

## - Bulletin Board -

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### Trash & Recycling Schedule

#### TRASH EVERY TUESDAY



#### RECYCLING EVERY THURSDAY

Trash may be put out after  
6 p.m. the night before, by  
6 a.m. the day of pick-up.

*Trash must be in rigid  
containers with tight-fitting lids.*

*Residents may be fined for trash  
disposal violations.*

### DUMPSTER DATE:

**March 28**

32<sup>nd</sup> Street at Abell



### AIA Quarterly General Membership Meetings 2015

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the quarterly AIA  
membership meetings. Meetings are normally held at the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Street Community Center, 300 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street

- ◆ Wednesday, April 22 - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, August 22 – 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 18 – 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, January 23, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

See full program guide insert in this newsletter for all the  
details of classes and how to sign up.

Contact Hannah Gardi, [hgardi@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:hgard@greaterhomewood.org) or 443-  
213-0394 to learn more about programs, space rentals, or  
volunteering

Please send **newsletter contributions** to Shelley Treadway,  
3026 Abell Avenue, or email to [sbtreadway@aol.com](mailto:sbtreadway@aol.com).

Deadlines for newsletter submissions:

- ◆ March 17      Spring Issue
- ◆ June 17      Film Series Issue
- ◆ August 17      Street Fair Issue
- ◆ November 17      Holiday Issue

*Volunteer newsletter delivery persons are needed* for several blocks  
in Abell. If you can spare 30 minutes of your time, six times each  
years, and would like a little stair-stepping exercise, please contact  
[sbtreadway@aol.com](mailto:sbtreadway@aol.com).



### Inside:

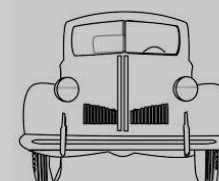
#### Congratulations

Gayle  
Strommen

#### AIA Safety Committee Tips

#### Snow Removal Guide

#### Parking in Abell



## Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

February 2015

Dear Neighbors:

I hope the holiday season and the ringing in of 2015 was enjoyable for all of you! I really enjoyed seeing many of you on New Year's Eve at the neighborhood Progressive Dinner Party.

This is my last President's letter to the community. Our January general membership meeting was the last for me as president. I have really enjoyed this role in helping the community that is near and dear to me. Jo Ann Robinson will be stepping into the role of President for 2015. I am very excited to pass the reins to Jo Ann and I know that she will be a great leader for the neighborhood. I will continue to stay involved in the community and look forward to continuing to work with such great neighbors.

We have a great year ahead of us! If you are not already involved with neighborhood activities, I encourage you to get involved. See inside this newsletter for many of the current opportunities. Even if you are unable to join a committee, please consider attending our quarterly general membership meetings. The meetings are a great way to meet neighbors and learn about everything that is going on in the neighborhood.

If you are interested in getting involved in the community, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. We need neighbors to help plan the street fair, participate in neighborhood walkers, help maintain the open space on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, distribute newsletters, plan neighborhood gatherings like our Memorial Day Picnic, Fall Chili Cook-Off, Holiday Caroling, and the Progressive New Year's Eve Dinner. There are also opportunities to serve on the Membership Committee and Housing/Land Use Committee, and to help with the Newsletter. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or would like more information, please email me at [bbessor@gmail.com](mailto:bbessor@gmail.com) or call me at 410-916-1062.

Again, Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Bonnie Bessor

Outgoing President, Abell Improvement Association

[www.abellimprovement.org](http://www.abellimprovement.org)

**Abell Resident Sworn In as Federal Judge**

Gayle Strommen was sworn in as a Veterans Law Judge in the Department of Veterans Affairs on October 3, 2014. Gayle works in the Board of Veteran’s Appeals and is responsible for entering the final decision on behalf of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in claims for entitlement benefits for Veterans. Her appointment was approved by both the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and President Obama. Congratulations Gayle!

*Beth Strommen*

**Welcome New Abell Residents**

Harouna Boncana and his wife Heidi Good moved into the 3100 block of Abell Avenue with their daughter, Safi, in May of 2014. They now have a son named Edris who was born on December 11, 2014. They will be making a wonderful addition to the lively crowd at the Open Space to be sure.

*Steve Windows*

**Park Responsibly**

Please consider your neighbors when parking. Many residents arrive home after dark, when parking is scarce. Having to walk an extra block is not only inconvenient, but it puts us at risk.

