

Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Neighbors,

The Abell Improvement Association is funded in large part by income from our Silent Auction during the annual Street Fair. We are blessed to have generous community partners (businesses and neighbors) who donate when hard-working auction solicitors come calling. THANK YOU for helping AIA to support our vibrant neighborhood! Let's all patronize these businesses:

32nd Street Farmers Market, including Reid's Orchard, Black Sauce Kitchen, Farm to Face Falafel, Little Paris Bakery and Creperie, Zeke's Coffee, Curry Shack, EVOO

Bazaar Gifts & Oddities, 3534 Chestnut Avenue

Carma's Cafe, 32nd St west of St Paul

Center Stage, 700 N Calvert

Cypriana, 105 West 39th

Eddie's Market, 3117 St Paul

Falkenhan's Hardware, 3401 Chestnut Avenue

Govanstowne Farmers Market, 5104 York Rd

Green Field's Nursery & Landscaping, 5424 Falls Road Terrace

Greenmount Loan and Jewelry, 3118 Greenmount Avenue

Hopkins Symphony Orchestra

Jack and Zach, 333 N Charles

Janet Kahoe Photography, 3027 Abell Avenue

La Contessa Jewelry, from La Terra Gift Gallery, 2010 Clipper Park Rd

Linder Automotive, 3118 Brentwood Ave

Local Color Flowers, 3100 Brentwood Ave

Lynne Brick's Belvedere Square, 5911 York Rd.; Brick Bodies, 218 N Charles

Neopol Savory Smokery, 529 E Belvedere

Normal's Books and Records, 425 E 31st

Pete's Grille, 3130 Greenmount

ReBcycle from Patrick McMahon

Robert McClintock Gallery, 1809 Thames St

Rocket to Venus, 3360 Chestnut Ave

Sankofa African & World Bazaar, 2442 N Charles

Thai Restaurant, 3316 Greenmount Ave

The Charmery, 801 W 36th St

The Dizz, 300 W 30th

And we are so grateful to these kind neighbors: Anonymous, Marjorie Anderson, Jim Anthony, Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, Kathy Flickinger, Linda Forlifer, Jolene and Matthew Fouse, Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Jenny Harbold, Annie Howe, Margaret Martin, Drew Northrup, Karen Olson, John Pallo, Jo Ann Robinson, Kathy Rock, Anita Rubarth-Lay, Delegate Mary Washington

The Mayor's Fall Clean Up is set for Saturday, 28 October, 9:00-1:00. Waverly Main Street will provide a table, tent, and giveaways (trash grabbers, t-shirts, bags, storm water credit applications, etc.) to help promote their Clean and Green Initiative. They will set up in the Vineyard Reading Garden; folks can help lay the garden's gravel path and pick up litter in the alleys and gutters. Volunteers can enter a raffle to win a \$50 Waverly ACE gift card. We have north-south alleys from Guilford to Greenmount, with horizontal alley connectors between Guilford and Abell; all could use some attention.

Linda Forlifer

President, Abell Improvement Association

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Dear Residents of Abell,

Thank you for making the 2017 Abell Community Street Fair one of the best in recent memory! In addition to giving the neighborhood a chance to relax and have fun, everyone came together for a day of community building. Our best estimate puts attendance around 1,500 people over the course of the day. We sold 5 kegs of beer, consumed every last crab available from Waverly Crabs (they were totally sold out!), and sold out of pizza an hour early.

The committee is pleased to report that the fair met its annual fundraising goal. Therefore, AIA will be able to continue to operate for another year and provide programming such as the newsletter, the summer film series, maintenance of the Open Space, and mini-grant awards to the Barclay School. If you wish to get more involved in planning the street fair and other events like it, make sure to attend our upcoming membership meetings and please reach out to any of the AIA officers at any

Many, many dedicated people made the fair possible. Thank you for being such kind and generous friends and neighbors. Despite the committee's best efforts to record everyone's name, the following list of volunteers and contributors is partial. To anyone excluded from this list by oversight, the committee wishes to extend a sincere apology.

Sincerely,

Jackson Gilman-Forlini and Andrew Northrup

Street Fair Committee Co-Chairs

Committee Members

Andrew Delclos – Stage Manager Annette Fallon – Media and Publicity

Bonnie Bessor- Membership

Carol Serksnis – Children's Activities

Caroline Jelavich – Bake Sale Eddie O'Keefe – Libations Eric Cox – Media and Publicity Gretchen Gettes - Vendor Coordination Jenny Harbold – Silent Auction Jo Ann Robinson – Crab Feast

Joel Urbanowicz - Treasurer Jonathan Birkholz - Music Linda Forlifer – President of AIA Michael Klima – Logistics Sahar Damghani – Crab Feast

Susanne Riveles - Bake Sale

Event Sponsors

Peabody Heights Brewery Johns Hopkins University

MedStar Union Memorial Hospital

Volunteers Aaron Inkrote Aaron Sheehan

Adam Cooke Andy Scott Anita Rubath Lay Arlene Ogurick Ashley Inkrote Courtney Oliver Danielle Scott

David Martin Eileen Canzian Emil Volchek Gina Brockaway

Jen Swett John Flickinger

Josh Davis

Joules Fallier John Spurrier Jon Wetmiller Kathleen Wilsbach Katie Flickinger Lee Blair Liz Prince Lucy McVeigh Lori Randolph Margaret Morrison

Matthias Ringkamp Michael & Shelley Treadway

Melissa Loomis Norma Rothstein Michelle Golden Children's Activities Nicholas Colten

Thank you to the Abell community, kids, Patrick McMahon parents and neighbors who made the Ouinn Gilman-Forlini

children's parade BIG FUN!

