



Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

February 2017

Dear Neighbors:

At our General Membership meeting on 28 January 2017, 44 members and guests of the Abell Improvement Association enjoyed the hospitality of Normal's Books and Records (425 E. 31st St.). Our councilwoman, Mary Pat Clarke, and David Hill, the executive director of the Charles Village Benefits District (CVCBD), shared their perspectives and knowledge of the issues discussed.

The members approved the slate of officers presented by our Nominating Committee. I'm honored to have been elected as president for 2017 and excited that we'll be working together - AIA members, residents, and the Executive Committee - to keep our neighborhood active and influential.

Our standing committees support the functions of the association and take action on specific neighborhood issues. To find out what's happening and to contribute your ideas or time, contact a committee chair or an officer:

Membership: encourages and welcomes new members, keeps membership records.

Bonnie Bessor, 410-916-1062, bbessor@gmail.com

Street Fair: organizes our largest community event, recruiting volunteers and applying for grants.

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Open Space: mows and maintains our neighborhood pocket park.

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Housing: works with residents and city agencies to encourage homeowners and landlords in the maintenance of their properties.

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Sanitation: works with CVCBD and city agencies to maintain clean streets and alleys.

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Safety: coordinates neighborhood walks and attends CVCBD Safety Advisory Council and Northern District Community Council meetings to promote a safe neighborhood.

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Newsletter & Communications: produces the AIA newsletter 4-6 times each year (print and electronic), updates the AIA website, promotes AIA activities through flyers, website, and Facebook.

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Teresa Pfaff, 1-480-652-7584, pfaffter@gmail.com

Parking: coordinates the annual renewal of parking permits.

Jim Anthony, 410-242-2269, janthony@towson.edu

Film Series: coordinates our summer outdoor film series.

Joel Urbanowicz, 1-480-652-7535, urbanow2@gmail.com

This spring, Baltimore's Department of Public Works will begin replacing the water supply pipes under our community streets. Over a 2-year period, this project will affect almost every block from Calvert Street east to Greenmount, 26th Street north to 33rd Street. Block by block, there will be no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Steel plates will cover the trenches to allow overnight parking. You will be notified (by letter or door hang-tag) if your water will be turned off for a short time. Please contact me for more information.

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Contractor Recommendation

From Tyler Lane:

We just used **Milton Electric** after a couple of other electricians did not keep schedules or communicate well with BGE to get our service line replaced, grounding and 200 amp upgrade work completed. Milton was very on top of coordinating each part of the job and their technicians knew their stuff. Found their pricing was competitive with the two other quotes we received. Highly recommended.

Welcome New Neighbors

Sindbad Fennimore would like to welcome to the neighborhood his good friends Jennay Ghowrwal and Sam Feder, who purchased a home on E. 29th Street in late September. Jennay and Sam look forward to being a part of our great community.

Sindbad also welcomes friends Ezra Kahn and Lindsay Donnellon, who purchased a home on E. 31st Street over the summer. *We hope you enjoy living in Abell, Jennay, Sam, Ezra and Lindsay!*

Thursday Trivia Nights

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

February 9 - 7:00 p.m.

March 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Peabody Heights Brewing
401 E. 30th Street

★ It's always fun! ★

Like **Thursday Night Trivia** on Facebook to get reminders

Abell Resident Offers Door-to Door Health Care

Dorian Frackelton, FNP

Delivering Health Care to Your Door

In 2014, I started **Charm City House Calls**, a mobile medical practice, with my family and the community in mind.

My medical career as a nurse practitioner has spanned fifteen years and has included traumatic brain care, pediatric and family practice, clinical management and the opening of a health clinic. Through these work experiences and having children of my own, I have come to understand the difficulty of juggling work, school, and needs of the extended family, especially when illness occurs.

In response, I created a door-to-door health delivery system that responds to those needs.

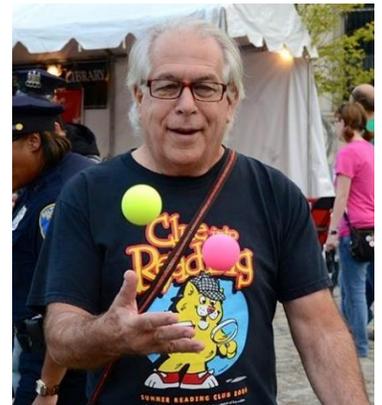
Our professional team will diagnose, treat and prescribe medications for illness and minor injuries in adults and children. Home service allows for more time per visit, less stress, due to being seen within the comfort of your own home, reduces transportation time and limits the exposure to other illnesses.

Charm City House Calls is based in Baltimore and serves the city and surrounding areas. It is a fee-for-service-practice, providing documentation for reimbursement from insurance companies.

