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Dear Neighbors:

We're into April, and snowstorms are over. We have outdoor events upcoming. Saturday, 29 April, is the city-sponsored Spring Clean-up. Pick up bags at 31st and Abell, and get out to clean your alleys and gutters. All bags left on the corners of 31st and Abell will be picked up by the city on Monday, 1 May. Put our Spring Picnic on your calendar, scheduled for Sunday, 28 May, beginning at 5:00 p.m. AIA volunteers will be grilling hot dogs and burgers (both meat and veggie), and neighbors will bring their scrumptious specialty dishes, salads, drinks, and desserts for all to share. It's always a good time!

An exciting reason to get outside soon is Light City Baltimore - Neighborhood Lights – WAVERLY - "Protean," with Resident Artist Jose Andres Rosero-Curet, March 31 to April 8, 32nd Street & Brentwood Avenue. "Protean" is an evolving LED installation experience within a 20-ft shipping container, designed to echo the winding crossroads and corridors that make up Waverly and connect its people. Featuring an audio-reactive light show driven by a soundscape created by Waverly musician Amy Reid, patterns of light and color will respond to the soundtrack and to direct interaction with viewers. Nightly events (7:00-10:00) include a Square Dance Party, 4/1; Yoga Under the Lights, 4/2; November Project – a Free Fitness Movement, 4/3; Family Night, 4/4. LED "Throwie" Workshops, DJ Sets, & Performances: with "Throwies" the community can decorate the exterior of the "PROTEAN" structure. At each night's end, the Throwies can be taken home as mementos.

Zora Salisbury (2900 block Guilford Ave.) will move to Columbia SC after more than 30 years. I'm remembering all the energy she's put into being a good neighbor. Our AIA archives are not indexed, so I'm missing information, but here are some highlights. In 1999 Zora was AIA treasurer, and she began the first Peace Camp we had ever heard of. Zora raised funds, planned programs, and recruited volunteers to keep our AIA childrens' Peace Camp going every summer, at least through 2004, based at both Barclay School and Homewood Friends Meeting. You'll be grateful that Zora and I conceived of and planned our first-ever progressive dinner on New Year's Eve. It began as a joke, our Last Night Party--the end of the millennium was upon us and all systems were to crash at midnight on 12/31/1999. Happily, the world and AIA went on. Thank you, Zora, for all you've done!

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Abell Community News

Neighbors, friends and family joined Connie Whiting for her partner **Chase's 70th birthday party** at Peabody Heights Brewing on February 25. It was quite an impressive turnout, especially of family across the generations.

Welcome to **Sara Autrey and Austin Tally**, who have just purchased a home in the 3000 block of Guilford. We look forward to seeing them at our spring & summer events in Abell!

Congratulations to Abell resident **Paul Moscott** for this winter's retrospective exhibition, "Rediscovering Paul Moscott, Six Decades of Painting" at the Gray Matter Art Space in the Cork Factory at 1601 Guilford Avenue.

The Book Thing Restoration

Architects at Hord, Coplan, & Macht are working toward completion of the design for rebuilding The Book Thing, which was destroyed by fire in March of 2016. For a full update on the project see <http://bookthing.org/23-press/89-updates>.

The Abell Community Resistance

With a long history of supporting anti-war, racial justice, women's rights and LGBTQ activism, Abell is now home to the Abell Community Resistance (ACR). From its Mission and Value Statement: "We organize for social, economic and racial justice. We value mutual support, respect, nonviolence and inclusion. We use the tools of education, advocacy, service and direct action." ACR has been meeting weekly, following critical issues at various government levels and bringing pressure to bear on elected officials. For further details: www.abellcommunityresistance.org

2017 Abell Street Fair Set for September 17

Mark your calendars! The Street Fair Committee is pleased to announce that the 2017 Abell Community Street Fair will be held Sunday, September 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This relaxed, outdoor festival is quintessential Abell and helps to define and reaffirm our neighborhood's belief in the importance of community.

Did you enjoy the fair last year? Interested in getting involved? Have creative ideas to make it better? We are looking for a few additional **volunteers** to help plan the fair this year and who can attend most of the biweekly meetings from now until September. Contact Jackson Gilman-Forlini (jgilmanforlini@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Together, we look forward to making this year's fair another success for our neighborhood!

