

# Stoneybrook Times

Randallstown, Maryland

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## **Stoneybrook Community "Action" Association**

On August 30, the Stoneybrook Community Association, SCA, took action. It sponsored a stream clean up. Several community men and women, dressed in yellow Stoneybrook hats and shirts, gathered at Scotts Level Stream. Their mission was to keep Stoneybrook clean by removing years of debris.

## **Second "Overflowing" Dumpster Day**

Also on August 30, 2008, SCA sponsored the second "Dumpster day." SCA asked several members to allow Baltimore County to place roll-off dumpsters in front of their homes. For "free", community members were allowed to use the dumpsters to get rid of trash, dirt, junk and debris. Again, neighbors took advantage of the opportunity to get rid of unused or unwanted item. This year 40 tons of trash

was removed from the community.

## **A New Fiscal year: When will you come to the dinner table?**

Senator and talk show host Larry Young asked his audience, "When do you come to the dinner table?" He stated that the cook comes long before the meal is prepared and stays long after everyone is gone. The cook gathers all the right ingredients and mixes them just right to prepare a delicious meal. Most people come and partake of the meal, but few help prepare it. Well just like the cook, Stoneybrook officers prepare agendas, events, clean-ups and monitor the neighborhood's progress. Although we love it when neighbors participate in the meetings, we would love it even more, if you had more of an active roll with your neighborhood's direction. Please contact us. Participate in our meetings, and help us determine our neighborhood's needs and directions.

## **Project 365 Underway:**

Community members are designating a particular 'problem area' in our community. It could be anything from a park overtaken by drug dealers,

a gang problem, a graffiti problem, a trash problem, expanding Neighborhood Watch, or a neighborhood plagued by crime, drugs or violence. The goal is to work towards correcting that problem within an estimated "365" days.



## **24/7 Police Camera's in Stoneybrook?**

We have seen and heard of the 24/7 police cameras in Baltimore City, but should or can these cameras be placed in Stoneybrook? Usually police watch live images from cameras that are placed in high-crime parts of the city, hoping to respond faster to shootings, robberies and other offenses and catch suspects before they get away. Before these cameras are place in a community, there has to be a major outcry from the community. What's your opinion?

## **Neighbor in Action:**

Who's responsible for maintaining the lawn of a home? The answer sounds simple; it is the homeowner! But what if

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the homeowner is elderly or disabled? Fortunately for Stoneybrook, we have Josh's lawn care. Josh has volunteered his service on several occasions and cut lawns of the elderly and disabled at no charge. Josh is truly a neighbor in action.



## **Trash? Recycle? Or Reuse?**

Julie Robey from the Bureau of Solid Waste Management spoke at the August 26 General meeting. She revealed some startling facts. Baltimore County's recycling rate is about 45%, with 50% being commercial and 12% being residential. The majority of our trash is taken to a Virginia landfill, which will be full by 2039. Also, it costs the county \$36 per ton for trash, \$37 per ton for waste energy (ex. batteries), and \$59 per ton for yard materials. But the county actually makes \$85 per ton for recycled materials, so before throwing out those items please ask trash? Recycle? Or reuse? Recyclable items are bottles, metal cans, and

paper products. Please sit the items out on your recycle day and use bags of any color except blue, yellow or red. These colors represent hazardous materials. Reusable items are clothing, electronics, and appliances. Also, instead of bagging grass clipping, they can be mulched and left on the lawn. For further information on Waste management please call 410-887-2000.



## **From Condoms to Condiments.**

Doug Policy of the Gwynns Falls Watershed Association (GFWA) says that any trash thrown in the yard or street usually ends up washing into the sewer. If it does not cause pipe blockage and costly plumbing repairs, it usually washes into the nearest stream and is recycled into your drinking water. Some items are perishable, but others are not. Doug has participated in many stream cleans-ups and has removed

items like bank statements, bills, diaries, condoms and condiments. He suggests that the best way to keep your stream and neighborhood clean is to make sure trash is put in its proper place, organize a community clean-up, or contact GFWA.



## **Where's Walmart?**

For years, we have been hearing and talking about Walmart coming to Randallstown, but it hasn't arrived yet. Well, sources say Walmart is still coming. There was an issue with the current property owner and Walmart, which has now been resolved and Walmart should start construction very soon.

## **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:

*October 28, 2008*

*November 25, 2008*

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