Visit us at www.charmcityhousecalls.com

Jerry Raitzyk, an Inspiration in the Community

Friends in the Abell community were saddened to hear of the passing of Jerry Raitzyk, father and grandfather to the family of Michael Raitzyk and Judith Geller and their children Jakob and Rebekah, on December 29. Those who knew and loved Jerry expressed their condolences. Arlene Ogurick wrote, "Jerry was a man of exceptional heart who shared his activism, energy & juggling for the greater good." Judy Berlin added, "I remember him, Bill Harvey, Bill Johnson, and O'Connor



sitting into the patio of images. You knew then that court was in session."

Ralph Moore remembered Jerry's work in the community. "I enjoyed working with Jerry when we could engage him at the St. Frances Academy Community Center for our after-school program and our Peace Camp for children. We hired him to teach the children how to juggle; while doing so, he helped to teach them confidence, patience and fun.....Jerry Raitzyk was simply a great man, who indeed will be missed. He cared about the broader community."

The Abell community sends their condolences to the Raitzyk-Geller family. The obituary can be read at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/baltimoresun/obituary.aspx?n=jerry-raitzyk&pid=183286883&>

Reading Partners is Looking for Volunteers

1 Student + 1 Hour = amazing volunteer experience

Help students discover the joy of reading: become a Reading Partner.

Reading Partners is a national nonprofit that pairs community volunteers and elementary school students who are reading below grade level in Baltimore city. This [proven](#) early literacy organization provides volunteer-led, individualized reading support to students in under-resourced public elementary schools. Currently, there are over 500 students at [19 elementary schools](#) waiting for tutors in Baltimore City. Reading Partners volunteers are matched one-on-one with students in kindergarten through fourth grade who are reading anywhere from a few months to two and a half years below grade level. Volunteers utilize an easy-to-follow, individualized lesson plan each week, specific to their students' needs in order to meet them at their level and help build both literacy skills and confidence. Tutors typically commit to one hour a week with the same student for the duration of the academic school year, during the school day.

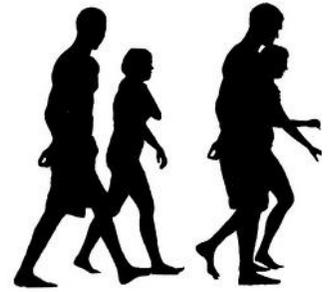
Students are waiting, all they need is you.

How to get started:

1. Visit our website - <http://mdvol.my-trs.com/> - to sign up for an orientation training session, and the school where you would like to tutor
2. Attend your orientation and get a background check completed through Baltimore City Public Schools
3. Sign up for the day and time that you would like to tutor
4. Once you are paired with a student, visit the school and meet your new Reading Partner!

Please visit <http://readingpartners.org/location/baltimore/> for more information about Reading Partners, or contact Stephanie Schlueter at stephanie.schlueter@readingpartners.org or (443) 500-7339.

Abell Neighborhood Walks



When: February 28
March 28
(last Tuesday of every month)

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.

Porch party follows the walks - location announced at the walk

Kathryn Gerling, Raised on Abell Avenue

From Abell's archivist, Jo Ann Robinson:

The lead obituary in the January 29 edition of the SUN recounts the life of Kathryn H. Gerling, age 95 --"the daughter of Roland Hurst...and Mary Brown Hurst..., Kathryn Hurst was born in Baltimore and raised on Abell Avenue." She graduated from Eastern High School and Strayer Business College. "'Kitty' worked her way from a teller's window to become president of what is now Midstate Community Bank in Rodgers Forge...'Her bank was an old-style savings and loan that took in money from the community and lent it out to the community'" according to a long-time associate. "Mrs. Gerling deliberately wanted to stay small and remain community oriented."

"A Guilford resident since 1962 Mrs. Gerling was an avid Orioles fan, used to walk to games at nearby Memorial Stadium."

Jo Ann found her parents and brother in the 1920 census at 3033 Abell. Father Roland was 34, an office manager (obit says Wise Bros. foreman); wife Mary 32, shirt manufacturer (the obit says housewife!); their son age 5. Kathryn would have come along two years later. Jo Ann added, "RIP Mrs. Gerling; I wish we could have interviewed you!"

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29th Street Community Center
COMMUNITY NIGHT

Friday March 3, 2017
7pm-1am @ Sweet 27
123 W 27th St



The 29thSCC will
receive 15% of all
restaurant and bar
purchases between the
hours of 7pm-1am.

*Dinner reservations must be made
by phone **410-464-7211**

*Drinks can be ordered from table
if seated for dinner

*Bar can accomodate whoever
shows up

Can't wait to see you there!



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.

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

Deadlines for newsletter submissions:

- ◆ March 17 Spring Issue
- ◆ May 17 Film Series Issue
- ◆ July 17 Street Fair Issue
- ◆ September 17 Fall Issue
- ◆ November 17 Holiday Issue