



Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

September 2013

★ STREET FAIR EDITION ★

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

Summer has been really great in Abell. We kicked off the season with a Memorial Day picnic, and have enjoyed our new Little Free Library at the Abell Open Space. The summer film series has been a huge success once again. It was also a time of transition in the community. Drew Walker, who served as AIA president for a year and a half, was offered a teaching position in Washington State. Drew stepped down as president to take advantage of this great opportunity. It was sad to say goodbye to Drew and his partner, Kevin Darrow, who served as our treasurer. But we wish them the best in their new adventures and thank both of them for many years of service to the Abell community. As vice president, I agreed to serve out Drew's term as president. Andy Scott has agreed to serve as treasurer for the remainder of the term. And Linda Forlifer has agreed to add the corresponding secretary role (which Andy Scott held) to her existing role of recording secretary. Thank you to everyone who has been so flexible and willing to pitch in during this time of transition!

The annual Abell Community Street Fair, our biggest event of the year, is coming up in just a few weeks. This year the fair is on **Sunday, September 22, from noon to 5 p.m. in the 3100 and 3000 blocks of Abell Avenue**. This year's fair includes everything you've come to expect: the All-U-Can-Eat Crab Feast (buy advance tickets on p. 4), Baltimore's Best Silent Auction, fabulous local artists and vendors, live music from Jazz Lunch, Chris Pumphrey, The Timothy Bracken Complex, and The Happy Hours. Many thanks to Abell resident Jon Birkholz for arranging this year's music line-up. We will also have great kids' activities, including the Children's Parade (Harry Potter themed this year!).

The Street Fair is also the **AIA's biggest fundraiser**. We use the proceeds from the Fair to pay for the programs, events, and activities that make our community stronger. Over the past year, these have included funding a **Mini-Grants Program** for teachers at the Barclay School, paying the licensing fees that allow us to show movies during our **Summer Film Series**, as well as hosting a variety of get-togethers, picnics, and other social events. By supporting the Street Fair, you make these things possible.

Please consider volunteering at the Street Fair. Inside on page 3, you'll find out where and when we need help on the day of the Fair. Please call or email me if you are interested in volunteering. It's a really fun day. Even if you volunteer for a couple of hours, there is still plenty of time for you to enjoy everything at the Fair. We still have plenty of spaces for vendors and exhibitors. Do you know artists or craftspeople who would be interested in selling products at the fair? Maybe you have something you could donate to our Silent Auction? We're always looking for high-value services or items to add to the auction table.

However you choose to do it, I hope you'll consider contributing to this year's event. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair on September 22.

In service,

Bonnie

www.abellimprovement.org

★ ★ ★ PARKING REMINDER ★ ★ ★

In preparation for the Street Fair, all residents are required to move vehicles from the 3000 & 3100 blocks of Abell Avenue and the 300-400 blocks of 32nd Street between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 22. Free parking is available on the northeast corner of Barclay and 32nd Street.

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Barclay Elementary/Middle School

Early in July North Avenue administrators transferred Principal Jenny Heinbaugh out of Barclay School and appointed a Principal Selection Committee (PSC) to interview candidates for her replacement. The committee consisted primarily of teachers plus 2 parents, 2 individuals from the school's community engagement team, and the chair of that team, Kelly Oglesbee. One of the engagement team representatives was Abell resident Jo Ann Robinson. Because the Baltimore City schools' hiring cycle begins in January, very few candidates were left to be interviewed in July. The PSC determined that the post of Barclay Principal is too important to be filled by a hurried, last-minute process from a shallow pool of candidates. Consequently, we did not choose a principal. Instead, system administrators have appointed a Managing Assistant Principal (MAP) for the new school year. In January the principal selection process will be activated again. Ms. Bettye Adams will serve as the Barclay MAP. She comes from Locherman Bundy Elementary School where she was Assistant Principal last year. We look forward to getting to know her and continuing AIA's long tradition of support for Barclay School.

Jo Ann Robinson

The 29th Street Community Center is Buzzing!