Thank you,
Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Co-Chair
Drew Northrup, Co-Chair
Abell Street Fair Committee



Marching to the beat in the children's parade at the 2016 Abell Community Street Fair. Photo by Joe Liberto

Abell Website Blogs are Here

The AIA Communications Committee continues its work to make our website the place to go for community information. Our latest project is the Executive Committee blog section, accessible from the *News & Events* page. AIA officers and committee members will be updating you as we have news on community projects, and we invite your feedback in the comments sections. You'll also find some photos of our beautiful neighborhood. Please have a look: <http://www.abellimprovement.org/ec-blog>

A Note from Zora Salisbury

Editor's note: Zora Salisbury opened her house to students and visitors to Abell over the years, welcoming all for a rich experience. Neighbors enjoyed attending house concerts and holiday teas at Zora's. We shall miss her!

Dear Abell Friends and Neighbors:

This neighborhood has been home for me for over 30 years... and I will miss the community life here as I move to my new home in South Carolina. It has been a unique pleasure to be part of the neighborhood ... the holiday events, the fall festival, the movies at the green space, the farmers market and simply meeting and chatting with folks on my daily walks with Bear. Best wishes and thanks to all for making this a neighborhood where a friendly word and a helping hand are the order of the day... and now new adventures await.

Take good care,
Zora

We wish the very best of luck to Zora.

A Message from Larry the AIA Membership Dog

Larry is new to the neighborhood and lives with his caretakers Bonnie & Les on 31st Street. He has already attended a few community gatherings. Here is what he has to say about the AIA neighborhood: "Everyone here is so nice. They have all been very generous in giving me cuddles and scratches under the chin. And you know what? They are also very generous in the community! They give grants to teachers at the Barclay School, and throw neighborhood parties a few times a year. They even have an outdoor summer film series that is open to the public (including doggies).



There is an annual street fair that is the coolest block party ever, with live music, children's activities, and yummy food. And they do monthly safety walks to help prevent crime. They maintain the park and playground at 32nd and Abell, and support community beautification and public art efforts. I signed up for my membership, and I don't even have opposable thumbs. You can, too! Just fill out the form below and drop it off with your membership fee at my Mommy's house. Woof Woof! Thanks!"

Abell Improvement Association Membership Sign-up

Membership is renewed each year in September, and is valid through the following August. Please return the completed membership form and dues (\$5 per member) to Bonnie Bessor, 412 E. 31st St., 410-916-1062.

Name(s): _____

NOTE: Membership is \$5/person. Additional household members must each pay \$5 annual dues to have voting rights at membership meetings.

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

☐ **Add my email address to the AIA Members e-mail list**

I want to get involved! I am interested in working with the following committee(s) (please mark all that apply):

☐ Annual Street Fair ☐ Membership/Welcoming Committee

☐ Traffic/Parking ☐ Housing/Sanitation Issues

☐ Neighborhood Walkers ☐ Land use/Liquor Board Issues

☐ Barclay Elementary/Middle School Grants

☐ Others (please list) _____ ☐ Contact me as needed

AIA Happy Hour Fundraiser - May 19

Have a beer at **Peabody Heights Brewing** on Friday, May 19, in support of the Abell Improvement Association's programs in the community. A portion of every beer sale will go to the AIA.

Meet your neighbors, and drink locally made craft beer!

WHAT: Fundraiser to support Abell Improvement Association

WHERE: Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th Street

WHEN: Friday, May 19, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHY: Support your community and meet neighbors!

- 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.

DUMPSTER DATE:
Saturday, June 10
31st Street at Abell



AIA General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 26 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 E. 33rd Street

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the quarterly AIA membership meetings. Meetings are normally held at the Waverly Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 E. 33rd Street

2017-18 meeting dates:

- ♦ Wednesday, April 26 - 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, August 26 - 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Weekend Community Picnic



Sunday, May 28 • 5 p.m.

Come enjoy an afternoon with your neighbors for hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. *Bring a dish to share.*

Abell Open Space

32nd Street between Abell & Guilford

Thursday Trivia Nights

See how you stack up against
your friends and neighbors in
Thursday Night Trivia, hosted by
Abell residents Andrew Northrup
and Courtney McManus

April 13 - 7:00 p.m.

May 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Peabody Heights Brewing
401 E. 30th Street

★ Remember: it's fun! ★
Like Thursday Night Trivia on
Facebook to get reminders

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh's

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 29
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sweep, Rake, and Plant

Residents participating in the
Mayor's Spring Cleanup can earn
credits toward their stormwater
fee. Pick up forms to apply for the
stormwater credit when you collect
bags for the cleanup at the
CVCBD table, located near Abell
at 31st Street