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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ICA GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

6:30pm  
Mercy High School  
1300 E Northern Pkwy,  
Baltimore, MD

**DUMPSTER DAYS**  
Saturday, March 24, 2018

Sat June 23, 2018  
Sat Sept 29, 2018  
Sat Oct 13, 2018

At the corner of Falkirk Rd and Meridene Dr.  
\*\*\*No building materials or hazardous  
waste\*\*\* should be placed in the dumpster!

**IDLEWOOD BLOCK PARTY**  
Saturday, September 22, 2018

More information coming soon

*Executive board meetings are scheduled for the  
first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at Mercy  
High school. If you have a concern that you would  
like addressed please email us at  
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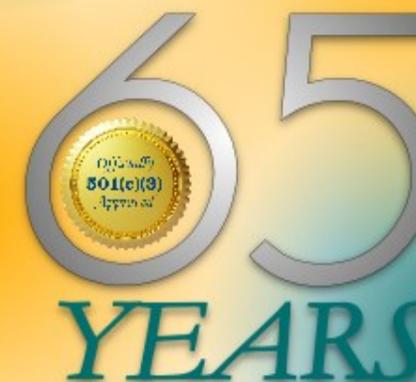
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**IDLEWOOD**

NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING



*Enhancing the Idlewood Experience*

**ICA Contributions and Donations...**

Your support is important to the operations of ICA, as it is the primary source of financing for the community association. Membership contributions help maintain Idlewood common spaces, perform administrative processes, print ICA publications, sponsor community events, and improve infrastructure. You can now make a tax deductible donation to help ICA even further.

Your \$10 contribution or donation can be mailed to: **Idlewood Community Association, P.O. Box 66071, Baltimore, MD 21239-6071** or bring them to the next General Meeting. You may also pay online at [idlewoodbaltimore.com](http://idlewoodbaltimore.com) under about us.

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 Donation

A donation appreciation letter will be sent to your address with tax deduction information. Thank you for supporting

**GAME DAY DEALS!!**

4 LARGE (14") 1 TOPPING PIZZAS	
50 BUFFALO WINGS & A 2 LITTER SODA	<b>\$59.99</b>
3 LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZAS \$25.99	2 8" SUBS + 2 FRIES + 2 SODA CANS \$17.99
3 X-LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZAS \$28.99	3 8" SUBS + 3 FRIES + 3 SODA CANS \$24.99
4 LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZAS \$31.99	4 8" SUBS + 4 FRIES + 4 SODA CANS \$31.99

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Dear Neighbors,

My name is Edward Green and I am the Treasurer for the community. As a resident, I want to see the neighborhood thrive and be an example of how an effervescent neighborhood should be while striving to be the best! There is a mountain of knowledge, talent, and experience in our neighborhood. We encourage your feedback and ideas for improvement to continue Idlewood's progress. We are looking to do fun and family friendly events this year. Volunteers and participants are always needed to make these events a success.

I encourage everyone to pay the \$10 yearly contribution as it is used for maintaining our website, providing you with a newsletter, the P.O. Box, community events, and other community essentials. This is truly a bargain versus what your friends and/or relatives are paying in their communities. So please, if you have not yet paid, use the attached form to pay with a check or go to our website [www.idlewoodbaltimore.com](http://www.idlewoodbaltimore.com) and help keep our finances solid and our community vibrant! Please be sure to check out our website, join us on Facebook and Nextdoor to stay up-to-date on all information concerning the neighborhood. Send us an email about any issues you believe we need to address, concerns you may have, and provide us feedback on how we can make things better.

Being a member of the board is a voluntary position and it often comes with criticism, thankless hours, undue stress, and very little gratitude. However, being able to serve the community you live in is one of the greatest joys! Thank you for the opportunity to serve the neighborhood, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you.

Warm Regards,

## WE NEED YOU TO BE A PART OF CHANGE



Be the forefront of change in the community? Be a part of an ICA committee to earn a spot on the election ballot this coming September 2018! Advocating for the community puts you in a power position to make change in Idlewood, the State district, and the City of Baltimore. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY! Help us enhance the Idlewood experience!

For more information on board member positions and how to be considered a choice on the ballot email us at [info.ica21239@gmail.com](mailto:info.ica21239@gmail.com), or visit us at [idlewoodbaltimore.com/elections](http://idlewoodbaltimore.com/elections) or contact Jay @ 410.908.9573.

## HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The State of Maryland has developed a program which sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income. To get more information on this credit and to apply visit:

[www.dat.maryland.gov/realproperty](http://www.dat.maryland.gov/realproperty)

Then click "Tax Credits" in the left menu.



## BUY INTO IDLEWOOD

Curious about your home value? Here is some information to make any informed decisions on your humble abode, the Baltimore market, and buying into city living with some incentives.

- The Baltimore Metro area median sales prices of \$239,000 was up 1.7% or \$4,050 from last year but down 4.4% or \$11,000 compared to last month.
- Sales volume across the Baltimore Metro area was nearly \$606 million, up 0.5% from last year.

Mortgage rates fluctuate almost daily, but rates are hovering around 4% at the time. In some cases, you may qualify for 3.94% rate. First Time Home Buyers may qualify for down payment and closing cost incentives. Programs are available such as Baltimore City Employee Homeownership Program, Live Near Your Work and more. Stop renting in Idlewood and take the leap to buy into the Idlewood Experience.

The forecast in Idlewood. There are currently 7 houses active in Idlewood, 1 Rental listed at 1442 Meridene Dr for \$1250-2BR/ 1 BA. There were 24 houses sold in the past year with a low of \$72,900 med \$153,950, Averaging \$138,421, High \$179,900 (data obtained from The MLS).

Article provided by Juanita Boone, Sales Professional  
United Real Estate Executives  
(443) 413-9682

## ICA EARNS 501(c)3 STATUS WITH THE IRS

I THOUGHT ICA WAS A NON-PROFIT?

Yes, before we acquired 501c3 status we were recognized only by the State of Maryland as a nonprofit. The IRS now recognizes ICA as a charitable organization under federal government provisions and law to abate neighborhood deterioration and improve community living conditions.



HOW DOES THIS EFFECT ME AS A HOMEOWNER IN IDLEWOOD?

The acquisition of this status does not obligate any covenants or rules on your property. It does not increase any property taxes or associated fees in the sale or transfer of a home in the community. With this status we intend to make the community safer, cleaner, healthier, and valued; which is great for any homeowner invested in Idlewood.

WHAT DOES THIS STATUS CHANGE?

The status allows ICA to pursue government grants and take donations to increase productivity, create programs and initiatives in the community. We will be able to foster new partnerships with other well established community development organizations, major donor contributions both corporate and public, and community advocates.

## HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAWN FOR SPRING

Caring for your lawn is a year-round chore, even if you have a type of turf grass that goes dormant (brown) in the winter. March is an important month for proper lawn care because this is when you need to get the grass ready for spring growth. Remove large debris, such as broken tree branches, from the lawn after winter storms, especially if snow is expected. The weight of such items under snow can damage the grass.

Prevent snow mold from developing on turf grass by raking up spots where snow has left a wet spot once the weather has warmed up. Stay off frozen grass as much as possible, even to the point of avoiding walking on the lawn. Do not apply fertilizer or thatch the lawn until the ground has thawed and there is no danger of another frost.

By Bill Gross, ICA Vice President

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