Our inaugural summer of operation of the 29th Street Community Center was a huge success, with seven programs serving over 200 participants. We partnered with the Parks and People Foundation to host the SuperKids Summer Camp at the Center, serving 60 kids. Art was huge hit this summer – we served over 40 kids and their families with visual arts programs and 20 students with dance camp. And summer isn't summer without physical activity! With our basketball skill development camp and our open gym program, we served over 100 kids and adults.

And we are just getting started!

Our fall calendar is chock-a-block full with great activities for all ages! Fall programs begin September 9th and run 10 weeks. Registration is first-come, first-served. Check out the full calendar at <http://www.greaterhomewood.org/our-work/29thstreetcenter/>. Read through the program listings and contact the instructor to sign up today.

For questions regarding the Center, please contact Hannah Gardi at [hgardi@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:hgard@greaterhomewood.org) or 443-213-0394.

Hannah Gardi

Vineyard Lane Garden

The Vineyard Reading Garden is a small community beautification garden located on Vineyard Lane across from the Book Thing. This garden was formerly an empty lot full of weeds and debris and used for illegal dumping. With some assistance from AIA, the CVCBD, grant applications, fundraisers, and last but not least, volunteers from the community, this will become a lovely open space, and a place where you can sit and read after you have picked up that special book from the Book Thing. Please watch our progress, and "Like" us on Facebook. If you would like to volunteer please contact Tweefie Millspaugh, phone 443-414-9294

Wedding Bells

Best wishes to Amy Frahm and Frank Erardi, who were married on August 31st! Amy and Frank have been regular Thursday night neighborhood walkers. Thank you both!

If you are looking for **great contractors** who have experience working in the Abell community, you can find past recommendations on the AIA website in the Community Resources section - **www.abellimprovement.org**. You can also find them in the Recommendations section on Nextdoor Abell - **abell.nextdoor.com**

2013 Abell Community Street Fair Sunday, September 22, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

The **Abell Community Street Fair** is just a few weeks away. It all happens thanks to the efforts of our wonderful neighbors who have donated their time and talents. There's still plenty to do, both in advance and on the day of the event itself. If you haven't had a chance to lend a hand yet, **we need volunteers** for the following activities.

- **Set up & clean up:** We need a team to distribute tables, erect canopies and wrestle the stage pieces into place.
- Our outdoor burger & hot dog **grill station** needs **grill chefs and cashiers**.
- The **bake sale** needs homemade **cakes, pies, cupcakes and cookies**. We would like to offer coffee and fresh lemonade; put your percolators and juicers into service.
- We are still looking for outstanding items for our **silent auction**. Donate game tickets or a certificate to one of our local restaurants. Offer a class in your specialty, a beer tasting or an art lesson. Ask your employer for a donation of goods or services.
- We will have many activities for children. A **children's parade** will take place at noon. All strollers, tricycles, bikes and Big Wheels and their riders are welcome. There will be face-painting and craft projects for children.
- Please invite your family, friends and former Abell residents to come enjoy the fair. Our fair is a great source for early holiday gift shopping! **Remember: do not leave cars parked on the 3000 and 3100 blocks of Abell or the 300 block of E. 32nd Street on the Sunday, September 22.**

STREET FAIR VOLUNTEERS - How, When and Where Would You Like to Help?

	Music	Crab Feast	Bake Sale	Grill Station	Silent Auction	Children's Activities, Face Painting
10:00	Assemble Stage					Distribute tables & chairs; assemble tents, canopies for all activities
11:00			Accept donations; Make coffee	Set up grills & supplies	Set up display	
12:00		Crab Feast (2 hr shift)	Manage sales (2 hour shift)	Grill (1 or 2 hr shift)	Accept bids (2 hour shift)	Parade - kids & parents to be in parade Face painter (1 - 2 hour shift)
1:00				Grill (1 or 2 hr shift)		Face painter (1 - 2 hour shift)
2:00		Crab Feast (2 hr shift)	Manage sales (2 hour shift)	Grill (1 or 2 hr shift)	Accept bids (2 hour shift)	Face painter (1 - 2 hour shift)
3:00				Grill (1 or 2 hr shift)		Clean up (1 - 2 hours)
4:00			Manage sales & clean up (2 hour shift)	Grill (1 or 2 hr shift)	Accept bids (2 hour shift)	
5:00	Strike stage	Clean up		Clean grills		
6:00						Finish clean up; stack tables and chairs; consolidate trash

