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ORIGINAL NORTHWOOD ASSOCIATION

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From the neighborhood



Dear Neighbors,

It has been a very busy and productive year for the Board. Here is a sampling of the projects the Board has undertaken that I am proud to mention:

- The Maintenance Committee — along with an ON resident who is an Historical Preservationist — plans to upgrade our six common areas and also begin replanting trees that are complementary to the Frederic Law Olmstead conception of Original Northwood
- The Covenant Committee has completed a detailed survey of each property in ON (to be mailed soon) and will now be better able to maintain the architectural integrity of our dwellings to keep our properties attractive and protect property values
- We have organized multiple neighborhood gatherings, including the Garden Walk and the Summer Block Party
- With help from our city council representative, we have gotten the eyesore at 4100 Loch Raven into court, with a promise that the property should be dealt with soon
- The Board has worked diligently with City officials to maintain pressure to fix Northwood Plaza, and we retain hope that something will come of it soon
- The Maintenance committee has coordinated with the city to paint and repair rusty street lamps

We wish to continue this work, whose benefits accrue to all of us. But to do so, we need to make a special plea: **please pay your \$35 annual dues!** For the Board to maintain its momentum we need your help.

We would be very thankful for your support!

Payment can be sent either by check, made payable to Original Northwood Association and mailed to 1310 Argonne Dr, or digitally, by following the simple instructions at <http://originalnorthwood.org/dues>. For information on how your money is spent, please see the Treasurer's report on page 3.

We thank you for your support, and hope this newsletter finds you well as we move from summer to late summer and finally to fall.

Sincerely,

Eric Lapointe
President
Original Northwood Association



Briefly

Board positions open

In September, members of ONA (pay your dues!) will vote to elect the new board, as set out in the ONA constitution. The board positions of **President**, **Treasurer**, **Covenant Chair**, and **Social Chair** are all open. If you are interested in running, please email ona-board@googlegroups.com for more information!

Sign up for Nextdoor!

Our neighborhood has been making heavy use of Nextdoor (nextdoor.com), a social networking site for neighborhoods. Neighbors have been connecting over contractor recommendations, crimes, missing pets, events, random acts of kindness, and other things. You can adjust your notification settings, including how much email you get, how often, and from whom.

We have signed up 230 neighbors, representing 166 of 373 households (45%), which represents steady growth over the summer. Nextdoor is becoming the preferred method for neighborhood communication, and the board is increasingly relying on it for conveying news and issues. Sign up so that you don't miss anything!

Contractor recommendations

We have begun rebuilding the recommended contractor database on our website. Please submit your recommendations at originalnorthwood.org/contractors.

Schooling survey

Do you have school-age children? Are you interested — even remotely — in banding together with other parents in the neighborhood to explore the feasibility of sending them to our local public school? Please complete this short survey to learn a bit more: <http://bit.ly/ona-schooling>

Quarterly meetings of the Board

ONA members are always free to attend our monthly board meetings, which take

place each month on the second Wednesday at 7:30 PM — simply email ona-board@googlegroups.com ahead of time to find out where the meeting is taking place. In order to encourage increased resident attendance, the ONA board is now also scheduling quarterly meetings which are held in a larger public venue. Please attend, learn how your board works, and contribute to the maintenance of our community! If you have agenda items, please email secretary@originalnorthwood.org

Amending the Architectural Guidelines

To increase the transparency for how the Covenant Committee and the Board assess and revise the Architectural Guidelines, the following process has been developed:

1. Resident or group of residents (or the board) requests that a change be made to the Architectural Guidelines;
2. Said group of residents (or the board) will gather information, including but not limited to the following:
 - ▶ Types of alternative materials
 - ▶ Requirement for their use
 - ▶ Material specs. and warranties
 - ▶ Lifespan of materials and maintenance requirements;
 - ▶ Precedent from other historic neighborhoods (including contact information for that neighborhood's board)
3. This information is presented to the Covenant Committee for initial review;
4. The Covenant Committee requests more information or makes recommendations;
5. Said group presents the proposed change with supporting information to the Board (accompanied by the Covenant Committee recommendations);
6. Board approves/disapproves change;
7. If Board approves, the change is presented for community input at the next scheduled quarterly meeting;
8. Following community input, the Covenant Committee reviews and makes recommendation;
9. The Board would approves or disapproves the change;
10. If Board approves, the Architectural Guidelines is amended to reflect the change; published on the web site; and noted in the next newsletter.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6

