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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REVIEWS PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FLOATING FRIDAYS

Carol Bishop (Jr.) organized another wonderful Progressive Dinner on a chilly April 6th. The first course took place outside, on Cheryl Wilson and Luke Brackett's front lawn, from which we could view the Hornbeck Stage and hear the music of the women's a cappella group, *Out Too Late*. WIA is blessed to have such talent living in the neighborhood! Many, many thanks to those families who acted as our hosts: Cheryl Wilson & Luke Brackett, Colleen McCahill and Tom Hyatt, Carol & Marty Bishop, Sujata & Tony Massey, Becky & David Hornbeck, and Carol & John Bishop. Feedback from each host indicated that the quality and quantity of the food was terrific and that no one went away hungry. In all, 19 children and 53 adults attended. A heartfelt thanks goes to Carol Bishop (Jr.) who organized the event and commented that "WIA is beyond compare . . . we live in the best neighborhood in the world!"

Now, after 2 years, it's time for her to turn the reins over to someone else. Any takers?

Since they were a success last year, we will be sponsoring



Wyndhurst neighbors join together at the home of Carol and Marty Bishop for the annual Progressive Dinner.

Floating Fridays again this summer. For this event neighbors sign up to host a pot luck in their front or back yards, alleys, or streets—any place that allows kids to play. Hosts provide cups, plates, utensils, ice, tables, some chairs, water or lemonade; (grill is optional) and allow access to their houses for water or restrooms. The event runs from 6 - 8 p.m. and may be cancelled in the event of rain at the discretion of the host. Attendance at last year's events ranged from 8 to 40 people, with an average of 20 (15 adults and 5 kids) attending each week.

We will meet every other Friday and need families or groups

to host on the following days: June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, August 2, 16 & 30. It's a great event for a block to host together.

Please email Beth Ratrie (bratrie@yahoo.com) ASAP to sign up to host a Floating Friday or to coordinate next year's Progressive Dinner. Thank you.

HISTORIC HOME HOLDS MEMORIES

The 200 acres on which our neighborhood stands were originally purchased in 1694. By 1912, about a third of the land had been developed, but most of the houses and buildings we see now were constructed during the 1920's. There are a



The Cadwalader house at 733 Colorado Avenue

number of these houses with interesting histories, and *WIA News* recently paid a visit to one of them, the home of Mrs. Phyllis Cadwalader at 733 Colorado, in the hope of learning more about it.

The Cadwaladers and their three children moved into 733 Colorado in 1951. The previous (and probably original) owners were a Captain Black of the Merchant Marine Service and his wife and daughter. The Blacks were evidently quite social. They built a bowling alley in the basement, and a bar, complete with mirrored back, where they reportedly threw parties that were “merry, and a bit on the noisy side” during Prohibition. They also doted on their only child, Babs. They had maple flooring installed in a downstairs parlor so that Babs could roller skate there, and they built her an elaborate playhouse on the alley, with brown shingles,

a slate roof, electricity and a working stove. Sadly, neighborhood boys destroyed the roof by climbing on it and rain damage eventually made it impossible for the Cadwaladers to save it. Apparently Babs also liked to smoke as she grew older. There was a space behind the 3rd floor paneling where she and her friends would gather in secret to enjoy this newly chic pastime. Carpet beetles infested the rug that she put down, however, and the Cadwaladers eventually had to cover and fumigate the entire house.

The house may sometimes have been visited by a ghost. Mrs. Cadwalader was doing laundry late one night in the basement when she heard someone walking around upstairs, although her husband was on National Guard duty and her children were sound asleep. When she investigated, there was no one who could have made these noises or the ones in the kitch-

en, where the lid to the sugar bowl was found askew. Her theory is that Mrs. Black didn't want to leave her house and made visits back there just to check on it.

