



WILTONDALE

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December 2011

2012 Annual Meeting Requires Votes

The WIA nominating committee is still seeking volunteers for the slate of executive officers and new board members for 2012.

Please contact president@wiltontdale.org to submit your name.

The slate will be voted on at Ascension Lutheran Church at the Wiltondale Annual Meeting. Watch for the date and time of the Annual Meeting in next month's newsletter. Thank you to those who have already submitted their names for consideration!

Santa to Visit Dec. 3

The annual Wiltondale Tree Lighting and Santa's arrival on a Lutherville Fire Department fire engine will occur **Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.** at the Coventry Triangle. Santa will be distributing candy canes to the children who visit, and hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. We'll see you at this wonderful neighborhood festivity!

Wiltontdale Women Meet Dec. 15

The Women of Wiltondale will meet for a cookie exchange on **Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.** at Alison Mingo's house: 527 Yarmouth Road.

Please bring an appetizer or wine and a batch of 2 dozen cookies (and your recipe) to exchange with others. If you have any questions or if you would like your name added to the WOW list please contact Dawn Guttman at (410) 828-4436, Mandy Ward at mandyward2@yahoo.com, or Kate Beach at crbeach76@gmail.com.

Join Stoneleigh Elementary School in celebrating the season at its Holiday Celebration on **Saturday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Stoneleigh Elementary Gymnasium and Cafeteria.

Children and adults are invited to participate in holiday crafts, games, entertainment and food... looking forward to seeing you there!

Holiday Décor Judged Dec. 26

The Wiltondale Improvement Association will sponsor a holiday house decoration contest, open to all residents.

Our annual holiday house decoration contest will again offer a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize and an honorable mention. The winners will have a sign placed on their lawn indicating their place and will have a donation made to a charity of their choice by the WIA. Judging will occur in the evening following Christmas. Make sure your lights are on!

Save the Date: Feb. 18 is Wiltondale Bowling Bash

The annual Wiltondale Bowling Bash will be held Feb. 18 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Stoneleigh Lanes. Watch for more details in the January newsletter. Please mark your calendars and remember that this event sells out every year, so first come first served.

Please contact Muffie Rollins at (410)296-3396 or mommamuff@comcast.net with any questions.

Towson WinterFest Underway

Downtown Towson's WinterFest provides a great opportunity for our community to support local businesses while creating holiday memories.

The Winterfest starts its December festivities at Towson Circle with the Baltimore County tree lighting, parade, arrival of Santa, and opening of Santa's Workshop with Beau and Tinsel, the talking reindeer, **Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Invite a friend or neighbor to join you at a HoHo Happy Hour at **5 p.m. Thursdays in December** (Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22) at participating bars and restaurants.

There will be two Saturday morning holiday breakfasts (for a fee) for children and their families--one with the Grinch at Ridgely & Farrens **Dec. 10 at 9 a.m.** and the other with Frosty at Souris' **Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.** Stroll over to Santa's Workshop where the kids can watch a holiday movie (starting at 10:30 a.m.) and shop for holiday gifts priced from \$1 to \$5.

There will be a Fire & Ice Night Friday, **Dec. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.** when you can view ice sculptures located around Downtown Towson. Other festivities include street performers, displays at Towson Art Gallery and free roasted chestnuts and s'mores offered by area restaurants. Towson will host Street Performers **Friday, Dec. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.**

Two-hour free parking at any meter will be available from Saturday, December 10 through Sunday, December 18. For more detailed information, visit www.towsonchamber.com or call the Towson Chamber of Commerce at 410-825-1144.

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 recycling/ yard waste recycling	2	3 SES Winter Carnival 11-3 Santa @ Trian- gle 4pm
4	trash pickup 5	6	7	8 recycling	9	10 WIA Director's Meeting 7:30 pm
11	trash pickup 12	13 WIA Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 recycling WOW Meeting 7 pm	16	17
18	trash pickup 19	20 Chanukah begins at sundown	21	22 recycling	23	24
25 Merry Christmas! ACTC food drive collection	26	trash pickup 27	28 WIA newsletter submissions due	29 recycling	30	31

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Welcome to Wiltondale!