Dumpster

Southview & Havenwood

SEPTEMBER 13

Newcomers' Party

Location TBD

SEPT 16

Annual meeting

In which members of ONA can vote to elect the board.

Location TBD (likely MSU campus)

OCTOBER 15 @ 8 PM

Quarterly Board Meeting

MSU Student Center Room 316

OCTOBER 25

Octoberfest

Location TBD

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

2013–2014

Email the entire board at ona@googlegroups.com or individual members at position@originalnorthwood.org

Officers

President	Eric Lapointe
Vice President	Dana Andrusik
Treasurer	Susanna Bauder
Secretary	Emily Weber

Members-at-large

Communications	Matt Post
Covenant	Richard Skolasky
Maintenance	JP Rigilano
Safety	Scott Carberry
Social	Lynnette Dodson

Treasurer's report

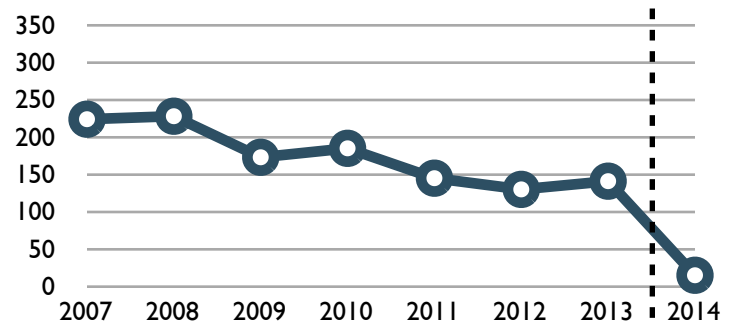
Street (# houses)	Paid (2013)	Paid (2014)
The Alameda (33)	4	1
Deepwood (37)	12	3
Roundhill (33)	19	–
Roundtop (8)	5	–
Loch Raven (14)	–	–
Argonne (49)	22	3
Westview (41)	21	1
Northview (70)	25	3
Eastview (10)	–	–
Southview (39)	23	2
Havenwood (19)	6	–
Kelway (16)	3	1
Total (369)	140	14

Please pay your dues! Our small budget is funded entirely through the \$35 fee paid by Original Northwood residents who choose to become members. Your dues benefit the neighborhood in a variety of ways, including social events and maintenance, and are part of what keeps our neighborhood beautiful.

You can pay via credit card using the payment information on the website (originalnorthwood.org/dues), or you can mail a check to the following address, made out to the Original Northwood Association. Please email treasurer@originalnorthwood.org with any questions. Membership in ONA is voluntary.

Treasurer, Original Northwood Association
1310 Argonne Dr, Baltimore, MD 21218

Households paid per year



Item	Budget	Expenses	Income	Remaining	Notes
Dues	\$ 5,000	\$ (12)	\$ 490	\$ (4,522)	<i>We need 143 dues payers to meet our budgetary goal</i>
Administrative	\$ (500)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	<i>Court costs, dues mailings</i>
Covenant	\$ (2,000)	\$ (701)	\$ 0	\$ 1,299	<i>Architect consultation, mailings, covenant enforcement</i>
Communications	\$ (1,550)	\$ (889)	\$ 100	\$ 761	<i>Newsletter printing, domain names, website</i>
Maintenance	\$ (7,000)	\$ (545)	\$ 0	\$ 6,455	<i>Tree planting, maintenance of common areas (costs should be offset by funds from the GNCA)</i>
Safety	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Social	\$ (3,000)	\$ (3,019)	\$ 1,416	\$ 1,397	<i>Newcomers' Party, Summer block party</i>
Contingency	\$ (500)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	<i>Unforeseen costs</i>
Total	\$ (9,550)	\$ (5,166)	\$ 2,006	\$ 6,390	<i>We have about \$18k in the bank</i>

The mosquito menace

On May 5, about twenty-five residents attended a mosquito awareness seminar run by a representative from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, who graciously agreed to lend us his expertise. Chris Youngston Gray, who organized the workshop, summarized the meeting in a helpfully detailed post for Nextdoor, which we present here in edited form.

