

# The Stevenswood Connection

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**June 30, 2014**

### **Executive Board Members**

**President** – Aaron Plymouth  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Kareem Aziz  
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### **2014 General Meeting Details**

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Northwest Hospital Pike Room

January 8th

April 9th

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – next meeting**

October 8th

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**Stevenswood Association**

**Membership is 62 of 205**

### **Life In The Community**

#### **From The Stevenswood Association**

##### **President**

Let me begin by wishing all of you a Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration; and by informing each of you about exciting activities and events happening in Greater Randallstown.

There are two items I want to share with you:

**The Randallstown Farmers' Market:** The Liberty Road Business Association's Annual Farmers' Market has begun. It takes place on the parking lot in front of the Randallstown Public Library every Wednesday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please support the farmers and local vendors. This is Kelly Carter's 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Executive Director of the Liberty Road Business Association and 2<sup>nd</sup> year sponsoring the Farmers' Market in its new location. When you shop there, tell Kelly you are from Stevenswood, and thank her for her efforts.

**Liberty Live! 2014:** The Liberty Road Business Association is presenting a family friendly outdoor concert series at the Kings Point Square Shopping Center, 9900 Liberty Road, Randallstown. Free admission; rain or shine. Food, beer & wine, soft drinks are available for purchase. Farmers' Market vendors are selling their products as well. Bring along your folding chairs, family and friends. No pets!

Friday, June 27, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Balto. Islanders Steel Band

Friday, July 11, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saxophonist Isaac Parham

Friday, July 25, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Chandra & Ryzé Band



**Baltimore Red Line**

The July 9th General Meeting speaker, will address the current and future activities of this vital Maryland Transit Administration project.

## Excerpts from SIA By-Laws



Article II Purpose –Section 1 Purpose for which established (1) To unite all residents within the geographical boundaries of the association....; (2) To provide a mechanism to enable residents to define concerns....; (3) To assure community stability....; and (4) to cultivate the spirit of helpful cooperation among its members.

Article IV Officers – Section 2 Nominating Committee at the July 9, 2014 General Meeting, five members shall be elected to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the General Meeting on January 14, 2015. Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for three years or until their successors are elected.

**To date there have been no volunteers for any of the four committees, including the nominating committee.**

Article X Limitation Powers – Section 2 upon dissolution of the Stevenswood Improvement Association because of a completion of its purposes, or for any other reason, all assets ....shall be contributed to some charitable enterprise.

**If there are no members to assume the offices of the association, then Article X of the By-Laws will be instituted.**

## Stevenswood Association Achievements --- Year-To-Date

1. Vigorously supported the Baltimore County Police Department in shutting down the Fire & Ice Hookah Lounge, 3536 Brenbrook Road in Randallstown.
2. Mobilized the Greater Randallstown communities to oppose S&S Liquors' application for a Class A Liquor License to operate as Rick's Liquors at 8516 Liberty Road in the Savoy Plaza Shopping Center.
3. Improved pedestrian and vehicle safety on Stevenswood Road by working with the Baltimore County Bureau of Highways Sign Shop in persuading them to grind out sections of the center lines of Stevenswood Road between Courtleigh Drive and Stevenswood Court; and between Carlson Lane and Lauri Road.
4. Applied for and was granted a \$450 Crime Prevention Grant from the Baltimore County Police Department.
5. Led an endless battle for the approval and planned installation of 6 ADA compliant handicapped curb ramps to be installed at the corners of Carlson Lane and Stevenswood Road; Carlson Lane and Kenjac Road, and Stevenswood and Lauri Roads
6. Donated \$1,000 to the Maryland Food Bank's Virtual Food Drive and alerted the community to support the Postal Workers non-perishable food collection drive, of May 10.
7. Utilized a professional landscaper to beautify Ben's Run Park at the Ben's Run Stream on Stevenswood Road. No community volunteers would participate.
8. Requested Wal-Mart to repair their Church Lane Entrance potholes, but Baltimore County Bureau of Highways ultimately had the responsibility and performed the repairs.
9. Instituted drive to increase recycling rate with providing dues credit for recycle bin purchase.



