



TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKS FOR YOU

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

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By Brian Bailey Hawkins, Itineris



By landry Randrianmandroso



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Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:30

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
Subdivision request for 33 Warrenton Road
417 E Fayette Street 8th Floor

- Please come to show your concern about the future development of the 2.8 acres of the woods on Tuscany Road. Your emails made the difference in getting a hearing! You don't need to testify – just come to show that we care about what happens to the woods.
- Let us know if you are planning to attend. Deborah Callard (dwcallard@gmail.com) is the chair of the Woods Committee.

Snow. Snow. Snow.



Tuscany Road

(If you have pictures any snow storms in the neighborhood, please send them to Board Member, Dave Baker dbb3@aurorapaving.com who will help compile them for our newsletter and website.)

Several years ago after two huge snowstorms, there was great upset in the neighborhood when snow removal and salting of our streets did not occur as expected.

We know from the polling we have done that many families in the neighborhood would like TCNA to provide snow removal. The reality, though, is that TCNA does not collect enough money from membership dues to take on these huge costs. Also, in some parts of the community condo and coop residents are already paying thousands of dollars for contractors for this service.

This year a snow group was formed to clarify for the neighborhood what to expect when it snows. Here is the plan:

Baltimore City Snow Plan **for the Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood**

To understand the issue, we first needed to know the City's Snow Plan. Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke set up a meeting with several members of the TCNA board and Kenith Ching who is responsible for the City Snow Removal explained the City's Plans.

Tuscany-Canterbury streets are divided into primary and secondary streets. The main difference is that primary streets are treated by city employees using 5-ton trucks. Secondary streets are treated by contractors using various sizes of smaller trucks.

- Primary streets:
 - 39th Street
 - Charles Street
 - Canterbury Road
 - Linkwood Road
 - Tuscany Road
 - University Parkway
- Secondary Streets:
 - Cloverhill Road
 - Highfield Road
 - Ridgemedede Road
 - Stony Run Lane
 - Stoney Ford
- Streets not done by Baltimore City
 - Tuscany Court
- **THE CITY DOES NOT TREAT OR PLOW ALLEYS OR SHOVEL SIDEWALKS.**
- The TCNA has requested that the large plows not plow snow in the entrance to Tuscany Court and in the intersection of 39th and Stony Run Lane. If

these intersections are plowed shut, TCNA has requested that smaller plows come back open them again.

The snow treatment of primary and secondary streets begins at the same time.

The city's goal is to complete **primary routes once in two hours** and **secondary routes once in four hours**. Variables affecting this goal are weather conditions, street conditions, the amount of snow, and the time required to replenish salt supplies from city salt barns. Routes are repeated until streets are passable.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CITY STREET IS NOT DONE

- If you DO NOT see a snowplow or salt truck on your street within the first 12 hours of when the snow starts,
CALL 311 and let them know that your street has not been treated. Be sure to record the confirmation number.
- After you get a confirmation number,
Contact Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office (410-396-4814) or email her at MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov with your name, street and the 311 confirmation number. Mary Pat will follow up with the Snow Call Center.
- **Email TCNA Board Member, Chris Whitaker** at skybluebye@hotmail.com and give your name, street, and the 311 confirmation number. He will track the issue or any concerns you have.

WHAT WE DO, OR NEED TO DO, OURSELVES

Next we talked with many of TCNA'S condo associations, Calvert School, and neighbors on various streets about what they provide in snow removal services. The Condos, Co-op, Calvert School all use their own money to provide those services. Many of these groups will spend between \$12,000 and \$25,000 per year to clear city streets, alleys, and sidewalks in the neighborhood.

- The Gardens of Guilford and Tuscany-Lombardy not only clear snow from their property but also clear Stoney Ford (a city street).
- Ridgemedede Condos also clears part of Ridgemedede Road as well as part of the alleys behind their buildings.

- Calvert School clears everything within its their property but also does its their best to help clear Tuscany and Canterbury Roads (on days when school is in session and other days if possible).
- Tuscany Court's residents shovel the snow on the court and the alleys bracketing the court because no snowplow can clear that area.
- Some residents snow blow part or all of their alleys or streets. Other residents pay contractors to shovel or plow their driveways or alleys.

Residents' Responsibilities

- Shovel your sidewalk
- Do NOT put snow in the street when you shovel your sidewalk or clear your car
- Park as close to the curb as possible during snow storms so that the plows can get through
- Remove snow from storm drains (so that streets don't flood).

The Neighborhood Association

The Board of the TCNA decided several years ago that it would no longer try to clear some alleys. The cost to do this was thousands of dollars and the cost of dues did not begin to cover the cost. Some nearby neighborhoods that salt or snowplow alleys charge the residents between \$100 and \$200 for every one or two snow storms.