Thank you to the ~25 residents who attended this evening's "Mosquito Blitzkrieg" seminar. I'm feeling hopeful that what we learned will allow us to have a more comfortable summer. For those of you who couldn't make it, here's the skinny...

A FEW FACTOIDS

There are 60 mosquito species in Maryland, but the one thing they have in common is that they all breed in stagnant water. Mosquitoes prefer dark-stained standing water that has accumulated sediment or is high in organic matter such as algae, bacteria and rotting plant material.

The native Maryland mosquitoes are the slow, brown, swappable mosquitoes that are active at dusk. They breed in large bodies of stagnant water (vacant pools, marshes) and can travel great distances to find their next meal.

The Asian Tiger Mosquito are the stripey-legged invasive species that are out and active all day long. They can breed in very small amounts of water (as little as 1/4" deep) and cannot breed in large bodies of water. They will only travel a couple hundred yards from their birth place so if you have these on your property likely you or your neighbors are breeding them. They lurk under broad leaf groundcover like english ivy and pachysandra, along your house perimeter, under decks, anywhere dark, moist and low to the ground. They hide there until you come out then each female will bite several times in a row, painlessly, before you feel the itch. She will then move on to lay her hundreds of eggs just above water level on a stagnant water source. The eggs can lay in a dormant state just above a stagnant body of water, preferably one with high organic content, and when the water level rises, those now touching the water will hatch. The eggs over-winter very well and will not be adversely affected by a cold winter. The larva only require a small amount of water to stand for 4 days to 1 week to be able to carry out their larval stage and emerge as adult, biting mosquitoes. Asian Tiger Mosquitoes can be eradicated if all standing water is dumped or dried up about twice a week consistently throughout the season.

If you and every one of your neighbors within a 200 yard radius remove every mosquito breeding habitat you will be mosquito-free in about two weeks.

BREEDING

The Asian Tiger Mosquito can breed in 1/4" of standing water in common yard objects such as:

- Anything that can hold small amounts of water. Even large things that hold water, like bird baths, usually have calm areas around the edges where mosquitoes can breed
- All containers: buckets, pails, water bottles, trash cans (including lids), storage totes, recycling containers. Even if these items are kept upside down, water can often pool in the handles or lips of the container
- And *especially* **bamboo**, their native breeding ground: They love to breed in the cup formed when a stalk of bamboo is broken or cut
- Flexible, corrugated drain pipe which hold small amount of water in each divot. Replace these with smooth tubing like PVC pipe (but perhaps paint to blend into your landscape)
- Clogged rain gutters or gutters that pool water in the ends
- Street gutters, potholes, sewers
- Trash cans, lids and the little divots in the handles or rim
- Rain barrels that are not properly maintained
- Flower pots and their bases/saucers
- Standing water in pet bowls
- Garden hoses, lawn sprinklers, garden hose attachments
- Bulk trash
- Toys – especially in handles or any indentation where water can pool in small amounts
- Portable basketball net stands
- The catch basin in the bottom of your grill
- Plastic bags stuck in bottom of can/bushes
- Plastic bags laying around the property such as mulch bags, trash bags, bird seed bags or tarps
- Plastic chairs, tables and all outside furniture, especially if it is upside down
- Bird baths, vacant pools, fishless koi ponds, defunct water features
- Tarps, tires, wheel barrows
- Holes in trees