### National Night Out.

We will celebrate, on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:30, with the LRBA celebration at the Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 5115 Old Court Road, Randallstown, MD 21133. Our \$250 grant will be donated along with the other participating community associations. Please bring chairs if the event activities are out of doors. The event is rain or shine. Some activities include face painting, pony rides, moon bouncing, fire trucks, & Officer McGruff Crime Dog.



### FREE SHRED EVENT

**Open to the Public**  
**Saturday, July 12 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
**Susquehanna Bank Parking Lot**  
**Randallstown Office**  
**9900 Liberty Road**  
**Randallstown, MD 21133**



### SHA MD 26 Changes

Operational and safety improvements are being made on MD 26 (Liberty Road) between I-695 and the Carroll County Line. Projects include:

1. Resurfacing a one-mile section of MD 26 between Liberty Ridge Court and the Carroll County Line;
2. Constructing ADA-compliant sidewalk between Offutt Road and Chapman Road on westbound MD 26;
3. Replacing 14 white overhead traffic lights at 12 locations between Wards Chapel Road and I-695 with new LED white lights to improve intersection visibility for pedestrians and motorists;
4. Improving traffic operations at the MD 26 /Lord Baltimore Drive intersection by modifying the existing left-turn traffic signal for westbound MD 26 traffic turning onto Lord Baltimore Drive; and
5. Pedestrian safety analysis on MD 26 (Liberty Road) between I-695 and Brenbrook Drive  
This is a growing area of Baltimore County with schools, businesses, homes, and worship centers populating this 2.5-mile section of MD 26. This analysis will identify improvements to enhance the safety of pedestrians, transit users, cyclists and motorist. This analysis should be complete in fall of 2014.



### 5 K Walk/Run

Stevenswood Community Run/Walk for Wellness will now be held

Sunday, September 7, 2014  
Check in is from 8:00 – 8:45  
Warm-up is 8:50  
The fun begins at 9:00  
Online registration will open on August 1 and end on August 31

Where: Northwest Regional Park  
4515 Deer Park Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Cost: A Free Event including registration

How: Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/stevenswood-5k-walkrun-for-wellness-tickets-11459390345](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/stevenswood-5k-walkrun-for-wellness-tickets-11459390345)

Wellness Goodie Bags & t-shirts to the first 70 finishers.

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## Code Enforcement Complaints

Code Enforcement investigates suspected code and zoning violations in Baltimore County. Examples of commonly reported violations include rodent or insect infestations; high grass; illegal structures; abandoned vehicles; improperly stored trash or garbage; and defective roofs, windows, doors or fences.

You are not required to include your name, address, phone number or email with your complaint.

**To File a Complaint Online, go to:**

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov)

Report A Problem → Code Complaints:

To report the code violation, begin by selecting one of the six categories below and follow the directions:

### Constituent Complaints

Examples: rats, tall grass or weeds, abandoned vehicle, vacant property, unsanitary conditions, trash or debris in yard

### Building Complaints

Examples: working without a building permit, failure to obtain inspection, unsafe structure

### Electrical Complaints

Examples: working without electrical permit, working without license, dangerous conditions

### Grading Complaints

Examples: grading without permit, failure to comply with approved plan, mud on roadway

### Plumbing and Gasfitting Complaints

Examples: working without plumbing permit, failure to maintain plumbing system, discharge of untreated sewage

### Rental Registration Complaints

Example: unregistered rental property

## **Other Ways to File a Complaint**

You may also send a **fax** to Code Enforcement at 410-887-2824 or send a **letter** to:

Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections  
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 213  
Towson, Maryland 21204

## **Check Complaint Status**

Check the status of a previous complaint online. You can search by case number, case type, street address or date submitted.

You may also **call Code Enforcement** to check complaint status at 410-887-3351. If you mailed or faxed your complaint, please allow five working days before checking status.



On Saturday, May 10, NALC members across the United States once again put the U.S. Postal Service's universal delivery network to use to help feed the country's hungry, by taking part in the 22nd annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive. In more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions, letter carriers collected sacks of non-perishable food items left near customers' mailboxes. Volunteers, including members of the other postal crafts and from postal management, as well as family members and friends, helped retrieve the heavy bags from loaded-down postal vehicles and transport the much-needed food to the organizations that serve the hungry.

