



TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKS FOR YOU

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TUSCANY-CANTERBURY

November 3 5:30 – 7 pm
Neighborhood First Friday Happy Hour Alizee Restaurant at the Colonnade

November 8 7:00 pm
Tuscany Canterbury Association Fall Meeting at the Calvert School (Middle School Building off Charles Street)

November 11 9 am to 12 pm
Dumpster Day Dumpster will be located at Tuscany and Linkwood Road

December 6 7:00 pm
Board Meeting Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 8 7:00 PM
Calvert School – Middle School Building

Agenda

33 Warrenton Road and The Woods

Updated information about the sale of the “**Woods**” that face the 200 and 300 blocks of Tuscany Road. Rachel Edds, an expert in land use and zoning regulations, will lead the discussion about what could happen with the 2.8 acres of wooded land.

Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (the Kirwan Commission)

Delegate Maggie McIntosh, a resident of Tuscany-Canterbury and Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, serves on the Kirwan Commission and will report on its work. The legislature will review the commission's report and recommendations during its 2018 session. Everyone with or without school age children will want to hear first hand what may be happening.

Proposed Amendment to TCNA Bylaws:

Article V: Board of Directors

The board of directors shall, in consultation with the general membership, set policy for the Association. The board of directors shall consist of at least nine and not more than [fifteen] twenty members, including the Association's executive officers. Each director shall reside within the neighborhood, as defined in Article I, and shall be a member of the Association in good standing. Directors shall serve one-year elective terms but may be re-elected to the board without limitation.

Reason: *The TCNA Bylaws cap the number of Board positions at 15. The TCNA Board currently has 15 members and all are active and working hard at different tasks. In its report to the membership in May the Nominating Committee said that it was not able to fill the TCNA officer slate or find new Chairs for all the Committees. It is important that the Committee Chairs be Board members and the Association needs to fill all officer positions. To accomplish this we need to raise the cap on the number of board members. We can lower the number in the future if indicated.*

[The Stony Run Bridges - A Little History](#)



The old bridge at Ridgemedede across the stream

On October 7 the Friends of Stony Run, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks hosted a joyous ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the formal opening of the two new bridges over Stony Run.

Only a few Tuscany–Canterbury residents remember when the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad, affectionately known as The Ma & Pa, went out of business in the 1950s. Residents living in communities along the abandoned railroad right of way gradually created a walking path from Remington and Stone Hill to Northern Parkway. Most of the pathway was on City parkland, but in numerous places the informal path either crossed stretches of private property and busy public streets or the Stony Run in a manner that was hazardous for all and impossible for some. This was especially true in Tuscany-Canterbury where the stream runs between Linkwood Road on one side and apartment complexes on the other. For years crossing the stream near Stoneyford Road involved a treacherous leap or balancing on a log.

With a continuous path as a goal, neighborhood volunteers began what became a decades long quest

About 15 years ago TCNA President Peter Molan mused and dreamed about a bridge over the stream near the intersection of Stoneyford and Linkwood Roads. Soon after Kirsten Day Held, who lives on Tuscany Road, formed an organization that worked with the City for several years to build a bridge on the site. At Kirsten's urging the Department of Recreation and Parks even hired an engineering firm to design a bridge on the site. Several years passed, though, and still no bridge. Next up was TCNA President A.J. O'Brien, who because of his interest in the neighborhood and the Ma and Pa Railroad's history, wanted to figure out how to consolidate the walking path and the old railroad right of way. A.J. worked with lawyers at the Community Law Center to determine whether or not the right of way still existed after the parking lots of the Linkwood Apartments and The Carlyle were constructed