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Remove all breeding grounds as listed above and dump any standing water about twice a week
- Remove their favorite places to lurk (in shady damp spots like under broad leaf plants like English ivy and pachysandra and under decks) so they'll lurk in someone else's yard
- Use Mosquito Dunks (or its granular form) in known standing water. It is a bacteria (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti)) that only affects the mosquito larvae, not fish or birds or other wildlife
- Invest in some Mosquitofish for your water feature
- Live and let live, making your outdoors more comfortable with a DEET based spray, Skin So Soft, long pants, incense sticks, or even a fan – however this does nothing to stop breeding them
- Use an insecticide

THE PLAN

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has a Mosquito Control Program through which they apply an ultra-low volume truck-mounted application of insecticide, but Baltimore City is the only county in the state of Maryland that has opted out of having a contract. However, their truck-mounted spray application is not particularly effective against the Asian Tiger mosquitoes since they typically hide under broad leaves and do not come into contact with the truck's indiscriminate spray. If you want to target the Asian Tiger Mosquitoes with an insecticide spray you need to apply it directly to the undersides of the leaves (or hire a mosquito control company to do it for you).

Several of our neighbors and we are planning to reasonably remove breeding grounds from our properties, educate and encourage our neighbors to do the same and then also:

1. Go in together to purchase:
 - ▶ a high-quality backpack mister/fogger (which is the most effective for applying insecticide to the underside of the broad leaf ground cover Asian Tiger mosquitoes lurk under – maybe something like the Solo 451 or Stihl SR 450 or Maruyama MD155DX)
 - ▶ respective maintenance and protective gear, and
 - ▶ a relatively safe insecticide (Mavrik perimeter was recommended since it is fairly effective on mosquitoes but does not affect pollinators such as bees; the Material Data Safety Sheet can be found at <http://bit.ly/mavrik-msds>)
2. Create maps of each of our properties outlining what areas we do and don't want sprayed
3. Go through an orientation to ensure we know the proper application procedure and maintenance of said gear and insecticide
4. And set up a schedule to take turns spraying one another's yard, thus ensuring that each individual household will

only need to actually go out to spray once or twice a season.

If you are interested in getting in on the shared mosquito spraying arrangement, would like a personal tour of your property to identify breeding grounds or need assistance removing the breeding grounds on your property, please contact Deepwood resident Chris Youngston Gray via Nextdoor or at (443) 386-4365.

MORE RESOURCES

Want to do more learning about mosquitoes and how to rid yourself of them, check out the following Maryland Department of Agriculture pages. Happy reading!

- http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/asian_tiger_mosquito_md.aspx
- http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/avoid_asian_n_tiger_mosquitoes.aspx
- http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/tips_rid_your_community_mosquito_breeding_sites.aspx

■ *Chris Youngston Gray*

ADDENDUM

The sprayer was purchased and neighbors have taken turns spraying every three weeks throughout the summer. The mosquitos on Deepwood Road (where the spraying has centered) have been quite manageable this summer. Whether this is due to a lucky break with the weather, increased community attentiveness to sources of standing water, or the spraying itself is yet to be determined, but we plan to continue with the spraying over the next few summers. Neighbors interested in extending our efforts to their own homes should contact Chris Youngston Gray.

From the archives

Notes of interest from Original Northwood's history

JHU receives Roland Park Company archives

The Sheridan Library at Johns Hopkins University recently finished processing a set of archived documents describing the works of the Roland Park Company in the early 20th century. Until a few years ago, these documents were housed at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Many of the documents can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/roland-park-papers>. In addition, residents can make an appointment to browse the archives in person at <http://bit.ly/RolandParkCo>.

The Roland Park Company & Original Northwood

Founded in 1891, the Roland Park Company built Roland Park, Guilford, Homeland, and Northwood, including Original Northwood. It was British capital, not American, which originally funded the company. The first purchase was 100 acres around Lake Roland.

The company hired Edward H. Bouton of Kansas City, Missouri as the first General Manager. In 1903, Bouton and local investors bought the company from the British founders.

