

The Stevenswood Connection

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Executive Board Members

President – Aaron Plymouth
1st VP – Kareem Aziz
2nd VP – Prince Green
Treasurer – Christina Lewis
Secretary – Carl Waters
(Acting)

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2014 General Meeting Details

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Hospital Pike Room

January 8th
April 9th
July 9th

**October 8th – next meeting held at
the Professional Office Center**

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Stevenswood Association

Membership-66 of 205 -32%

Life In The Community

From The Stevenswood Association President



One of the lessons that I learned as a young man is the joy derived from volunteering and giving back to the community. Even now, I always strive to provide outstanding volunteer service to help neighbors and to strengthen the community. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as 1st Vice President for 20 years, acting president for 9 months, and now I am in my 2nd 3 year term as President, which expires on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Moreover, I have given much thought and prayer about seeking a 3rd 3- year term. As a religious man, I spoke to our Father, and he provided me with the energy to seek another term as the president of the Stevenswood Improvement Association. If elected, I look to continue to keep the association as one of the most respected in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

With the help of our energetic members, I hope that we can persuade more households to join in keeping the association as the viable unit it was meant to be in its beginnings. With our energetic membership, we can do more to increase interest in activities such as the Baltimore County recycling program, the Maryland Food Bank donations, the vital committees of SIA, and activities that can aid our aging population.

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Event Notes

1. National Night Out was a success again this year. The location was Mt. Olive Methodist Church. Over 200 people represented 10+ communities of greater Randallstown. We were very pleased to see many Stevenswood neighbors. Thank you for your participation and support. Looking ahead, the 3rd Annual NNO is Tuesday, August 4, 2015. More details will be shared in Volume 8 Issue 2 (Spring Edition.).
2. 5K Run/Walk for Wellness - The 2nd Annual 5K was a success. I wish to thank Cam Murray, Bernice Plymouth, Rosalind Little, Arthur, Stacey, and Jacob Brown, Barbara and Terry Howard for participating. I also wish to thank Adenah Lisby for providing the complimentary timing service which included her generator and event clock.
3. The Community Relations Forum will be held on Thursday, October 16 (6:30-8:30 pm) at the Randallstown Community Center. The Flyer is posted to the Stevenswood website.

SIA 50th Anniversary Celebration

The land for the Stevenswood Sub-division was acquired in 1961, and construction began shortly thereafter. Then, on January 29, 1965, The Stevenswood Improvement Association was incorporated by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Association. The Executive Board is exploring various strategies for engaging interested residents in planning manageable activities to mobilize the community as we celebrate Stevenswood's rich history and diversity. If you're interested in representing your court or road, or in being a part of this celebration, please contact Mrs. Christina Lewis, Chairperson of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee at 410-496-2393. More details will be reflected in Volume 8, Issue 1 (Winter Edition).

I VOTED

Remember to take one of the stickers when you leave the polling place. Your vote counts, especially in this off presidential election. Remember, the Ferguson, Missouri Black voter turnout was 5%, and look what they got.

1. The 2014 General Election will be Tuesday November 4, starting at 7 am until 8 pm.
2. Early Voting will begin Thursday, October 23 through Thursday, October 30 from 10 am until 8 pm. **The Randallstown Community Center will again be our location.**
3. General Election Day will make use of a new 70 car space parking lot at Winfield Elementary.
4. If you wish to vote absentee, your request must be received (not just mailed) by:
 - Tuesday, October 28, 2014, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax
 - Friday, October 31, 2014, if you want to download your ballot from the States website

For any who is eligible to register and needs to register for the first time, re-register for specific reasons such as change of affiliation, or inactivity, change of address, or personal status, please visit the following website:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/elections/voterreg.html>
or contact

The State Board of Elections
151 West Street,
Suite 200, Annapolis, MD 21401 or call
410-269-2840/800-222-8683 or visit website
info.sbe@maryland.gov

Community News

Welcome

1. Reginald Gant, Jr., 3423 Janvale Road
2. Melva Greene, 3308 Kenjac Road

Home Security Checklist

Secure Doors and Windows: All outside doors should be metal or solid wood and fit tightly in the frames and should have a deadbolt locks; install a peephole or a wide angle viewer; sliding glass doors need to be properly secure with pin locks or a broomstick or dowel inside the track to jam the door; install pin locks on double hung windows and install a Charlie bar device on sliding windows; make sure all windows and doors are locked upon leaving your residence; instead of leaving a hidden key, give a key to a trusted neighbor.

Check the Outer Perimeter of Your Residence: If there are bushes around your home, then cut them in such a way that you can see through them and over them; the bushes should be cut below your windows and away from doors; install outside lights and leave them on at night, motion sensor lights are a great option; make sure your house number is clearly displayed on your house.

Consider an Alarm System: Check with several alarm companies before you buy so you can decide what level of security fits your needs.

Make Your Home Look and Sound Occupied: Leave interior and exterior lights on when you are not at home; make use of timers on lights and radios to give the appearance that someone is home day or night.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, CALL 9 1 1 IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

CONTACT YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER FOR A FREE HOME SECURITY SURVEY 410-887-4714

Life In The Community – continued from page 1

There are things that those among us can do to ease the burdens of the elderly. Simple things, such as volunteering to mow a lawn or shovel snow, once in a while; or be available to drive someone somewhere that is needed; or just to say hello, once in a while, via a visit, or a call, or just a smile in passing. I know I would feel warm inside and so would any volunteers. You know, each year we ask for suggestions, any kind of suggestions, from the community, and we get no responses. Keep in mind that no great organization can survive without the some of its parts participating. We will take anonymous suggestions, if necessary, and publish them so that the community can see the great ideas. Let's get this right!

