



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Abell Community:

I hope you have been enjoying the nice spring weather. This is a time to reconnect with neighbors after the cold winter. The Abell Improvement Association has been busy out in the community this spring. I would like to thank those who volunteered on Saturday, April 19, 2008 for the Mayor's Spring Clean-up. We cleaned the alleys in between Abell Avenue and Barclay Street. It was great fun with a good result. Then the following weekend volunteers for the Abell community participated in Rebuilding Together Baltimore's HGTV Project. Our neighbor Bonnie Bessor, serves as the Executive Director for Rebuilding Together Baltimore. We made home repairs to a home in the Pen Lucy community. It was a huge success and I would also like to thank those who volunteered.

With the weather warming-up many of us are outside taking advantage of the nice weather. Hopefully, you will consider participating in "Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol" to help prevent crime in our community. This is a partner ship that we have with all of the communities in Charles Village. Here is the weekly walk schedule:

- Mondays  
8:30pm -32nd and Abell
- Tuesdays  
7:30 -31st and Charles
- Wednesdays  
6:30pm -26th and Charles
- Thursdays
  - 1.) 7pm -29th and Calvert
  - 2.) 8pm -28th and Howard
  - 3.) 9pm -3013 Saint Paul

For more information please contact Katie at either (410) 235-4411 or [Katie@charlesvillage.org](mailto:Katie@charlesvillage.org).

Well many of you may have heard the bad news that Morgan and Emma Kennedy will be relocating from Maryland this summer. I would like to thank the Kennedys for all of their time and work for the Abell Improvement Association. Emma set-up and maintained the association's website for the past two years and Morgan served as Open Space Manager for four years. In addition, Morgan served as Vice-President and Member-at-Large within the association and he has worked on many of our homes. I wish them and their family all the best and they will truly be missed.

I look forward to see you at the Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 25, 2008 and at the Charles Village Festival and Parade. May 31, 2008 – June 1, 2008 .

Warmest Regards,

Robin Truiett-Theodorson  
AIA President

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## Charles St. Trolley Public Meetings

For roughly the past six months three working groups have been meeting to clarify the details of the design, ridership, and financing for the Charles Street Trolley, a streetcar proposed to run between the Inner Harbor and Charles Village. The Trolley would link neighborhoods, new development, universities like JHU, UB, and MICA, museums such as the BMA and Walters, and other tourist attractions.

The Charles Street Development Corporation (CSDC) presented the results of the analysis to the project's Steering Committee (**including AIA representative Steve Gewirtz**) on April 21st and is hosting two Open Houses this June. The handouts from the Steering Committee meeting are posted on the project Website at <http://www.charlesstreet.org/trolley/index.cfm?page=steering>.

Residents and businesses are invited to stop by the Open Houses any time between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. to hear from the trolley project's four working groups, which cover Finance and Governance, Design and Engineering, Ridership and Service, and Communications.

The first Open House will be held on Thursday, June 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation at 4 East University Parkway. If you are unable to attend that date, an additional Open House will be held on Monday, June 23 at The Belvedere (1 East Chase Street). For more information on the Trolley, visit :

[www.charlesstreet.org/trolley](http://www.charlesstreet.org/trolley)

## Volunteers Needed - Watering at Barclay School

Volunteers are needed to help with watering the newly-planted trees and shrubs in the playground at Barclay Elementary/Middle School. The school will provide hoses and access to a water supply. Volunteers will spend 1-2 hours once every 2-3 weeks (or as your schedule permits) filling tree watering bags. Schedule is extremely flexible - perfect for those looking for an excuse to exercise their green thumbs!

Interested? Contact **Paul Burk - burkpaul@hotmail.com** or **410-366-3883**

## ATTENTION GARDENERS: Last Chance to Get In On the 2008 Charles Village Garden Walk

The spring was cool and your garden is just now looking good. You hesitated to sign up for the Garden Walk before, but now you want to show off that great garden....but is it too late?

No!!!

Send an email or call Beverly Fink and we'll get you signed up! Go ahead and do it...you know you want to! Those rhododendrons deserve to be SEEN!

This year's Garden Walk is Sunday, June 1st.

To sign up as a one of the 'stops' on the Walk, or to buy tickets to the event, contact Beverly at: [Bvrlyfink@yahoo.com](mailto:Bvrlyfink@yahoo.com) or call 410-366-4157. BUT HURRY!!!

## Get Involved with the 2008 AIA Annual Street Fair

Sunday, September 14, 2008 will be our Annual Street Fair. We need volunteers to help plan and run the event. The subcommittees are as follows:

Publicity  
Silent Auction  
Setup and Breakdown  
Crab Feast  
Grill Station  
Bake Sale  
Children's Activities  
Music and Entertainment  
Vendors

Please contact **Robin Truiett-Theodorson**, [rtruiett@yahoo.com](mailto:rtruiett@yahoo.com) or **410 366-7996** if you are interested in being a part of planning a great event!