Rachael Neill Lida Alimorad Raphael Fennimore Lee Blair Rhea Nodel Arlene Ogurick

Russell Wattenberg Ryan Oliver Sarah Golden Shani McPherson Shelley Treadway Sindbad Fennimore Teresa Pfaff

Tian McPherson Zach Haugen Zachary Marguilles

Business Donors

Peabody Heights Brewery

Wine Source Stone Mill Bakery

Music Donors Andrew Northrup Anonymous (5) Charles Neill Emil Volcheck

Eric Cox & Annette Fallon

Erin Whitenak

Jackson Gilman-Forlini

Jenny Prince

Danny Belinda Dorian Dave Julie Steve Florie Eve Rebekah Vivian **Emily** Lucy

Safia Idris Heidi Dan Tinny

>and the following organizations: Baltimore City Fire Department Baltimore Museum of Art

Creative Alliance

Open Works

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Waverly Branch

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Street fair acknowledgements, cont'd. from p. 2

Matt Muirhead
Village Learning Place
Artist and Craftsman Art Store
Waverly Ace Hardware for great
popcorn
Jules Art Mobiles
Abell Art Museum, children
creating alongside Paul
Moscatt
Tattered Hatters
Village Learning Place
Walters Art Museum
YWCA Greater Baltimore

JHU volunteers from: Alpha Phi Omega Lan Yun Blue Orchids Yong Han Lion Dance Troupe

Flags hung, table set-up, chalking, and children's activity tables were all serviced by our neighbors from JHU. This could not have happened without them.

The children's activities were enhanced this year with a generous community donation from HP Electronics, Inc.

Honorable Mentions

The Book Thing
The Clothing Swap
The Flag Man for loaning flags for
the children's parade
Natan Lawson for Bicycle
Powered Disco
Zach Schoettler for providing his
original art

Finally, we want to thank our many silent auction donors.

Welcome Abell Babies

From Philip and Liz Glenn:
We had a baby boy, Jude Callum Glenn, on September 20th and we're so excited to welcome him into the wonderful Abell community!

Congratulations, Liz and Philip!

Scenes from the 2017 Abell Community Street Fair



Photos courtesy of Carol Serksnis. See more at www.abellimprovement.org/

AIA Spruce-Up Grant at the Street Fair

A big thank you to everyone who stopped by the AIA Spruce-Up Grant booth at the Street Fair to share ideas for improvements to the Open Space on 32nd Street. The most responses recorded were for additional play/climbing equipment, trees, shade, seating and a way to make the space more inclusive and multi-purposeful for community members of all ages. We will continue to gather input throughout the fall as we work with our volunteer landscape designers, P.E.L.A., who are working with representatives of Rec. and Parks, Neighborhood Design Center, and AIA to finalize design plans. We will announce a public meeting to consider specific plans for the Open Space in the coming weeks. *Teresa Pfaff*

Peace & Quiet Guidelines

Residents of the Abell Community are proud of their sense of neighborliness. The Abell Improvement Association (AIA) urges residents to abide by general community standards of peace and quiet. Certain actions are considered, by much discussion as well as by general consensus, to be "unacceptable behavior" in our neighborhood.

What constitutes unacceptable behavior? Here are some examples:

- Loud, boisterous voices or music that disturbs neighbors. This may be associated with a large gathering of people, a "keg party," or a parked car.
- Drivers using car horns to get someone's attention.
- Dogs that bark loudly and excessively.
- Any behavior that negatively affects the safety of residents, children, pets, or visitors.

What should we expect from our neighbors?

- If you are expecting someone to pick you up, wait outside or ask them to call or to come to your door when they arrive. Explain in advance that they should not use their car horn to announce themselves.
- Street or **porch conversations** should be held at a low, private level, especially in good weather when windows are open. A conversation on a back balcony or porch can sound like it's inside the next room.
- General quiet should prevail during the nighttime hours. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. weeknights and midnight to 7 a.m. on weekends.

Baltimore's Neighborhood Nuisance Law

- The Neighborhood Nuisance Law (Baltimore City Code, Article 19, Subtitle 43B) provides that, if police are called to a site in violation of the law, they can immediately write a civil citation similar to a speeding ticket. They can cite property owners, property managers, occupants, and/or tenants, and if the responsible person is under 18 that person and his/her parents for a "loud and unruly party," which is defined as two or more people on private property disturbing the peace through excessive noise, obstruction of public rights-of-way, physical violence, vandalism, littering, or public drunkenness. The law also covers underage drinking and providing alcohol to individuals under 21.
- The penalty for a first offense is \$500; for each subsequent offense within 12 months, the penalty is \$1000. Property owners or operators can defend against the fine if they can prove that they did not authorize, know about, or participate in the event and that they regained possession of the property or have filed court proceedings to regain possession. When tenants have been cited for violating the law, landlords can give 14 days' written notice for tenants to vacate the premises.

