

# Stoneybrook Times

Randallstown, Maryland

May 2008



## **Is the Stoneybrook Community Association (SCA) an organization for change or just more neighborhood rhetoric?**

A comment was made that SCA meets, meets and meets again, but the community is not seeing any changes, and the community don't know why they should donate \$30 for memberships. Well, change is a heavy load, especially when carried up-hill and alone. SCA, from the president to the block captains, are all volunteers, who donate their time, money and resources to make our community the best it can be. The members establish monthly agendas, set-up guest speakers, and contact public officials to bring vital information to the community. In it's short existence, SCA has established two-way communications between the neighborhood and county officials. Guest speakers have included Baltimore County Outreach

Police Officer Debra McAulay, County Executive Jim Smith, State Senator Bobby Zirkin, Judge Pat Stinger and a host of others. Community residents have been able to shake hands, ask questions and have their questions addressed by otherwise untouchable officials. If you aren't reaping the benefits of SCA then you haven't attended a meeting lately. It's community members working together that make change happen.

"The Harvest is ripe but the labors are few." ..Luke 10:2

## **SCA rejects T-mobile cell tower.**

T-mobile wanted to put a cell phone tower at Randallstown high school. When public officials rejected the proposal, T-mobile officials contacted SCA to win support. Our stand was "We will not take any chances with our most precious assets, our children". Today, T-mobile is searching for a new location for the cell tower.

## **Community Associations Merge:**

Should Stoneybrook's, Falcon Ridge's and the Imperial Garden's community associations merge into one community association? Will it leave

you with a voice or will it give us a stronger voice?

## **Neighbors in Action:**



## **Neighbor seeks facelift for stream behind Meadows Heights.**

One neighbor has been watching the stream deteriorate over the last 12 years. Twelve years ago the stream was immaculate. The lawn was manicured, bushes were trimmed, and flowers were blooming. Today, it's an eye soar. The lawn and shrubs are not kept. The stream overflows with heavy rains. After hearing County Executive Jim Smith speak at a SCA meeting, the neighbor has taken a stand. She has contacted the county executive's office and has been in touch with Balto. County Department of Environmental Protection to ask what can be done about the condition of the stream. After several meetings with government officials, the county is investigating a stream clean up program.

## **Neighbor helps in arrest of known car thief.**

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January 2008, A Stoneybrook Community member spotted a man acting suspiciously. The man was looking into cars and then turning and looking up at the houses the cars were in front of. The community member followed the suspect and called 911 to have the police respond. The police responded and were able to make an arrest out of the situation. The man turned out to be a known car thief.

**Neighbor wants to bring STOMP program to Stoneybrook Community.** The program has been successful in Baltimore City. It is geared for at-risk 14 to 20 year-old youths. It recruits 12 kids, teaches them interviewing skills, job training, home demo and repair skills.



**Neighbor repaints Imperial Gardens Entrance sign.** After hearing that graffiti was painted on the Imperial Gardens Entrance sign at an Imperial Gardens Improvement Association (I.G.I.A) meeting. One

neighbor volunteered his time, materials and talent and repainted the sign.



## **Graffiti: Gang markings or teen-age pranks:**

Today, teens are more organized, and they try to emulate popular gangs and use graffiti as markings or tags. If you have graffiti in your neighbor, please contact 911, so the gang unit may take pictures and identify the markings as gang related or not. Also, contact Baltimore County (General Services) 410-887-5453 so the graffiti can be removed, promptly. Don't let it deteriorate your community.

## **Who is speaking for your needs?**

The income in Randallstown is higher than surrounding cities. Taxes are increasing. Prices from gas to homes are increasing and so are the taxes being collected. But it seems service is decreasing. Are we being taught to pay more and expect less? Is it becoming a self-service

world? Will we let the lack of service handicap our community? To hear how you can help with any of the above projects or any community project please attend an association meeting or email us.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Neighbor Clean-up  
Dumpster Day  
Community Bazaar  
SCA officer election

## **Meeting dates and times:**

All general meetings are held at 6:45 at the Winands Road Synagogue at 8701 Winands Road. The meeting dates are:

May 27, 2008

June 24, 2008

July 29, 2008

August 26, 2008

September 30, 2008

October 28, 2008

November 25, 2008

## **Last thought:**

Randallstown communities are communities rich with resources and opportunities; and, they are for everyone, regardless of race, religion, or physical ability. It is up to us to groom and cultivate them.

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