*Cars need no more than 18 inches between them.*

**Favorite Contractors**

Refinishing a wood floor? Or looking to install a new one? I've been very happy with the work of Jerry Zimmerman of Clipper City Wood Floors, a city-based business. Jerry has done the floors in two rooms of my house on East 30th Street. His work is excellent and very reasonably priced. And he's a nice guy. You can reach him at 410-254-7989 or jzclippercity@yahoo.com

*Eileen Canzian*

**Snow Removal Requirements**

*In any snow event, Baltimore City ordinance requires the following:*

- The snow must be removed and cleared away from all sidewalks within 3 hours after the snow has stopped falling; or if the snow stopped falling between 3 p.m. and 6 a.m., before 11 a.m.
- The snow must be removed and cleared away in such a way that leaves a clear path that is at least 2 feet wide, and does not obstruct the passage of water in the gutters.
- Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$15 for each offense.

Residents should work together to clear snow from around fire hydrants near your home/business to make them visible for our firefighters.

**Thank You Newsletter Delivery Volunteers**

Thank you to all AIA Newsletter deliverers and alternates for your timely work bringing Abell news to the community in 2014:

- Tweefie Millspaugh
- Judy Berlin
- Maureen Daly
- Gina Weaver
- Joe DeMarco
- Jim Anthony
- Freda Kirkham
- Judith Geller
- Allison Campbell
- Julie Neale Taylor
- Paul & Carlene Moscott
- Amber Eisenmann
- Peter Gottlieb
- Kerry Langkammerer
- Annette Fallon
- Janet Kahoe
- Jo Ann Robinson
- Jonathan Wetmiller
- Didon Pachner
- Val Kuciauskas
- John Fink
- Amy Thompson
- Haakon Maxwell
- Michael Treadway

**R.I.P. Hayley**

Denise Carolan said good-bye to her dear pet Hayley in January. Hayley was one of a pack of Abell dogs, with Melvin, Hayley, Humphrey, Sadie, Lucy, Bernie and Mulch, who went to Patapsco State Park together for many years.



*Hayley  
November 1997 - January 2015*

**Preventing Postal Thefts**

To Residents and Business owners:

As winter settles in, we may be a little less inclined to wander out in the weather. Having items delivered to your door is a convenient, speedy and warm alternative. Unfortunately local neighborhoods, including Abell, have been experiencing the problem of packages being stolen from porches and front doors.

Here are some ideas to help you protect yourself from theft from thieves (from USA today):

Add signature confirmation

- For a small fee you can require that someone signs for your package before the delivery person drops it off. It's not foolproof, but it increases the odds of a safe delivery. At FedEx, either the shipper or recipient can make that request.

Use premium package control programs

- For \$5 - \$10 per request, you can get access to power delivery tools at UPS and FedEx that allow you to reschedule times or specify delivery windows. For a \$40 annual fee, UPS My Choice members can make as many requests as they want. FedEx Delivery Manager also has some free options, like a 14-day vacation hold or specifying that you want it delivered to a specific area, like tucked behind a grill or planter.

Get it delivered to your local mail facility

- All the major carriers will allow you to re-route packages to your local mail office. "These centers can serve as a ‘mailroom receiving agent’ and offer a real street address, secure 24-hour access (at participating locations) and email or text notification when you have a package waiting," said UPS's McGowan. At FedEx, this is free; UPS and USPS charge a fee. UPS also accepts packages from all carriers.

Keep your eyes peeled

- Neighbors protect neighbors by flagging suspicious activity to each other and the police.
- If you see suspicious activity, dial 911 and report it immediately. *Callers can remain anonymous.*

If it does get stolen... check your credit card

- Many issuers offer theft protection. If your package gets stolen, file a police report immediately and send it to your credit card company. They'll refund your purchase, up to \$500 or \$1,000, depending on your credit card company's policies.

If you have a package stolen, it is important to follow these steps:

1. Call 911 and file a police report immediately and receive a police report number
2. Contact the US Postal Inspectors Office to file a mail theft complaint
  - a. Call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3)
  - b. Report the theft online - <http://1.usa.gov/1vCK2Z1>
3. Contact Tony Brown at the Charles Village Community Benefits District

Tony Brown  
Director of Safety Services  
Charles Village Community Benefits District  
2434 St Paul Street, Baltimore MD 21218  
[tbrown@charlesvillage.org](mailto:tbrown@charlesvillage.org)  
410.235.4411

If you have already had a package stolen:

- Know that the Northern Police District is currently addressing this problem and investigating the increase in thefts
- Contact Tony Brown at the Charles Village Community Benefits District (see above); he is collecting the information and working closely with the police

If you see a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately at 911, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3).