Please let **Lori Pagano** know if you are a new Wiltondale resident or if you know of any new neighbors who have recently moved in so that they may be welcomed by a member of the hospitality committee. You may contact Lori at **secretary@wiltondale.org**. Any updates and/or corrections to your directory information should be sent to **directory@wiltondale.org**.

You may submit changes, deletions and additions to the Wiltondale Newsletter to **newsletter@wiltondale.org**. **The deadline for submissions to the January newsletter is Wednesday, December 28.** Thank you! **Alison Mingo, editor**

Home Improvements Need OK

The Architecture Committee of the Wiltondale Improvement Association is requiring **45 days** for review of property changes. Please plan ahead. Submission of forms and approval by the committee is **required** for all exterior home improvements. In addition, you are required to review your plans with your immediate neighbors prior to submitting forms.

A "Proposed Improvement Review Form" can be downloaded from the Wiltondale website at www.wiltondale.org. To have plans reviewed for approval, contact **arch@wiltondale.org**.

Wiltondale Classified Advertising

Tutoring

Experienced native French speaking school teacher will tutor French to middle school and/or high school students and adults.

Valerie Ford (443) 823-9882

Tutoring. Language Arts/Math. Primary/Elementary. Your home or mine. Early Childhood Certified.

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Reading and Math tutor. Elementary and middle school. Your home or mine.

Jenelle Abnett (410) 337-7405

Real Estate

Maine summer rental available.

On the ocean/4 bedrooms /big porch.

Go to <http://maineislandcottage.weebly.com> for pictures and rental info.

Carolyn Payne Tighe cptighe@comcast.net

Naples, Florida, golf course community condo for rent: 2 BR, 2 Bath. Sleeps 4, first floor, newly furnished.

Pictures available. Monthly rentals.

Sarah or Kurt Fischer (410) 828-1879

Summer vacation rental in Ocean City, NJ.

3 BR, 2 Bath, sleeps 6-8.

Jan or Doug Smith (410) 821-8509

Dewey Beach, Del., cottage rental 40 yards from beach 2 bedrooms, sleeps 6-8, screened porch with patio.

Laura Mades, mades7@hotmail.com

Wanted

I am looking to purchase a car for my soon-to-be 16-year-old daughter. I am looking for an older 4-door sedan or possibly a small SUV. If you have a car you are thinking about trading or selling over the next few months I would welcome the opportunity to discuss a purchase. Thank you.

Robert Rudolphi 602 Worcester Road (410) 825-8373

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Contact **Katherine Kozelski** for consultation.
Kkozelski@gmail.com

Looking for a new birthday party idea?

Want to have a ladies night out? Have a home-based pottery painting or glass fusing party?

I will bring everything needed for the party's activity. Prices vary according to the activity chosen.

For more information contact **Kathy Fick** at (410)825-6467 or kathyfickdesigns@comcast.net.

Mountain Bike Excursions and Guided Trips

Contact **Jeff Glorioso** at (410) 302-6021 or jeffglorioso@gmail.com

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Call **Patty Eager** at (443) 980-8119

If you need assistance with speeding up slow computers, solving computer problems, and setting up TVs or accessories, call **Max Birckner** (410) 296-4063

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Upcoming Wiltondale Events

Jan	WIA Annual Meeting (TBD)
Feb	Bowling Bash (2.18.2012)
Apr	Dumpster Day; Spring Park Cleanup; Spring Party; Easter Egg Hunt
May	Wiltondale/Overbrook Race; Wiltondale Yard Sale; Pool Opens
Jun	Triangle Happy Hour
Jul	Pool-Related Activities
Aug	Annual Shrimp Boil
Sep	Annual Party at the Pool
Oct	Fall Party & Chili Cook-off; Halloween Party
Nov	Greenwood Park Fall Cleanup
Dec	Santa at Triangle (12.3.2011)

Our Condolences...