## Upcoming Bicycling Events

Over the summer there are a number of events that provide an opportunity to get some exercise, have a good time with friends and neighbors, and get riding your bike. One of the best is Tour Dem Parks, Hon on June 8, a bike ride starting in Carroll Park with 14, 20, 30, and 60 mile routes that touch many of the City's parks. <http://www.tourdemparks.org/>

Another upcoming event is the 10th Annual Bike Jam, held May 24 in Patterson Park. The event includes professional and recreational bike races, a bike expo, and live music. <http://www.bikejam.org/>

On May 21 bicyclists around the country will also hold Ride of Silence, an annual event to commemorate bicyclists that have been killed or injured while riding on public roadways. <http://www.rideofsilence.org/>

For more information about bicycling in Baltimore go to: <http://www.baltimorespokes.org/>, <http://www.onelesscar.org/>, or <http://www.velocipedebikeproject.org/>.

## Greater Homewood Community Corp. Summer Camp Fair

It's not too late to sign your kids up for a great summer camp! Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) will host a Summer Camp Fair on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John's in the Village Parish Hall, 3009 Greenmount Avenue.

For more information please contact: **Clarissa Taylor at 410-262-0024 or [ctaylor@greater-homewood.org](mailto:ctaylor@greater-homewood.org)**

For more information about GHCC, visit their website:

**[www.greaterhomewood.org](http://www.greaterhomewood.org)**

## Baltimore City Sustainability Master Plan

Baltimore City has established a new Commission on Sustainability and the Commission's first task is to spend the remainder of 2008 developing a Sustainability Master Plan for the City. **Abell resident Beth Strommen** is coordinating the effort as Director of the new Office of Sustainability within the Planning Department while (yet another!) **Abell resident Patrick McMahon** has been appointed as one of 17 citizen members of the Commission and will be chairing the Transportation Working Group.

Public involvement for the Sustainability Master Plan will start with a large public meeting at **417 E. Fayette St., 8th Floor on Tuesday, May 27th starting at 6:30 p.m.** At that meeting the public will learn about the Commission, the Plan format, and meeting times and locations for the Working Groups addressing the following six topic areas of the plan:

Air & Energy	Water
Waste	Green Infrastructure
Built Environment	Transportation

The Working Groups focusing on each of these topics will meet regularly in June and July, with the Commission unveiling their findings and recommendations in September, presenting the draft of the Plan in October, and then helping the plan through approval by the Planning Commission, City Council, and Mayor.

This is a tremendous opportunity to help set the short and long-term environmental goals for the City and to truly help transform City policy to create a more sustainable future. Abell residents are encouraged to get involved by attending the May 27th meeting and/or by contacting either **Patrick McMahon at [BmoreSustainableTransportation@gmail.com](mailto:BmoreSustainableTransportation@gmail.com)** or **Sarah Zaleski at [sarah.zaleski@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:sarah.zaleski@baltimorecity.gov)**.

Meeting times and dates for the topic committees haven't been set yet but look forward to more information to be posted at: **[www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/](http://www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/)**. For more information about the Sustainability Commission and Master Plan go to: **[www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/files/](http://www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/files/)**

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## RECYCLING SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
of the month:

5/28, 6/11, 6/25,  
7/9

Regular trash pickup is every  
Tuesday and Friday morning.

## DUMPSTER DATES:

6/21, 7/12, 8/16

## AIA Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 25th - 4:00pm

Please join us this Memorial Day weekend as we kick off the summer with our annual community-wide grill-out in the Abell Open Space. The AIA will provide the burgers (regular and veggie), hot dogs and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Following the picnic, we'll be kicking off our Summer Film Series with a Free screening of:

### *Hairspray*

(the 1988 original)

8:30pm in the Open Space

**BURN CALORIES  
NOT CARBON**

JOIN THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND FRIENDS FOR

## CHARM CITY BIKE AND BRUNCH

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER \$15.00

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 19TH DRUID HILL PARK

MAY 17TH STONY RUN

JUN 21ST MIDDLEBRANCH PARK

KAYAK AND BRUNCH

JULY 19TH HERRING RUN PARK

AUG 16TH GWYNNS FALLS TRAIL

SEPT 20TH FEDERAL HILL

OCT 18TH PATTERSON PARK

RSVP 443-984-4058

GUIDED TOURS OF BALTIMORE PARKS, TRAILS AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDING DRUID HILL PARK/JONES FALLS TRAIL, HERRING RUN PARK, FEDERAL HILL, STONY RUN AND PATTERSON PARK AS WELL AS A CANOE RIDE ON THE MIDDLEBRANCH. ALL TOURS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT A NEARBY LOCAL RESTAURANT.

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