- If an area of the neighborhood wants to have snow removed from their alley, residents of that area will need to decide what to do, how often the service is needed, and raise the money for the cost of snow removal. We have compiled possible contractors who may be available to provide this service.
- If your section of the neighborhood is interested in doing this, TCNA can help facilitate the meeting and discussion, survey the neighbors to get their input, and help develop your plan. Please let Linda Eberhart linda.eberhart45@gmail.com (co-president) know if you are interested.

More maps, charts, and information about snow removal are available on the TCNA website www.tuscanycanterbury.com

33 Warrenton Road and The Woods – Update

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DECEMBER 21st

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As explained in last month's e-Newsletter the house at 33 Warrenton Road and its 2.788 acres of wooded property in the 200-300 blocks of Tuscany Road are for sale. The owners have asked the Baltimore City Planning Commission for permission to subdivide the property into two parcels.

At TCNA general membership meeting on the November 8, Deborah Callard, chair of the TCNA Woods Committee, urged residents to contact the Planning Commission; and to ask for a hearing so Tuscany Canterbury residents could explain their concerns about the future of the wooded land along Tuscany Road. The TCNA Board, Councilwoman Clarke, Delegate McIntosh and over 25 community members called, phoned and emailed the Commission. And on November 13, the Planning Commission's director, Tom Stosur, informed TCNA that because of the "high levels of concern expressed in recent correspondence," the request would be placed on the agenda of the December 21 Planning Commission meeting.

To prepare for the December 21 meeting, Deborah Callard's Woods Committee has met several times and is developing testimony. The committee will circulate a flyer prior to the hearing with details of the time and location and what onlooker/attendees can do to be supportive. Only one or two from the neighborhood will speak at the hearing. But a turnout of 20+ would be good evidence of community interest.

Callard wants to underscore that we are NOT opposed to the subdivision of 33 Warrenton. We are interested only in the future of The WOODS. As much as possible, we want to maintain them as the present owners have done.

Crime and Safety- lessons learned again

At 8 am one morning last week a Tuscany Court resident got into his car, turned on the ignition, and went back into his house. Immediately, a tall thin young man emerged from nowhere, got into the car, and drove off, turning onto Tuscany Road and into the Calvert School drop-off traffic that often clogs Tuscany at that time of the morning. Frustrated by the traffic, the thief abandoned the car and jumped into a waiting red Mitsubishi that took off down the street. The car owner

retrieved his car. Neither he nor a neighbor who witnessed the event called 911. But Calvert parents reported the attempted theft when they got to Calvert. False rumors of guns, masks, and carjacking abounded. The school called the police, and a Highfield Road resident notified Councilwoman Clarke. She pushed the police to find out what happened and to be more active in the neighborhood.

The incident ended with little damage – no theft and no one hurt. Ironically, we appreciated Calvert morning traffic that day and re-learned several crime prevention lessons.

Several weeks ago we circulated some crime prevention tips. Two have special relevance to last week's event. We do have the power to prevent crime in the neighborhood if we all follow these suggestions from the police and Councilwoman Clarke!! Here they are again.

- ❖ **Keep your porch light on ALL night.** It costs only a few cents night. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to turn on their porch lights.
- ❖ **ALWAYS lock your house doors. Don't leave keys, wallets, purses, or cell phones inside your house in plain sight.**



- ❖ **ALWAYS lock car doors and never leave anything visible in your car.**



- ❖ **Don't start your car to warm it up and leave it running and return to your home even for a short time.**
- ❖ **Install motion detectors lights** shining on alleys, driveways, garages, and decks.
- ❖ **If you see something that is suspicious call 911**

IMMEDIATELY. Be thoughtful, though, and think about what you are observing. Deliveries, cleaning services, contractors and yes, Calvert parents who park and sit in their cars are all strangers to the neighborhood . So we must balance the need to call 911 with careful observations of what is going on.

If all of us do these things all of the time, the bad guys will see that the neighborhood is organized and their chances of success here are limited. If you have other suggestions, please let us know.



CALVERT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Calvert School Liaison Committee, chaired by Brooke Murdock, met with Calvert Headmaster Andrew Holmgren and Tom Travers at Calvert School on November 29. This was the second of four meetings, TCNA has with Calvert each year and provides an opportunity to discuss issues when they come up. The discussion included snow removal planning, timing of vendor deliveries to the school, and community notification of events at the school.

Calvert plows snow on Tuscany, Canterbury and Highfield Roads when the school is in session. Holmgren was understandably reluctant to make a firm commitment to plow but said that as in past years “Calvert would do whatever we can in the allotted time ...even when the school is not in session.”

On Grandparents Day several weeks ago Calvert was not able to park cars on the Tuscany Road field as they sometimes do because it was wet, so in an effort to relieve traffic congestion, Calvert used golf carts to transport attendees from the Middle School parking lot to the Lower School. This was particularly helpful in taking traffic off of Tuscany and Canterbury Roads and the Committee thanked Calvert for its effort to relieve traffic congestion.