Long time resident (Aintree) Dr. Edmund B. Middleton passed away on Friday, Nov. 11. Born in 1922 in Newport, Rhode Island he was the beloved husband of Mary Rebecca Middleton, loving brother-in-law of Lu Bell.

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Home/Child Care

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 14.
Megan Hula (410) 339-4668

Experienced babysitter, American Safety & Health Institute, CPR & Basic First Aid trained.

Dependable, responsible and enjoys children. Age 13.

Olivia Morgan (410) 823-2564

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 19.
Amelia Marlowe (410) 828-4337

Experienced Red Cross certified Babysitter. I love babysitting kids of all ages. **Chapin Eager**, 13 years old (443) 834-6547

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 13.
Nina Lorsch (410) 828-6472

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 14. Experienced, loves kids, references available. **Jane Harriott** (410) 296-0063

Responsible, experienced babysitter with little brother. Experienced dogsitter: has 4 pets. **Natalie Anderson** Age 14 (410) 828-0508 or (410) 825-1895

Babysitter – CPR, First Aid, and Emergency preparedness trained. Loves Kids. Age 15.

Calvin Macintosh (410) 828-5679

Red Cross certified, experienced baby-sitter. I am 15 years old, fun and entertaining for your children. Available most weekends. **Bridget Rudolphi** (410) 825-8373

Mother's Helper available most weekends. Will help entertain your children.

Age 12. **Lauren Rudolphi**
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Babysitter trained through the Safe Sitters Program at St. Joseph Medical Center. 14-year-old **Sam Kuhn** (410) 847-9026

Red Cross Certified Babysitter
Maureen Russell (410) 337-9187

Wonderful Nanny available for a full-time position. She was my kids' former Nanny (several years ago!).

Please contact **Tacy Macgill-Biggs** for further information at (443) 801-5452.

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 15.
Kelsey Evans (410) 583-7355

Experienced Red Cross certified Babysitter. Age 14.

Emma Fox (410) 828-6345

Babysitters. Ages 19 and 17. Dependable, experienced with children.

Lizzy and Maggie Denning
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Red Cross Certified Babysitter Experienced, Responsible, Age 15.

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Red Cross Certified Babysitter
Aylish Ptak

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Red Cross certified babysitter.
Blair Ptak Age 13. (410) 823-3144

Babysitter. Experienced with children. Age 16. **Mary Caroline Mades** (410) 823-0996 / mades7@hotmail.com

Red Cross certified babysitter. Pet sitting, Age 14.

Abby Marlowe (410) 828-4337

Babysitter. Dog sitter and dog walker. Age 17. **Bobby Marlowe** (410) 828-4337

Kind, responsible babysitter. Pet care and dog walking, plant care and watering, snow shoveling and raking. Age 15.

Jack Pagano (410) 821-7015
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Daycare provider will babysit in your home on an as needed basis.

Years of experience with children.

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Linda Prokopik (410) 337-7685

Red Cross certified babysitter. Age 17. Pet sitter and dog walker.

Sallie Lotz (443) 253-2216

Pet sitting & dog walking. Age 11.

Andrew Pagano (410) 821-7015

Experienced pet sitter would love to care for your animals while you are away. Available over Holidays. Please call **Mrs. Allison** 410-825-0767

Lawn and garden care (raking, mowing, shoveling, etc.).

Reliable and hard-working. Age 12.
Lawson Menefee (410) 494-9339

Pet sitting and walking. Friendly and reliable.

Call **Nick Birkner** (410) 296-4063

Pet sitter for small animals. Cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, fish.

