



WILTONDALE

Annual Spring Party April 9

Please join us for the annual Women of Wiltondale Spring Party! It will be held **Saturday, Apr. 9, at 7 p.m.** at the home of Mike and Alicia Rowan: 615 Sussex Road.

During the party we will have a raffle of a gift certificate to dine at "The Cheesecake Factory." The cost of a chance is \$10 per person. Please buy a chance or two - it all goes to a good cause as we plan to contribute to this year's Wiltondale 5K and Fun Run.

Beer and wine will be provided. Please bring an appetizer to share or an additional bottle of your favorite wine.

Please RSVP to alisonmingo@yahoo.com by April 4. If you are participating in the raffle, you may drop off the money for the raffle tickets at my house: 527 Yarmouth, or you may bring your raffle money to the party. Hope to see you there!

Wiltondale Women Meet Mar 15

The Women of Wiltondale will gather for an evening of socializing **Tuesday, Mar. 15, at 7 p.m.** We will meet at Heather McPhee's house: 513 Wilton.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert or a bottle of wine. Contact Alison Mingo at alisonmingo@yahoo.com or (443) 901-0226 with any questions or if you would like your name added to the WOW email list.

Food Drop-off at Month's End

Madeline Miller and Aylish Ptak continue to collect food to stock the pantry at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), which distributes the food to low-income families. You may drop off non-perishable food items (NO home-canned food or institutional-sized cans) at the Ptaks' (627 Coventry), the Millers' (504 Worcester), the Marlowes' (630 Wilton) or the Shetlers' (506 Sussex) all day **Sunday, Mar. 27**, and on the last Sunday of each month.

Stoneleigh ES Overcrowding Addressed

Standing-room only attendance at Stoneleigh Elementary's Feb. 24 overcrowding meeting was a neighborhood show of support for the proposed addition/renovation to our community's 81-year-old over-capacity schoolhouse. There is still more to do to solve this issue that affects our community.

Residents who are interested in getting involved in the effort to attain building funds should attend the Baltimore County Planning Board meeting Thursday, Mar. 3, at 4 p.m., at which time the board will vote on the inclusion of a \$10 million budget line-item for York Road Corridor overcrowding. This budget line-item is the only place where money can come from to get the Architectural Design process—the first step of the addition/renovation process—completed in the next year (FY2012).

The Planning Board Meeting will take place in room 104 of the Jefferson Building at 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. (next to the Towson Post Office).

Dumpster Day April 2

Baltimore County allows its community organizations to hold an annual clean up day by providing dumpsters free of charge.

Wiltondale's Dumpster Day will be held **Saturday, Apr. 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** or once the dumpsters fill up. The dumpsters will be located at the pool parking lot.

There will be a dumpster for metals, yard waste and general refuse. Certain items will be prohibited including household electronics, paint cans and flammable materials. The Wiltondale Improvement Association will be subject to fines if the dumpsters contain prohibited items or the dumpsters are over capacity.

Please...no early birds. Leaving materials in the parking lot will not be permitted. Volunteers are needed to work one hour shifts to assist in monitoring the materials placed in the dumpsters. Please contact **Anne Harriott** at (410)296-0063 if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Upcoming Wiltondale Events

- April** Dumpster Day (**April 2**); WOW Spring Party (**April 9**); Spring Park Cleanup (**April 10**); Easter Egg Hunt
- May** Wiltondale/Overbrook Race (**May 7**); Community Yard Sale
- June** Triangle Happy Hour

WIA President's Letter

Well now, let's see...record snow, cold, rain, and now a wind so fierce that it would make the Wicked Witch of the West park her broom. It must be another winter in Baltimore. Like our trees and lawns, the neighborhood looks dormant but inside there's life and activity ready to burst out. And as I write my first letter as President of the Wiltondale Board, I'm reminded of all that is right with our community (aka Pleasantville).

My wife JeanneMarie and I, along with our good friends and neighbors, have all just enjoyed an annual event that defines the very character of our neighborhood. Thanks to the efforts of Barry and Muffie Rollins, this year's Bowling Night was a huge success (despite a minor scoring controversy). The Rollinses, and many others like them, take on this responsibility not because they have to, nor because they're on a committee or even on the Board. They do it because of their desire to share something good and wholesome with the Wiltondale community while asking nothing in return. Their reward -- and ours -- is the laughter, conversation, and great camaraderie of the friends and residents who participate.

Just like countless Wiltondale Directors before them, your Board members serve for the same reasons. Whether it's cleaning up the park, attending community planning meetings, scheduling COP patrols, hiding Easter eggs, readying the Pool, welcoming new neighbors or putting this newsletter together, your Board members volunteer THEIR time -- sometimes at the expense of their family or job -- to serve ALL the residents of Wiltondale.

For those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in January, let's look at what your Board has accomplished recently:

- Kept the community advised and safe with COP by coordinating information and sponsoring events like National Night Out and Feet on the Street as well as tours and speakers.
- Addressed various issues and concerns of residents regarding traffic and parking throughout our neighborhood -- an increasing responsibility each year as surrounding congestion spills bypass traffic onto the streets our children use for play.
- Engaged various authorities and representatives on issues ranging from school over-crowding and the challenges facing adjacent neighborhoods to the development questions presented by our neighbors of Towson University, St. Joseph's, and many others.
- Reviewed and advised on over 20 home addition and renovation projects. These projects directly impact the values of each and every home in our community.
- Ensured a safe and inviting area for our children and grandchildren to play at our own "Greenwood Park," named for a truly selfless and stalwart community supporter and mentor.
- Provided our residents with family events such as the Egg Hunt, Annual Party, a new Halloween Parade, and visits from the Easter Bunny and Santa.
- Maintained and improved our community's crown jewel -- the Wiltondale Pool. Administering the Pool's operation, organizing events, and overseeing membership are all challenging and time-consuming responsibilities.
- Obtained funding and resources for the annual Spring Cleanup, Shade Tree Program and new Blue Water Baltimore program.

Everyday in some way the Wiltondale Improvement Association is at work representing the interests of your community. The best way for you to have an influence on those efforts is to get involved.

Please consider volunteering at neighborhood events like the upcoming Greenwood Park cleanup or the Wiltondale/Overbrook Race and Fun Run. Or maybe you can add to the head count at a public hearing that impacts zoning or traffic in our area. Join the Board, lend a hand for a single event, or if time doesn't permit, simply pay your annual dues. By doing any of these things, you will spread your enthusiasm, serve as an example for our children, get to know what's happening, and -- most of all -- get a chance to give back to the community that gives us so much.

It is truly my honor and pleasure to serve as your President in 2011. I believe our community will face many issues and opportunities this year. To meet these challenges head on, all the members of the Board will need your input, advice, and support.

Please don't overlook your annual dues payment (invoices to those who haven't already paid this year will be arriving shortly). It's the best value in Baltimore and helps fund all our activities and outreach. Visit our web site, it's loaded with information and resources and feel free to contact us using the links on the site. We always welcome your comments and suggestions.

Armand Patella, President
Wiltondale Improvement Association, Inc.

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 recycling Balt Co Planning Board Mtg 4pm	4	5
6	trash pickup 7	8 WIA Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 recycling	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	trash pickup 14	15 WOW Meeting 7 pm	16	17 recycling St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	trash pickup 21	22	23	24 recycling	25	26
27 ACTC food drive	trash pickup 28	29	30	31 recycling		

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