CONTACTS

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Grill Station

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Bake Sale

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Silent Auction

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Children's Activities & Children's Parade

Carol Sersknis • carol_serksnis@yahoo.com

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB FEAST 2013



Sunday, September 22, 2013 ■ 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Adults: \$35.00 in advance by September 16, \$40.00 same day; Children 8 and up: \$20.00

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____

Full name of person tickets to be held under _____

Address _____

Please return with check made out to **Abell Improvement Association** or cash to:

Sarah McLean • 3144 Abell Avenue • phone 410-736-9064 • sarah.kenders@gmail.com

Brewery News

Peabody Heights Brewery at 30th and Barclay has applied for a new Class D liquor license that would allow an expansion of hours and retail sales onsite and off-premises. With this new license, the brewery could serve pints at the bar and fill growlers. The license would also allow the brewery to expand the number of events they can have a year. With their current license and zoning, they can hold 12 events a year. The new license would allow an unlimited number of events. However, the owners are proposing they voluntarily limit the events to 36 per year.

Although the license allows for licensees to be open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday, the brewery owners are proposing voluntary restrictions on the hours. For retail hours in the tasting room, they propose the following hours:

Monday - Thursday, 4 – 7 p.m.

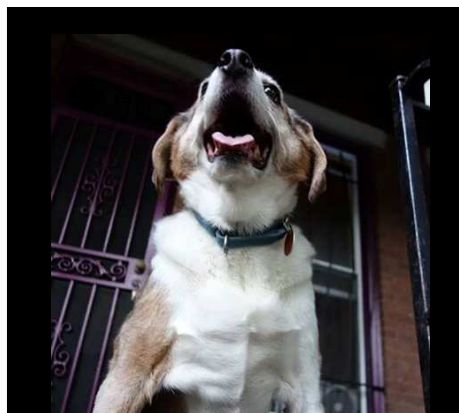
Friday, 4 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

At the AIA general membership meeting on August 24, the membership voted to engage the services of the nonprofit Community Law Center to help AIA develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the brewery owners. Ideally, the MOU would help set limits on the brewery's license that would insure the new activities do

not have a negative impact on the community.

Please email AIA President Bonnie Bessor at bbessor@gmail.com or call her at 410-916-1062 with questions or concerns about this issue. We will be keeping the membership updated through our members email list. If you would like to be added to the email list, you can become an AIA member for \$5/year. You can contact Bonnie Bessor to become a member.



Please Slow Down

As you drive through the streets and alleys of my neighborhood, please be mindful of the small children and animals that live here. When we play, we sometimes forget about the cars in the streets. If you drive slowly, you will have more time to stop if we stray into your path.

Thank you,
Melvin

Baltimore City Animal Control Laws

Fresh Water Make sure your pets have access to fresh water at all times when kept outdoors.

Avoid Rats Pet food and animal waste attracts rats. Clean up after your pets often and don't leave food out overnight.

Shelter The law requires pet owners to provide shelter (e.g., a dog house) for dogs kept outdoors. The shelter must be elevated 2 inches off the ground with a flap on the door to help reduce drafts. Whenever the temperature falls to 40° F or lower, all domestic animals should be brought indoors.

Animal Waste must be picked up immediately. It is a violation to leave animal waste on your property, and while walking your animal on public property, parks, and private property, without promptly removing it.

Exercise for your dog Dogs should be walked twice a day. Baltimore City requires that dogs be leashed at all times. Violators can receive a \$100 citation. The city operates two dog parks for unleashed play. Call 311 for locations.