Holly Brakebill. Age 8 1/2.
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Tim and Brian Coan. Age 13.
(410) 337-9159
dog walking/pet sitting/snow shoveling

Experienced, caring petsitter: especially good with small animals (hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, fish, cats, etc)

Avery Menefee. Age 9. (410) 494-9339

Patrick and Brendan Coan. Age 17. For experienced and dependable lawn mowers, dog and pet sitters please call us at (410) 337-9159.

Pet sitting and dog walking, snow shoveling, lawn cutting, raking, plant care. Responsible and hard working. Ages 16 and 13.

Matt and Luke Bender (410) 825-6677

Cullen Kuhn (13) and
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Pet care and dog walking, leaf raking and snow shoveling. Ages 17 and 15.

Kyle and Colin King (410) 825-1298

Lawn-cutting, pet sitting and dog walking. Age 16.

Jimmy Walker (410) 823-5425

Lawn-cutting, pet sitting and dog walking. Age 15.

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Prevent Gutters From Falling In Snow Storms

The last article discussed how an insufficient or worn out snow retention system (snow guards) can prevent snow from avalanching down your roof creating havoc to your roof and gutters. This article will discuss ice dams and ventilation.

What Are Ice Dams?

The number two contributor to gutter damage is ice dams. Anyone who has lived in a snowy climate has seen ice dams. Thick bands of ice form along the eaves of houses, causing millions of dollars of structural damage every year. Water-stained ceilings, dislodged roof shingles or slates, sagging gutters, peeling paint, and damaged plaster—all are the familiar results of ice dams. Contrary to popular belief, gutters do not cause ice dams. However, gutters do help to concentrate ice and water in the very vulnerable area at the edge of the roof. Ice dams form along the roof's edge, usually above the overhang. Here's why:

- Heat and warm air leaking from the living space below melt the snow, which trickles down to the colder edge of the roof (above the eaves) and refreezes.
- Every inch of snow that accumulates on the roof insulates the roof deck a little more. This keeps more heat in the attic, which in turn makes the roof even warmer and melts more snow.
- Frigid outdoor temperatures ensure a fast and deep freeze at the eaves. The worst ice dams usually occur when a deep snow is followed by very cold weather.
- The continual thaw and re-freeze process creates ice dams.
- The result is water backing up under the roof slate/shingles or behind fascia boards where it can soak through the roof decking or wall sheathing, causing damage to attics, ceilings and walls.

Solving the Ice Dam Problem

The way to stop ice dams from forming is to keep the entire roof cold. In most homes this means blocking all air leaks leading to the attic from the living space below, increasing the thickness of insulation on the attic floor, and installing a continuous soffit and ridge vent system. Don't waste time or money placing electric heat tape on the shingles above the edge of the roof. Electrically heated cable rarely, if ever, solves the problem. It takes a lot of electricity to prevent ice formation; and the heating must be done before it gets cold enough for ice dams to form, not afterwards. Over time, heat tape makes shingles brittle. It's expensive to install, too, and water can leak through the cable fasteners. And often the cables create ice dams just above them. The worst of all solutions is shoveling snow and chipping ice from the edge of the roof. People attack mounds of snow and roof ice with hammers, shovels, ice picks, homemade snow rakes, crowbars, and chain saws! The theory is obvious. No snow or ice, no leaking water. Unfortunately, this method threatens life, limb, and roof.

Insulation & Ventilation

If your home was built before 1980, chances are it needs more attic insulation. Most homes in the Baltimore area have roughly 6" of insulation that equates to an R value of R-19. In the Baltimore metro area R-49 or 18" is recommended.

It is important to have the right amount of ventilation in the attic so any heat lost from the interior of the home is drawn up and out of the attic. Adequate attic ventilation will help the roof deck stay cool. Another benefit of having your attic ventilated is that it allows for moisture that rises into the attic from things such as bathing, cooking and the laundry to escape. Unchecked moisture can promote mold, mildew, and wood rot.

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