-Canterbury. Prior to these hearings, TCNA contacted the architects involved and reviewed drawings. This interaction resulted in no objections being raised at the hearings. TCNA will continue to monitor and react appropriately to hearings involving our neighborhood.

CONTINUING BGE WORK AT NORTH CHARLES STREET AND HIGHFIELD ROAD

BGE's project manager has advised us that work at this site will continue, off and on as weather permits, until mid-summer. Thereafter, periodic traffic interruptions at this intersection will no longer be necessary. The aim of this project is to enable BGE to better fill the needs for electrical power in the area. The company has closely coordinated the project with managers at Winthrop House and Highfield House, the only Tuscany-Canterbury residences where brief power interruptions will be necessary until the project is completed.

COMPLETION OF THE LOWER STONY RUN SEWER PROJECT

The Baltimore City official responsible for managing the contracts for this \$40-million project has informed TCNA that the job has been completed, and there is "flow in the line." While restoration of the work site has begun at the south end, it cannot be finished until equipment used on the project has been moved offsite. The heaviest equipment cannot be removed until the soil has dried out sufficiently, probably by July.

RESTORATION OF THE 39TH STREET MEDIAN BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PARKWAY AND CANTERBURY ROAD

Water-line repairs have been completed in this area. We have been informed that the contractor expects to begin restoration of the median strip by the middle of May. Restoration was delayed because of high-priority obligations related to preparations for the Grand Prix auto races. Once begun, this restoration should require only a couple of days and will include leveling the ground, seeding, and mulching as necessary.

CONSTRUCTION AT THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Construction-related on-street parking and deliveries of construction material are scheduled to end in early June 2011. This has been the \$4.5 million first phase of the church's master plan. Subsequent phases will not begin until necessary funds have been raised, which the church predicts is likely to be several years in the future. The church is planning a public celebration this fall to mark completion of the first phase.

Four-Month Property Sales in Tuscany-Canterbury

Address	Days on Market	Closing Price
3908 N. Charles St., #401	417	\$355,000
4000 N. Charles St., #401	270	\$155,000
4000 N. Charles St., #904	94	\$97,000
4000 N. Charles St., #1210	302	\$165,000
4000 N. Charles St., #1405	170	\$98,500
4100 N. Charles St., #908	322	\$199,000
4100 N. Charles St., #1004	325	\$210,000
3948 Cloverhill Rd.	148	\$399,000

Address	Days on Market	Closing Price
3801 Canterbury Rd., #611	309	\$125,000
3801 Canterbury Rd., #613	193	\$445,000
103 W. 39th St., F3	31	\$48,000

Note: These data represent real estate activity from January 1 through April 30, 2011, in the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The information is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed.

Source: Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc., provided courtesy of Karin R. Batterton, GRI, CRS Realtor Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Roland Park Office at Cross Keys, Kbatterton@cbmove.com.

News & Notes

by A.J. O'Brien

Traffic alerts: Hopkins graduation is Thursday morning, May 26, on Homewood Field. This can be a bad traffic day for T-C residents. Calvert School's graduation is June 8.

First Friday happy hour continues through the summer and into fall on June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, and October 7. The monthly gathering is at the Alizee Restaurant in the Inn at the Colonnade, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The family fall picnic will be on September 17 on the Calvert athletic field. Volunteers are always needed. Information will be distributed after Labor Day.

Neighborhood photographs that you have taken are wanted for display at our June membership meeting. If you have photos of neighborhood events, heavy snows, natural history, and such, please bring them to the meeting. For example, a neighbor has some remarkable pictures of falcons taken in his back yard.

Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute

At my bimonthly meeting with the Northern District Police, I obtained a brochure that described resources available online to inform citizens about crime-related topics, for example:

- Carjacking
- Domestic violence
- Talking with your kids about drugs
- What's a parent to do about gangs?
- Halloween safety pointers for parents
- Safer seniors
- Community-based policing

For those of you who are interested, the Website address containing comprehensive information on these and related topics is: <http://www.dpscs.maryland.gov/aboutdpscs/pct/ccpi/brochures.shtml>

—Cartan Kraft

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PLEASE JOIN THE TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR 2011



Membership Form for January 1-December 31, 2011

All residents, businesses, and institutions within the neighborhood are eligible for membership in the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association. To join, simply fill out the form below and mail it with your dues payment (see below). Membership includes voting rights at the TCNA General Membership Meeting held each spring: one vote per individual or business/institutional member, two votes per family membership. Additionally, TCNA Members are entitled to receive e-mail updates/alerts from the TCNA Board.

Please print clearly

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I would like to receive updates from TCNA by e-mail: Yes No thanks

2011 Annual Dues:

\$15 Individual \$20 Family \$50 Business/Institution

Make checks payable to "TCNA" and mail to: P.O. Box 26223, Baltimore, MD 21210

I'd like to volunteer or want more information on:

- Newsletter Committee
- Gardening and Beautification Committee
- Traffic and Parking Committee
- Internet and Web Page Committee
- Membership Committee
- Other