Mrs. Cadwalader was born in Wales and moved to the island of Jersey at the age of 7. She lived in England during the war before marrying and moving with her husband and son to Maryland. She remembers the neighborhood of the 50's and 60's with great fondness. She remembers the pre-Eddie's A&P, The Empire Laundry, The Hatrack and a patisserie along Roland Avenue. Harold and Arnold of the Tuxedo Pharmacy were little boys then, and she remembers them selling Christmas trees in front of the pharmacy when they were 7 and 8. Her warmest memories are of the neighbors who quickly became friends and of the regular get-togethers they had at one another's houses. Phyllis Cadwalader took up painting after her husband's death and became a highly respected amateur artist. She lives now amidst her many beautiful creations—and her memories of happy days in Tuxedo Park.

Does your home have an interesting “back-story”? What about others you know in the neighborhood? If you drop a line to Libby Champney (libbycc@aol.com), she'll interview you or your friends and make this HISTORIC HOME a regular feature in the newsletter.

MEET WIA'S NEW OFFICERS

PRESIDENT



Jim Determan has lived in Tuxedo Park, originally on Colorado Ave. and currently on St. Johns Rd., for the

past 27 years. He is an architect, working at Hord Coplan Macht in Baltimore, and has served on the Greater Roland Park Master Plan committee since its inception (currently, on the implementation subcommittee). He loves to scuba dive.

VICE-PRESIDENT



Helen deClercq is also a longtime Wyndhurst resident. She and her husband Steve and two children

moved to the neighborhood in 1998. Helen teaches chemistry at Howard University and heads the Stony Run/Parks Partnership committee, as well as keeping watch over zoning regulations for the neighborhood. In the rare event that she has spare time, she loves to plant things.

SECRETARY



Wil Hylton has lived on Deepdene Road with his wife and two children since 2009. He is a freelance writer (ideal for

taking minutes!) who is a contributor to *The New York Times Magazine*. His book *Vanished* will be published in the Fall. Wil loves to smoke good pipe tobacco.

TREASURER



Henry Kay has lived with his wife and two sons on Colorado since 1998. In addition to keeping track of WIA

money, he works for the MTA, managing the planning of new rail lines. He loves to cook and take walks through the neighborhood.

neighborhood. The Greater Roland Park Master Plan identifies a number of projects that need support from neighbors. The three most critical are the Roland Park Water Tower, Stony Run and the green space at the Baltimore Country Club. The Roland Park Water Tower needs repair and there is a plan to create a park at the base of the tower. The Stony Run is wonderful linear park used by all, but needs bank stabilization, erosion control and safe crossings at roads and through the parking lot at Wyndhurst Station. There are plans to purchase the land at the Baltimore Country Club and improve a portion as a recreational park while preserving the



Phil Spevak discusses the Greater Roland Park Master Plan and Open Space

A MEETING ON THE OPEN SPACE CAMPAIGN

On April 10, 2013 representatives from the Open Space Campaign made a presentation to more than fifty residents of the Wyndhurst Improvement Association. Mary Page Michel, Phil Spevak, and Amy Bonitz spoke about the need to help preserve and improve the natural assets and open space of the

remaining open space. Other projects include the preservation of the footpaths, tree canopy and Centennial Park. All of the residents to Greater Roland Park are asked to contribute what they can to any or all of these projects. Block Captains will be distributing pledge sheets to each house or you can go to www.rolandpark.org/OpenSpace to read more and make a pledge.



WIA Kids:
Don't forget to sign up for the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Summer Reading Program!

VILLAGE AT HOME

Excerpted from
www.villageathome.org

Village At Home is a community-based non-profit organization. Its services are specifically designed to help people stay in their own homes as they grow older.

Village At Home members are eligible to receive services from two sources: volunteers and vendors. Neighbor-to-neighbor volunteers provide pre-arranged door-to-door local transportation. They also help members with smaller, intermittent tasks, like shopping for groceries, changing hard-to-reach light bulbs and sorting mail.

Our vendors perform skilled jobs, personal care and the larger, ongoing tasks—all at a discount to members. Vetted vendors provide such things as handyman services, medical transport and bill paying assistance.

Membership is open to all ages. Village At Home was uniquely created for its north Baltimore neighborhoods, including Wyndhurst (Tuxedo Park and Embla Park). It is also a part of the growing Village Movement in the US.