By this time others became interested in the dream of a continuous path along Stony Run and with the necessity of easing the walk to and from Wyman Park. For three years a small group of Tuscany-Canterbury residents met at Choclatea every Tuesday morning to plot and plan. The group included A.J., Anne Perkins, Sue Talbott, Ralph Kurtz, and Bill Eberhart. Soon they were joined by Sandy Sparks from Charles Village, Matt Greenwood from Remington, landscape designer Matt Fitzsimmons from Hord Koplan Macht and an intern from Greater Homewood. The Choclatea group determined that the first step would be for all the neighborhoods along Stony Run from Northern Parkway to Remington and Stone Hill to agree on an alignment for the walking path. This involved raising money – about \$20,000 – to hire a landscape architect to design the path and provide maps to use in discussions with neighborhood leaders. The money was raised from individuals, foundations, and Johns Hopkins University. TCNA contributed \$1,000 from its treasury. During the spring and summer of 2012 the Choclatea group held meetings with residents in all the communities along Stony Run and eventually got agreement to the proposed alignment.

Next came the need for construction money and lots of it. Our neighbor, Delegate Maggie McIntosh was/is in a key leadership position in the Maryland House of Delegates and was able to persuade Governor Martin O'Malley and then Secretary of Natural

Resources John Griffin to appropriate \$1.2 million dollars in two budget years for the Linkwood Road bridges and a number of other projects along the path from Northern Parkway to University Parkway. Construction projects seem to take forever – engineering and landscape design, procurement and bidding contracts, construction and storms meetings with the Rec and Parks folks etc. Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke had to come to the rescue numerous times as the bridges neared completion. Finally it all came to a joyous finale on October 7.

Never forget, though, that it happened in great part because of the time, effort and perseverance of volunteers and elected officials from Tuscany Canterbury sticking with it over the years.



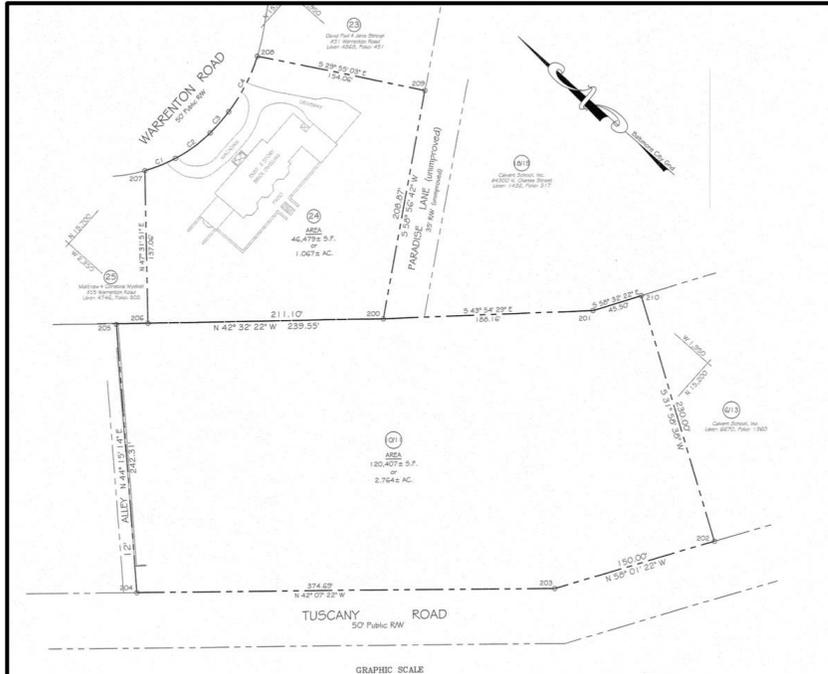
The New Bridge

33 Warrenton Road and The Woods

As reported in last month's Newsletter, 33 Warrenton Road is for sale. The 3.822 acre property includes the house and surrounding property on Warrenton Road and a wooded area of 2.788 acres along Tuscany Road.



On October 18 the City Department of Planning posted notices on Warrenton Road and on Tuscany Road announcing that the owners have made a request to subdivide the property into two parcels – the house and the 1.034 acres surrounding it and the 2.288 acre wooded land along Tuscany Road. The present owners have been wonderful neighbors and exemplary caretakers of the beautiful woods the neighborhood has enjoyed for many years, but there is great concern about the future impact of any development of the land along Tuscany Road.