Community Notes

1. A few unlocked cars were entered with valuable contents stolen. **Leave no valuables in car.**
2. A Honda Crosstour was stolen from the owner's driveway.
3. Two carjacking incidents (8/2 & 8/7) occurred in the Rolling Road corridor between Dogwood Road and Route 40. In both instances the suspects were able to enter the victim's car. **Please keep your doors locked and be aware of your surroundings.**
4. **There seems to be a lot more Transient Trash Distributors coming through our community.** Thank you, Diligent Trash Collectors, for keeping our community clear of such violation distributions.
5. **Ruby Tuesday scheduled opening date -- September 29th.**

Nominating Committee Report

I. Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

The Bylaws established amendment process was usurped in the following manner:

- A. At the June 11, 2014 Executive Board Meeting, it was decided that the rule for 8 officers within the association was obsolete. The decision was made to amend that number to 5. The positions of 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer are deleted and Corresponding Secretary became Secretary.
- B. The Nominating Committee will fill the 5 positions.
- C. The Fall General Meeting will, according to Bylaws, vote on this amendment.

II. Article IV. Officers

Section 2

At the July 9 , 2014 General Meeting, President Plymouth appointed the Nominating Committee and charged them with the responsibility of considering all eligible candidates to fill all 5 positions which will expire on January 14, 2015.

The committee is comprised of:

Mrs. Beverly Mason, Chairperson

Mr. Arthur Brown

Mr. Theother Clark

Mrs. Montreal Green

Mrs. Bernice Brooks-Plymouth

The committee completed its work on August 27th and reported to the Executive Board the following Slate of Officers:

President	Mr. Aaron Plymouth
1 st Vice President	Mr. Prince Green
2 nd Vice President	Mr. Arthur Brown
Secretary	Mr. Carl S. Waters
Treasurer	Mrs. Patricia Mosley

According to the SIA By-Laws, at the October 8, 2014 General Meeting, the Slate of Officers will be presented by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Then, the President can call for nominations from the floor for any of the positions beginning with the office of the president and ending with the office of the treasurer. Nominees must be present and must agree to have their names placed on the ballot. According to the By-Laws, this process ends at this point.

No nominations are permitted at the General Meeting on January 14, 2015. The Slate will be presented to the general membership in attendance. If the ballot reflects only one candidate for each office, there can be a voice vote for the slate. If at least one office has two or more candidates, then there will be a secret ballot vote. The official ballot will appear in Volume 8, Issue 1 Winter Edition of the Stevenswood Connection Newsletter.

Winter General Meeting eligibility to vote for the ballot:

All 2014 dues paying members of record as of December 31, 2014; and

All 2015 dues paying members of record as of January 14, 2015

Stevenswood Improvement Association, Inc.

Fall General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Crime Statistics: Officer Kristie Makowiecki
3. Speaker: Mr. Brian White, President of Northwest Hospital
Subject: Hospital Updates & Expansion Information
4. Reports:
 - A. Treasurer – provided in newsletter
 - B. President
 - a. 8501 Liberty Road
 - b. 5K Walk/Run for Wellness
 - c. LifeBridge Health Community Small Grant Application
 - d. 50th Anniversary Observance of SIA’s Incorporation
 - e. Red Consultants Informational Meeting
 - f. Community Relations Forum
 - g. Combined Communities Holiday Gala Tickets
 - C. Nominating Committee
5. New Business
 - A. Nominations from the Floor
 - B. By-Laws Amendments
6. From The Floor
7. Next meeting date: January 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment:

Honorable Guest: Delegate - Adrienne Jones
Candidates: House of Delegates - Benjamin Brooks & Dr. Jay Jalisi
 4th Councilmanic District – Julian Jones, Jr.

PLEASE BRING THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOU TO THE MEETING

Meeting to be held at the New “PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING” of Northwest Hospital in the 1st Floor Board Room – 7:00-8:30 pm Use Parking Lots H & J on both sides of the Professional Center, which is located across the pedestrian bridge from the hospital main entrance.

SIA 3rd Quarter Financial Report As Of 2014-09-30

	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Balance</u>
	Amount	Total	
Beginning Balance As of January 1, 2014			\$4,574.36
Income			
Membership -			
Membership @ \$25.00 - (46)	\$1,150.00		
Membership @ \$50.00 - (3)	\$150.00		
Memberships @ 10.00 - (16)	\$160.00		
Memberships Prepaid - (1)			
Sub-total (66)		\$1,460.00	
Grants			
Baltimore County			
Crime Prevention Administrative	\$200.00		
Crime Prevention NNO	\$250.00		
Sub-Total		\$450.00	
Total Income			\$1,910.00
Expenses			
Randallstown Gateway Park Donation	\$100.00		
Newsletters	\$498.62		
Office Supplies	\$271.30		
Letters & Stamps	\$42.80		
Beautification of Ben's Run Park	\$764.61		
Stevenswood.org Domain name renewal	\$19.95		
Bereavement	\$150.00		
Hospitality	\$158.88		
Sub-Total		\$2,006.16	
Events			
Maryland Food Bank Virtual Donation	\$1,000.00		
National Night Out	\$254.37		
Stevenswood 5K Walk/Run			
Liability Insurance	\$165.00		
Northwest Park Rental Fee	\$60.00		
Fax			
Flyers- Printing	\$149.73		
Hospitality	\$206.34		
Megaphone			
T-Shirts (70)	\$604.20		
Sub-Total		\$2,439.64	
Total Expenses			\$4,445.80
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2014			\$2,038.56