Joining as a member allows you to experience firsthand all that the Village can offer. Anyone of any age will find many Village services valuable. Do something nice for yourself and help your community at the same time,

If you are not ready to join, we welcome you as a volunteer. Give as little or as much time as



PHOTOS: BRION MCCARTHY 2013



On April 26, Brion McCarthy (Deepdene Rd.) spotted a picture perfect robin's nest next to the Stony Run near Friends School Field. He returned the following week to find one baby bird in the nest. On May 21, a white crane was seen flying along the Stony Run near St. Johns Rd., plucking small fish out of the stream. Have you captured Wyndhurst flora and fauna on film lately? Email it to Elizabeth at wyndhurst@gmail.com and we'll include it in the next *WIA News*.

you want. Experience that special satisfaction when you make a difference in a meaningful way. Volunteers are the heart of the Village.

Consider joining, volunteering and donating. It's all about helping each other!

COFFEE SHOP PROPOSAL FOR WYNDHURST REVISITED

Michael Weinfeld, owner of Wyndhurst Station, recently contacted the neighborhood to gauge interest in providing a coffee shop at the retail center. Wyndhurst Improvement

IMPORTANT DATES

2013 DUMPSTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 20

Lawndale, parking lot next to cleaners

Saturday, October 5

Summit and Colorado

Saturday, December 7

Lawndale

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Hazardous household waste will be accepted on the **first Friday and Saturday** of every month, now through November.

The closest dump is the Northwest Sanitation Yard at 2840 Sisson St. It's open Monday through Saturday from 9 - 5. You can call them at 410-396-6070 if you have questions about what they will accept.

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Association is currently party to a covenant that disallows a coffee shop at Wyndhurst Station, but Michael had heard from neighbors that there was now support for such an establishment. After soliciting opinions from various neighbors, however, he decided that there was still opposition. He did not want to create controversy, so he is no longer pursuing the coffee shop tenant. If there is a broad appeal for a coffee shop in the future, he is happy to accommodate the neighborhood.

DPW TARGETS BALTIMORE'S GREASY HOTSPOTS

Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) discharges from dishwashers, sinks and floor drains are major culprits in many costly sanitary sewer backups and overflows. FOG causes residential property damage, environmental contamination, health hazards and expensive sewer line repairs.

In 2002, the City of Baltimore embarked on a comprehensive sewer system evaluation and rehabilitation effort under a federal consent decree. You can read more about the program at baltimorecity.gov or talk to someone at 410-545-6541.

Meanwhile, **citizens are urged to do their part.** Keeping FOG out of your drains helps to keep your sewer lines and public sewer lines from having blockages, overflows and backups.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR A HEALTHY HARBOR

Everybody knows that Baltimore Harbor is polluted, but did you know that there's a movement

The Roland Park Pool opened over Memorial Day Weekend and will operate through Labor Day.

POOL HOURS:
10 AM - 9 PM
DAILY (once school is officially out for summer)



underway to make it safe for swimming and fishing by the year 2020? The Healthy Harbor movement was started by the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, and is supported by Baltimore City as well as area businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Waterfront Partnership, in collaboration with Blue Water Baltimore, is also working with neighborhoods upstream of the Harbor to help them become Clean Water Communities. Neighborhoods are spreading the word and making a difference by cleaning up vacant lots, installing rain barrels, and painting storm drains. Storm drain art engages neighborhood youth and helps neighborhoods keep their streets clean by reminding people that anything going down a storm drain (including organic material like leaves and mud) ends up in the Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay. Neighborhood storm drain murals often include catch phrases like "trash in the street pollutes what we eat," or remind residents of long buried

urban streams that still flow beneath City streets with phrases like "Harris Creek is under our feet."

To learn more about how to get yourself, your community, or your business involved in the Healthy Harbor movement, visit HealthyHarborBaltimore.org or contact Adam Lindquist at Adam@WaterfrontPartnership.org.



WYNDHURST LIST SERVE

If you would like to receive notifications about official neighborhood events and news please email wyndhurst@gmail.com. Include your name and address and you will be added to the Wyndhurst list serve.



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