JHU Student/Community Liaison

For immediate assistance concerning a student/neighbor issue please call the Johns Hopkins University campus police at 410-516-4600 or 410-516-7777. If the Liaison is on duty, the campus police department will dispatch him to handle the call. If the Liaison is not on duty, the campus police will dispatch an officer to assist. For non-urgent problems or questions, please call the Liaison office at 410-516-8737 and leave a message, or contact the Liaison via email at liaison@jhu.edu.

Congratulations to Courtney & Ryan

Abell residents Courtney McManus and Ryan Oliver wed on September 3 in Lincoln, Michigan. Courtney, a project manager at the Space Telescope Science Institute, is originally from Kansas and moved to Abell Avenue in 2015. Ryan grew up in North Carolina and is a Ph.D. student in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. They have both served on the AIA Executive Committee and are frequent volunteers for Abell projects & events. We are so glad they are making their home in our community!

Thursday Night Trivia

Come join the fun at *Thursday Night Trivia*, hosted by Abell
residents Andrew Northrup and
Courtney Oliver

November 9, December 14 7:00 p.m.Peabody Heights Brewery
401 E. 31st Street

Abell Neighborhood Walks

When: October 24 (1 week earlier than usual),

November 28

Where: Leave from the Abell

Open Space

Who: Neighbors, Benefits

District Security and Baltimore Northern

District Police

Why: For a pro-active, safe,

informed community

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Gather afterwards on a neighbor's porch for refreshments - location announced at the walk

Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12/12A RENEWAL & PICK-UP Saturday, October 21

Morning — WAVERLY FARMERS MARKET from 9 a.m. - Noon Table on 32nd Street by Barclay Street

Afternoon — EDDIE'S CHARLES VILLAGE MARKET from 1 - 4 p.m. Table at 3117 St. Paul Street

Renew Area 12/12A RPP permits by credit card or check **PRIOR to OCTOBER 19.** For pick-up at both these outdoor distribution sites **you must bring a Photo ID.**

Register online September 20 through October 18 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & 12A Abell Permits

Go directly to secure online site: https://pabc.thepermitstore.com
You may view an instructional video at the site that will guide you through the application process.

For general information about city parking, go to: http://parking.baltimorecity.gov/
From there you may choose **Renew Your Parking Permit.**

Baltimore City's annual Residential Parking Permits cost: Parking Permit (decal) \$20 Visitors Pass \$20

AFTER October 18, you MUST go downtown to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street to pick up your permit. You may pick up permits downtown starting October 16. (Downtown pickup not available October 20-23.)

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. 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. 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.

If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the City's RPP database. Enter your license number and LAST NAME or password. **If this is your FIRST TIME applying for a parking permit,** you MUST go to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B, to apply for and pick up your RPP Parking Permit **in person.** Park for free in the garage above the office with validation after registering. Regular office hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thanks to community volunteers, Eddie's Charles Village Market and the Waverly Farmers Market for making the RPP community pick-up possible. Thank you for being courteous throughout the registration process.

To volunteer to help with distribution on October 21, please contact Jim Anthony, at <u>janathony@towson.edu</u> for the morning distribution or Sandy Sparks, at <u>srsparks@verizon.net</u> for the afternoon.

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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.

Dumpster on October 28

Abell & E. 31st Street during Fall Cleanup

- Bulletin Board -

AIA Quarterly Membership Meeting & Joint Potluck with the Harwood Community

Monday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

29th Street Community Center 300 E. 29th Street

Bring a dish to share with the community. Enjoy a Harvest Celebration meal with your neighbors!

Agenda:

- Addition of Stealth
 Telecommunications equipment (8
 antennas & 1 dish) to the roof of
 the Telephone Apartments on
 Guilford & 31st Street
 - Status of Saint John's in the Village
 - Water main replacement
- Street Fair results and feedback
 - Open Space enhancements
 - Upcoming holiday events
 - Nominating committee for Executive Committee



Benefit for the 29th Street Community Center Saturday, October 21 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Peabody Heights Brewery 410 E. 30th Street, Baltimore

Craft Beers • German Cuisine • Silent Auction

Ages 21+ • Tickets \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door

Includes 4 beer tastings & open buffet of authentic Germanstyle sausages, vegetarian choices, salads, desserts.

Learn more at

www.strongcitybaltimore.org.

Fall Community Cleanup

Saturday, October 28 • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Let's sweep our sidewalks & alleys of trash and litter!

Volunteers needed to help re-lay the gravel path at the Vineyard Lane Reading Garden – contact Tweefie at 443-414-9294

Grab some coffee & doughnuts when you pick up trash bags at the CVCBD table on E. 31st Street near Abell • Dumpster at Abell & E. 31st

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

Deadlines for newsletter submissions:

November 17 Holiday Issue
 January 17 Winter Issue
 March 17 Spring Issue

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