RENEWAL & PICK-UP for

Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12/12A

All RPP permit *renewals* paid by credit card or check PRIOR to October 17
will be available to pick up at these outdoor distribution sites:

Saturday, October 19

WAVERLY FARMERS MARKET from 9 a.m. to Noon

Table on 32nd Street by Barclay Street

EDDIE'S MARKET from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Table at 3117 St. Paul Street

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BRING A PHOTO ID!

Register online after September 20 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & Abell 12A Permits.

After October 19, you MUST go downtown to the city's Parking Authority office to pick up your permit.

Residents of Charles Village in the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12 (north of 29th Street, west of Hunter Street/alley) and 12A-Abell (north of 29th Street, east of Hunter Street/alley) must register and purchase their annual parking permits and visitors passes.

All current permits expire October 31. You must show proof of residency to ensure that participation in the program is limited to *residents only*. To be eligible for a Parking Permit and/or Visitors Pass, you must reside within the boundaries of the RPP area. Warning — a parking citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or visitor's pass in Area 12/12A is \$52 for each occurrence.

For general information about the RPP Program and its rules and regulations, go to:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/QuasiAgencies/ParkingAuthority/ResidentialParkingPermits.aspx>

You can then access the RPP application site, general rules and regulations, step by step instructions (click on RPP Application site first to see step by step instructions), and Frequently Asked Questions. If you do not have internet access, you may go to the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street, to use a computer in the library for applying online.

To renew your permit online, you can go directly to this secure site: <https://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx>

Baltimore City's annual Residential Parking Permits cost:

\$20 for a Parking Permit (decal)

\$20 for a Visitors Pass

If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the City's RPP database and you do not have to re-enter your information. Use the same user name and password that you used last year. If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, call the Parking Authority at 443.573.2800 and staff will help you reset your password.

If this is the FIRST TIME you are applying for a parking permit, you MUST go downtown to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B, to apply for and pick up your parking permit in person. The Parking Authority will provide you with validation to park for free in the garage above their office.

For additional details about RPP registration and renewal process, go to www.charlesvillage.net. You will find links to key portions of the Baltimore City RPP website and access step-by-step instructions on how to renew your permit.

Thanks to community volunteers, Eddie's Market and the Waverly Farmers Market for making the RPP community pick-up possible on October 19.

Please show your kind appreciation for all their generous assistance. Thank you for being courteous throughout the registration process.

Volunteers from the community make it possible for the CVCA and AIA to continue the convenient distribution of the RPP permits in the neighborhood on October 22. To volunteer to help with distribution on October 22, please contact RPP Area 12/12A Representative, Tim Behnam, at timbehnam@yahoo.com.

NOTE - The information above *only* applies to Residential Parking Permits and Visitors Passes in AREAS 12 and 12A (Charles Village and Abell). Charles Village WEST (Area 37) renewal and pick-up takes place in March, 2014. Area 37 is defined as west of Charles Street between 26th Street and 29th Street, including the unit block of E. 26th Street.

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ABELL COMMUNITY STREET FAIR 2013

Sunday, September 22
Noon - 5:00 p.m.

**3000 and 3100 Blocks of Abell Avenue
and the 300-400 blocks of 32nd Street**

- ★ Children's Parade ★ Food & bake sale ★
- ★ Craft vendors ★ Children's activities ★
- ★ Crab feast ★
- ★ Live music ★
- ★ Silent auction ★

To volunteer, see page 3 for contact information.

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

**Trash
Every
Tuesday**



**Mixed 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.*

New Member Social and Chili Cook-off



Sunday, October 6 ♦ 4:00 p.m.

**Abell Open Space – 32nd St.
between Abell & Guilford**

All residents of Abell are welcome

*Come meet your new neighbors and enjoy a bowl of
hearty chili with all the fixin's*

AIA Quarterly General Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, November 6
6:30 p.m.**

**29th Street Community
Center
300 W. 29th Street**

Please send **newsletter
contributions** to Shelley
Treadway, 3026 Abell Avenue,
or email to
sbtreadway@aol.com.

Deadlines for submissions:

October 1	November 17
Fall Issue	Holiday Issue