The famous Frederick Law Olmstead, creator and designer of Central Park, planned out Roland Park and Guilford for the company in 1913. In 1924, Homeland was begun. Then, in 1930, the company bought 520 acres which became Northwood.

Subsequently the Northwood Shopping Center was added by 1940 as a separate corporation. In 1951 the Shopping Center became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Roland Park Company. Eight years later, in 1959, the Shopping Center was sold to Paramount Clothing.

Also in 1959, on December 31st, The Roland Park Company was liquidated by John Mowbray.


It was Mr. Mowbray who kept the 300 boxes of the Company's 68 year history. Upon Mowbray's death the records went to Mr. John McConkey who turned them over to Cornell University. Cornell gave the archive to Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries where it was collated and rests today.

This ONA Newsletter and subsequent issues will, we hope, give you historical glimpses of the unique neighborhood in which you live.

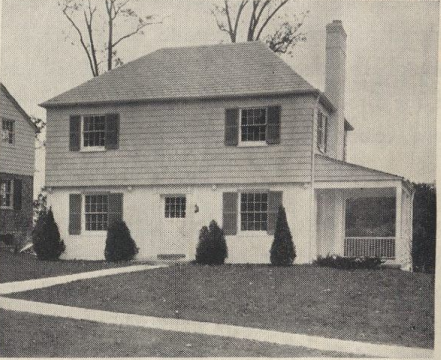
To the right, a clipping from the archive, advertising Original Northwood homes on Argonne Drive.

Individual houses
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Argonne Drive
from \$7,600 to \$8,250
G. R. \$120

Modern in every appointment, these houses feature Reynolds winter air-conditioning providing you with clean and humidified heat in winter, and the cooling effect of circulating air in summer. These houses have been awarded the Good Housekeeping Shield for excellence in the program of better standards of building.



1005 Argonne Drive Photos by Leopold



1001 Argonne Drive

Financing
Minimum cash payment of \$1,550, monthly payments as low as \$77.69, including all expenses and payment on principal.

THE ROLAND PARK CO.
4810 ROLAND AVENUE Tuxedo 1300

Restoring our Tree Canopy

You don't know what you've got till it's gone

Although we all admire and appreciate the trees that line our streets, we also take them for granted. Indeed, that's not hard to do given that most of these trees—the towering white oaks, bright red maples, and majestic American elms—predate the houses and streets that surround them. But when one of these neighborhood mainstays meets its demise, we are suddenly reminded of just how crucial trees are to the character of the neighborhood. From the giant stump, perhaps adorned with a flower pot, to the feeling that, somehow, the sunlight on your face is unnatural, these reminders are both stark and subtle.

The Original Northwood Association, for its part, has undertaken a proactive approach to maintaining, restoring, and adding to the neighborhood's tree canopy. Last month, the maintenance committee began work on a neighborhood tree inventory. We are identifying and mapping the location of all existing street trees (i.e., those in close proximity to the sidewalks and streets), recording their condition, and perhaps most important, determining locations for new trees. We have inventoried about half of the neighborhood thus far and have already determined locations for some thirty new trees.

