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# Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

November 2013

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

It's been a busy fall here in Abell. Once again our annual Street Fair was a big success. The event was kicked off with a "Harry Potter" themed parade, with the Hogwarts Express driven by Hagrid himself! The parade included Hogwarts students from all houses, owls, house elves, and all manner of wizards. At the end of the parade, the crowd erupted into an impromptu dance party in front of the stage where our good friend **DJ Mills** was spinning some great tunes.

The Street Fair also included a silent auction with items donated by local residents and businesses. Neighbors enjoyed an all-you-can eat crab feast, yummy food from the grill, and beer donated by **The Wine Source**. We also had fun children's activities in the Abell Open Space and a great mix of vendors. In the end we raised over \$3,800 to fund AIA's programs, including grants to the Barclay School and the Summer Film Series.

The Street Fair was possible because neighbors came together to plan, donate their artistic abilities, ask for donations, coordinate vendors, volunteer during the event, and do set-up and clean-up. It's a huge undertaking and is made especially great because so many of our neighbors pitch in and make it happen. I want to give special shout-outs to the following neighbors who volunteered their time and talents and to coordinate and lead the following aspects of the Street Fair:

**Lorri Randolph & Michele Golden** - grill station; **Joel Urbanowicz** - vendors; **Jon Birkholz** - music; **Katie Flickinger** - Street Fair co-chair, rentals & permits; **Carol Serksnis** - children's parade and children's activities; **Sarah & Campbell McLean** - crab feast; **Susanne Riveles** - bake sale; **Michael Klima & Haakon Maxwell** - set-up and clean-up; plus **Amber Eisenmann, Jenny Harbold, Arlene Ogurick, Linda Forlifer, Katie Flickinger, Jennifer D'Urso, Matt Fouse, Shelley Treadway, Eve Nelson, Josh Fruhlinger, Haakon Maxwell, Susanne Riveles, Jim Anthony** and **Peter Matchette** for donating and/or soliciting donations for the silent auction.

And, of course, **Bill Nelson** for designing our t-shirt and poster, **Paul Burk** for printing our promotional posters, AND **Rachel Bone & Red Prairie Press** for donating the screen printing of our t-shirts. See more of Bill Nelson's work at [billnelsonillustration.blogspot.com](http://billnelsonillustration.blogspot.com). Rachel Bone's lovely designs and wearable art can be seen <http://redprairiepress.bigcartel.com/>. To see Paul Burk's work, visit [www.paulburkphotography.com/](http://www.paulburkphotography.com/). See inside for a full list of Street Fair volunteers and donors.

Many thanks to Shelley Treadway for coordinating our annual chili cook-off on October 6. This event was a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and enjoy some great homemade chili. We even got some press coverage in the Baltimore Messenger!

Another big activity this fall has been the negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the owners of the Peabody Heights Brewery at 30<sup>th</sup> and Barclay Streets. The Brewery has applied for a new type of liquor license that was created by the Maryland State Legislature earlier this year. I have been working closely with the Community Law Center and the owners of the brewery to reach an agreement that will be fair for the community and for the brewery. I encourage you to attend our general membership meeting on November 6 at the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center (300 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street) at 6:30 p.m. We will be voting on the MOU at this meeting.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood in the coming months.

Best,  
Bonnie Bessor

President, Abell Improvement Association

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

## Thank You Street Fair Volunteers

The Abell neighborhood is lucky to have so many generous volunteers to make our street fair happen each year. This fair remains very unique in Baltimore; the children who attend have memories of street fair day for the rest of their lives.

The biggest thanks go to heroic Co-Chairs **Bonnie Bessor** and **Katie Flickinger**. The fair planners (see Bonnie's letter on page one) also want to thank these hard-working volunteers who gave their time on the day of the fair:

Jim Anthony  
Jon Birkholz  
Paul Burk  
Miruna Burk  
Eileen Canzian  
Julie Cavnor  
Erica Christoph  
Silvia Cohn  
Nick Colten  
Eric Cox  
Maureen Daly  
Julie Depner  
Elizabeth Duverlie  
Jennifer D'Urso  
Amber Eisenmann  
Frank Erardi  
Annette Fallon  
Sindbad Fennimore  
Katie Flickinger  
Linda Forlifer  
Amy Frahm  
Josh Fruhlinger  
Michele Golden  
Jenny Harbold  
Aaron Hattenschwiller  
Michael Klima  
Ira Kowler  
Mark Langkammerer  
Haakon Maxwell  
Campbell McLean

Sarah McLean  
Tweefie Millsbaugh  
Teresa Pfaff  
Lorri Randolph  
Susanne Riveles  
Jo Ann Robinson  
Suzanna Roettger  
Andy Scott  
Laura Scott  
Carol Serksnis  
Darren Smith  
Amy Thompson  
Megan Thompson  
Shelley Treadway  
Joel Urbanowicz  
Emil Volcheck  
Cassie Wicken

### Music

Thanks to Jon Birkholz for coordinating!  
DJ Mills  
Timothy Bracken Complex  
Jazz Lunch  
Happy Hours

## Welcome New Neighbors

*From Karen Taylor:* Longtime Abell Avenue renters Karen Taylor and Juan Rodas are pleased to become permanent members of the neighborhood as the new owners of 410 E. 31st Street. We're so happy that we got to remain in the neighborhood!