The Committee asked that vendor deliveries not occur at unreasonably early times in the morning or at times that add to morning drop off or afternoon pickup traffic congestion. Holmgren said deliveries are made only when Calvert personnel are at the school. He understands the concern and wants to know about specific complaints as they come up so he can deal with them. Complaints should be emailed to Brooke(mbrookemurdock@gmail.com) so that she can bring them up with Calvert. Holmgren promised to monitor delivery times and try to make adjustments when possible.

The Covenants TCNA has with Calvert School require that there be a Liaison Committee that meets at least four times a year. Since much of the impact Calvert has on the neighborhood relates to the amount of vehicular traffic the Lower School generates, the Covenants also cap Calvert's total enrollment and the enrollment at the Lower School - 363 students this year. The Covenants and Amendment are on the TCNA website.

Calvert will be making improvements to the front entrance of the Lower School next summer. Plans are not complete yet but will be shared with the committee.

The next Liaison Committee meeting will be in late February.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

✓ Bricks repaired on the Roundabout

- Several bricks came loose from the roundabout at Canterbury and 39th Street.
- A call to 311 and the roundabout was repaired.
- A small problem can turn into something bigger.
- If you see something call 311 and get the confirmation number.
- TCNA will follow-up if you let us know.



✓ Repaving of Ridgemedede Road is done and all the materials and equipment have been removed from the Stony Run Park.

✓ Ambassador Apartments

- The manager has reported that the construction is on schedule to be finished by Spring 2018
- The dumpster on their site is for concrete debris. The contractor won't take it if other materials such as mattresses are put in the dumpster. Please don't put anything in this dumpster. It will delay the progress on the construction. If you have bulk trash you can call 311 and they will pick it up. TCNA also arranges for a dumpster in the area for you to use in the spring and fall.

✓ Crossing at University Parkway and Tudor Arms

CROSSWALK ON THE 500 BLOCK OF WEST UNIVERSITY PARKWAY,
CONNECTING TUDOR ARMS AVENUE WITH the CARLYLE APARTMENTS.

Below is part of the request that Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke has made to the Department of Transportation in Baltimore.

- Westbound traffic approaches the crosswalk at full speed in 2 lanes, so drivers cannot “see” past stopped vehicle to realize that the other vehicle is stopped to let a pedestrian cross. Great danger of pedestrian being hit as the second vehicle speeds through.
- Eastbound traffic is coming around a curve and downhill to the crosswalk, unable to see a pedestrian who may be crossing from the Carlyle Apartments on the northside of West University Parkway. Street/Crosswalk are so wide that view across the street is obscured by parked cars and foliage. We may need a pavement expansion to extend where the northside crosswalk begins.
- If ever a crosswalk needs a repainting with cross hatches and bells/whistles to signal its presence, this is the one.

Tuscany-Canterbury will be working on getting this issue solved. The new Streets and Greens Committee of TCNA will be exploring a variety of options to suggest. If you have any ideas please email Chris Whitaker
skybluebye@hotmail.com

Leaves, leaves, leaves....

Most of the leaves have fallen and it's time to rake and bag them. We ask all residents to collect especially along the streets and curbs that define your property.



This is the responsibility of all homeowners, apt owners, businesses, condo associations, etc. The leaves can be put out with Tuesday's trash collections.

Problems are caused when leaves are not collected. They clog storm drains, and make it difficult to pull out of parking places when it snows. Finding a place to park is difficult enough as it is.

Thanks for your support!
Kenna Forsyth

✓ **New TCNA Board Members and other TCNA needs**

- **Jo-Ann Orlinsky and Chris Whitaker** are new board members. Jo-Ann lives in the St. James and Chris lives on Tuscany Road. Chris has agreed to Co-Chair the Streets and Greens committee with Bob Turner. Jo-Ann will be TCNA's contact in the southeast sector of the neighbor. We are glad to have them involved.
- **Ellen Silbergeld** will be the TCNA Residential Permit Parking Contact. She lives at the Colonnade and has agreed to assume the responsibility from Rob Snow who has done this for several years.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
 - A secretary for the TCNA board (responsibility to take the minutes at each Board meeting and 2 neighborhood association meetings) Please email Anne Perkins (co-president) annep315@gmail.com
 - A Welcome Neighborhood Group is being formed. If you are interested in helping contact Board member Hannah Mazo hmazo@comcast.net Volunteers will help identify new residents moving in, help contact merchants and businesses in area to provide information and coupons for Welcome Kit, and/or help with the yearly welcome party for new residents in Tuscany-Canterbury.

- A person to help Ellen with Residential Permit Parking in May/June to help residents renew their permits. Please contact Chris Whitaker skybluebye@hotmail.com