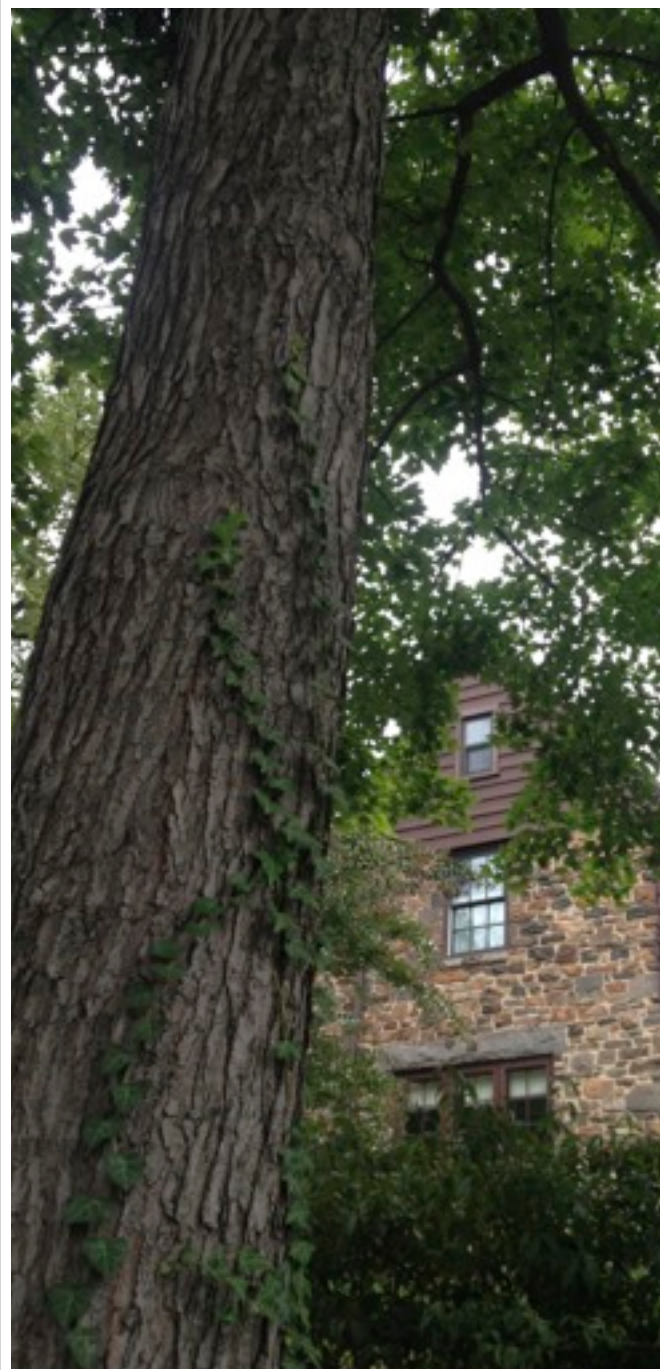
*Native trees include American Elm, Chestnut Oak, Black Oak, White Oak, Red Oak, Hickory and Black Gum (or Tupelo); other native trees that do well here are Willow Oak, Red Maple, Sawtooth Oak. **Baltimore Tree Trust's** website (baltimoretreetrust.org) has information about care, planting and landscape value that you may find useful.*

Over the course of the coming months, we plan to complete the inventory and will begin reaching out to city officials and organizations, as well as non-profits and local nurseries, in order to obtain new trees. We will be communicating with you through Nextdoor, newsletters, and in person, in order to solicit your assistance and support for trees planted on your property and/or in the adjacent common areas.

If you would like to join the maintenance committee or take part in planning this initiative, please email maintenance@originalnorthwood.org.

Of course, planting new street trees will only go so far. If you've lost a tree in your yard, consider replacing it with a tree that you know will thrive. Need some ideas or inspiration? Just look around!

Better yet, take a proactive approach. I, for one, am going to plant a small sugar maple under the interweaving branches of my fifty-foot pin oak and my neighbor's American elm. These old trees add



immeasurable charm to the neighborhood, but may be gone in twenty years. But at least a sturdy replacement will have taken root, ready to take full advantage of the newly-cleared skies.

■ *JP Rigilano*



Summer block party

This year's summer block party drew nearly 100 neighbors out to Roundhill Road. We had a blast! The food was wonderful (thanks to our grill masters Eric Dodson and Steve D'Adamo.) Everyone bought a side dish or dessert, and there was plenty. The face painter was simply delightful as was Jessica, the Hula Hoop Girl. The kids enjoyed themselves in the moon bounce practically all afternoon with occasional snowball breaks (provided by Emily Weber and Dana Andrusik.) The adults enjoyed sangria and mojitos (compliments of yours truly.)



All in all, everyone had a great afternoon. Special thanks to all the neighbors on Roundhill that helped to set up and helped with clean up. Can't wait until next year!



■ *Lynnette Dodson*



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