## Congratulations!

Best wishes to **Annette Fallon** and **Eric Cox**, who wed on November 2. Annette is Director of Admissions at the Baltimore Lab School and Eric is doing graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. They come to Abell from Los Angeles, CA. *Cheers to Annette & Eric from Abell!*

## A Big Thank You to our Silent Auction Donors

Fluid Movement  
Trohv  
Hopkins Symphony Orchestra  
Falkenhan's Hardware  
Greenfield's Nursery  
The Dizz  
Charles Theater  
Arlene Ogurick  
Greenmount Loan & Jewelry  
Center Stage  
La Famiglia  
Walk the Dog  
Hopkins Symphony Orchestra  
ReBcycle  
Toss Pizza  
Josh Fruhlinger  
Normal's Books & Records  
Local Color Flowers  
East Meets West Wellcare  
Center  
Herman's Discount  
Eddie's Liquors  
Barclay School  
Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke  
Peabody Heights Brewing  
Snark Machine  
Jennifer D'Urso  
Rocket to Venus  
Full Circle Plant Probiotic  
Dean Smith  
Matt Fouse  
Robert McClintock  
Handel Choir of Baltimore  
Jim Anthony  
Kathy Flickinger  
Johns Hopkins University Press  
Peter Matchette  
Linder Automotive  
Pete's Grille  
Eddie's Market  
Donna's  
Gertrude's  
Susanne Riveles  
Shelley & Michael Treadway  
Eve Nelson

## 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center Fall Potluck

The 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center's first Annual Community Potluck of Thanks will be held on Tuesday, November 19. Calling all neighborhood associations, community residents and program participants - come celebrate the end of the year and your successes! Bring a dish and enjoy an evening of showcases of the various fall programs.

**When:** November 19, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** The 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center, 300 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St.

**What to bring:** Abell residents - salads, Harwood residents - beverages, Charles Village residents - desserts, all other neighborhood residents - canned goods for donations

R.S.V.P. through Eventbrite at <https://the29thstreetcommunitycenter.eventbrite.com> or contact Hannah Gardi at 443-213-0394 or [hgardi@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:hgardi@greaterhomewood.org)

Also, volunteers are needed at the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center! Formerly known as the Barclay Recreation Center, the center reopened this past May. Each week, more kids are coming to the community center and we need your help! *Volunteers are needed in the following programs:* computer lab, games and homework help, arts and crafts, jump-roping club, and open gym. Hours of volunteer service are Monday-Thursday 2:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are flexible to work around your schedule!

The 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center is located on 300 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information or to sign up, please contact Hannah Gardi at 443-213-0394.

## Baltimore Waterworks History

The Baltimore City Historical Society & Historical Society of Baltimore County 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joint Program takes a look at the:

*Baltimore Waterworks History*

Saturday November 16, 2013,

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the

Maryland Historical Society, France Hall,  
201 West Monument Street, Baltimore 21201

Free, on-site parking and light refreshments with guest speakers:

*Kurt Kocher*, Baltimore City Dept. of Public Works Public Information Supervisor

*Edward C. Papenfuse*, Md. State Archivist and Acting Archivist for Baltimore City

*William P. Stack*, Center for Watershed Protection Deputy Director of Programs

Old Baltimore began by relying upon wells and springs, went on with limited success to offer water through quasi-private corporate subscription and eventually accepted the need for local government to take over responsibility for managing and supplying the public with safe, steady sources of drinking water.

State enabling acts, large land acquisitions, flooding of a mill town, laying pipes, building dams and reservoirs, treatment plants and tunnels and reaching accords across jurisdictional boundaries have all been part of the ongoing history of Baltimore waterworks between Patapsco River, Jones Falls, Gunpowder River and Susquehanna River.

## Explore Environmental History

Adam Rome will present *The Nature of the Metropolis*

Saturday December 7, 2013

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peabody Room

Cathedral of the Incarnation

4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore 21218

Adam Rome authored "The Genius of Earth Day: How a 1970 Teach-In Unexpectedly Made the First Green Generation" and the prize-winning "The Bulldozer in the Countryside: Suburban Sprawl and the Rise of American Environmentalism." He has edited the journal "Environmental History." He has a B.A. from Yale and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in American Environmental History. He teaches history and environmental non-fiction at the University of Delaware.

[www.udel.edu/History/bio/rome\\_adam.html](http://www.udel.edu/History/bio/rome_adam.html)

Free admission, parking and refreshments,  
directions: [www.incarnationbaltimore.org](http://www.incarnationbaltimore.org)

Contact BCHS: [baltimorecityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:baltimorecityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

Website: [www.historicbaltimore.org](http://www.historicbaltimore.org)

Historical Society of Baltimore County: [www.hsobc.org](http://www.hsobc.org)

BCHS stamps War of 1812 passports.

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### AIA Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center ♦ 300 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street

### Holiday Caroling

Sunday, December 15 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Carolers meet at Jim Anthony's house, **3212 Abell Avenue**, before heading out to serenade the Abell community. Bring cookies or a snack for a post-caroling party. Song books are provided.

Contact host Jim Anthony with questions: [janthony@towson.edu](mailto:janthony@towson.edu), 410-243-2269

### Trash & Recycling Schedule

**TRASH**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**

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**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 DATES:

**November 9**  
**December 28**

31<sup>st</sup> Street at Abell

### New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner

Celebrate New Year's Eve with your Abell neighbors. Travel to four homes for four courses, beginning with appetizers and ending with champagne at midnight. Attendees should **bring a dish to share** at one of the courses.

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If you would like to attend, or can volunteer your home to host one of the four courses –

Appetizers, Main Course, Dessert, or Champagne -  
contact Shelley Treadway:

[sbtreadway@aol.com](mailto:sbtreadway@aol.com), 410-467-0310

Details for participants will be distributed when locations are finalized.

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

January 17    **Winter Issue**  
March 17     **Spring Issue**

The AIA will be holding its election for **officers for 2014** in January.

Anyone who is interested in running for any AIA office may submit their name for nomination to

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