The Stevenswood Association wishes to thank all those who participated.



### Community Clean-Up

The Dumpster Event, held on May 31, 2014, was successful with 17 households participating. Remember, there will be no Dumpster Event in the fall.



## **Baltimore County Animal Control Code Article 12**

Animal Control Officers are empowered with enforcement authority for state and local laws involving animals. Persons violating these animal laws may be subject to fines.

1. **First offense: \$25 fine.**
2. **Repeated Offenses: \$100 fine.**
3. **Criminal penalties may also be imposed with up to \$1,000 in fines, up to ninety (90 days in jail), or both.**
4. **Menacing/dangerous animal problems and cruelty to animal's charges may incur more stringent penalties/sanctions.**
5. **Persons receiving a violation must correct the situation, and pay any fines, or may request a hearing in writing within five (5) days of receiving the violation.**
6. **Baltimore County Animal Control Division can be contacted at 410-887-5961.**
7. **Article 12 Excerpts:**
  - a. **When off the owner's property, all dogs and cats must be walked on a leash.** If chained outside, chains must have swivels. Chain collars may not be used, except when training.
  - b. **It is a violation of the law to allow dogs to bark excessively.**
  - c. **If an animal bites someone, the owner and the bite victim must report the injury to the Police Department.** You are responsible if your pet bites or injures another person or animal, or menaces people in the community.
  - d. **Owners are responsible for the timely removal of pet waste on public and private property.**

**Walk Safe:** On Thursday, June 19, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Baltimore County Public Safety Officials launched a pedestrian safety program called Walk Safe. The campaign aims to educate citizens on the traffic laws that apply to pedestrians and the specific dangers associated with crossing illegally or while distracted. The following reminders will help you avoid injury as a pedestrian and make the roads safer for pedestrians when you are driving. Here are a few safety precautions you can take while walking:

1. Always cross at traffic lights, marked crosswalks or intersections.
2. Obey traffic signals at all times.
3. Don't attempt to cross if the signal tells you to stop.
4. Stay alert when crossing. Even when the signal says WALK, you should check if the path is clear.
5. Try to make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb.
6. Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side facing traffic.
7. Wear bright or reflective clothing at night.
8. Avoid distractions when crossing. Turn off headphones and cell phones before crossing.

The Baltimore County Fire and Police Departments respond to more than 400 pedestrian-vehicle crashes each year. The reality of pedestrian crashes in Baltimore County is far different from the common perception of the problem.

1. 80% of the pedestrian crashes are the fault of the pedestrian.
2. 60% of the pedestrians killed are adults over 40.
3. Every day someone is hurt or killed crossing the street in Baltimore County.

## SIA 2nd Quarter Financial Report As Of 2014-06-30

	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Balance</u>
	Amount	Total	
<b>Beginning Balance As of January 1, 2014</b>			<b>\$4,574.36</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership -			
Membership @ \$25.00 - (44)	<b>\$1,100.00</b>		
Membership @ \$50.00 - (1)	<b>\$50.00</b>		
Memberships @ 10.00 - (16)	<b>\$160.00</b>		
Memberships PrePaid - (1)			
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>\$1,310.00</b>	
Grants			
Baltimore County			
Crime Prevention Administrative			
Crime Prevention NNO			
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b><u>\$1,310.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Randallstown Gateway Park Donation	<b>\$100.00</b>		
Newsletters	<b>\$498.62</b>		
Office Supplies			
Letters & Stamps	<b>\$42.80</b>		
Beautification of Ben's Run Park	<b>\$275.00</b>		
Stevenswood.org Domain name renewal	<b>\$19.95</b>		
Bereavement	<b>\$150.00</b>		
Hospitality	<b>\$158.88</b>		
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$1,245.25</b>	
Events			
Maryland Food Bank Virtual Donation	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
Stevenswood 5K Walk/Run			
Liability Insurance and Fax			
Flyers- Printing	<b>\$31.01</b>		
Hospitality			
Megaphone			
T-shirts			
Event Poster			
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b><u>\$1,031.01</u></b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b><u>\$2,276.26</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014</b>			<b><u>\$3,608.10</u></b>