A Tuscany Canterbury Woods Committee has been appointed and considerable time will be devoted at the November 8 Membership Meeting to discuss the community's options regarding the future of the wooded parcel on Tuscany Road.

Members of the Woods Committee:

- Deborah Callard (Tuscany Road) Chair
- Fred and Jonna Lazarus (Ridgemede Road)
- David Long (Tuscany Road)
- Trudy Bartel (Wlckford Road & Friends of Stony Run Park)
- Pat Hawthorne (President, Gardens of Guilford)
- Anne Perkins (Tuscany Road)
- Dave Urbanek (Tuscany Road)
- We hope to have a member from the Tuscany-Lombardy

Stream Restoration Work Beginning in Wyman Park

In order to meet federal MS4 storm water requirements the Baltimore

Ridgemedede Road Water Project

- All the water pipes have been replaced and connected to the homes and condos on Ridgemedede Road.
- Ridgemedede Road rebuilding and repaving is beginning and should be done in a month.



- Construction materials that have been stored in the Stony Run Park area at the end of Tuscany Road will be removed and the area cleaned by the end of November.



Crime and Safety Tips for Neighbors

Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke suggests these common sense things to prevent crime and has seen them work in many of the neighborhoods she represents.

- **Install motion detectors lights** shining on alleys, driveways, garages, and decks.
- **Keep your porch light on ALL night.** It only cost a few cents a night. Talk to you neighbors and encourage them to turn on their porch lights.
- **Always lock your house doors. Don't leave keys, wallets, purses, cell phones 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.** (In addition to encouraging a theft, it's against the law.)

- **If you see something that is suspicious call 911 IMMEDIATELY**

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

Get involved with Tuscany-Canterbury Neighborhood Association

Events and Membership Committee

We now have reorganized the committees in the neighborhood. There is an Events and Membership Committee that is responsible for planning events throughout the year for the neighbors.

Ann Christopher, co-chair of the committee, organized the TCNA annual picnic in the Stony Run Park on October 7, immediately following the Stony Run Bridge Ribbon Cutting. Children participated in a fun scavenger hunt and played badminton and croquet. Calvert School loaned us their tables and chairs for the day. Alonzo's donated delicious hot dogs that were grilled by Steve Summers, a new board member (and also owner of Alonzo's). Hopkins Deli and Sam's Canterbury Café also made donations to the event. Neighbors brought dishes to share. Thank you to everyone in making this a great event.

Board member, Roz Mansouri organizes the monthly First Friday at the Alizee Bistro in the Colonnade. The new manager, Marco is providing an amazing selection of free and delicious appetizers. It's a time to relax and meet neighbors. It's always on the First Friday from 5:30 to 7.

Hannah Mazo, co-chair of the committee is leading a new project that the committee will be starting is to welcome new homeowners and residents to the area. If you are interested please email Hannah hmazo@comcast.net .

Communications Coordinators

Board members, Dave Baker and Steve Summers have agreed to coordinate the communications with the 3500 residents who live in Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The board recently decided to begin a **Facebook** page. Volunteers are needed to help set it up and maintain it. If you are interested, please contact Steve at summers4477@gmail.com.

Calvert School Liaison Committee

This month Calvert School has 3 school events scheduled:

11/10	All Day	Parent Conferences
11/14	9:00 – 11:00	Considering Calvert Day
11/21	8:00 – 12:00	Grandparents' Day

Brooke Murdock, mbrookemurdock@gmail.com is the chairperson the Tuscany-Canterbury Calvert School Liaison Committee. The committee meets 4 times a year with Calvert School and will contact Calvert School throughout the year if there are immediate concerns. Other committee members for this year are:

- Ferdinand Latrobe (Canterbury Road)
- Ned Lewison (Gardens of Guilford)
- Arna Margolis (Tuscany-Lombardy)
- Anne Perkins (Tuscany Road)
- Sally Robinson (Highfield Road)
- Diane Stollenwerk (Gardens of Guilford)