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Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

September 2018

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

I can't believe we are less than a month away from the Street Fair! This is one of my favorite events and I know that many of you have been hard at work planning for it. We will have great music, delicious food, and wonderful vendors. The Book Thing and the Clothing Swap are back!

The theme this year is Abell a Buzz! We encourage those who wish to participate in the children's parade to meet in front of the 32 Street Open Space at 11:45 a.m. on September 16th. We will be handing out special signs for kids to hold. Please feel free to dress up, but costumes are not required.

We are still looking for dedicated volunteers. We really need people to help with the crab feast, bake sale, membership tent, beer/wine sale, and children's activities. One change from last year is that we have made crab-feast volunteer slots one hour. We are hoping this will make it easier for people to volunteer and still enjoy the activities. You can sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/XDCFP or email Kelly King at kking903@gmail.com.

Also, we are offering face painting as a children's activity. We have a few people signed up to help with this, but we could use more. No serious artistic talent or previous experience is required. As a bonus, you can practice on me and the Street Fair Co-Chairs (they don't know I'm offering this up yet #abuseofpresidentialpowers).

We have a great line-up of musicians, but we could use your support raising money in order to help support them. Part of what makes our street fair so great is that we have a wide variety of local talent. If you can donate, please go to www.gofundme.com/abellmusic2018.

On Sunday, August 26^{th} we had our first crafting session for Street Fair decorations. We have some amazingly artistic people in the neighborhood and the initial session was a lot of fun. If you would like to come and craft the next day will be September 9^{th} from 3 - 6 p.m. in front of 3005 Abell Ave. Children and adults are welcome!

We would like to thank our current sponsors: The Johns Hopkins University, MECU, and Peabody Heights Brewery. I would especially like to thank Peabody Heights for allowing us to use their office for Street Fair meetings. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who are donating their time, money, and talent. It takes a lot to put this event together. Jackson and Drew, I will sanction a time and place for you to get even with me for the face painting, but in the meantime, I sincerely thank you for all of your hard work.

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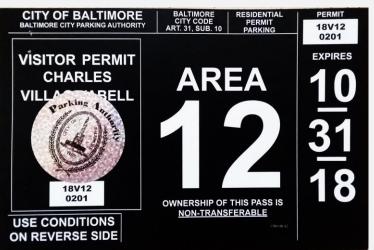
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PARKING REMINDER - Between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, all vehicles must be removed from:

- Abell Avenue, 3000 & 3100 blocks
- E. 31st Street between the Barclay Street alley and the eastern (nearer to Abell Ave.) Open Space alley
- E. 32nd Street between the Barclay Street alley and the western (nearer to Guilford Ave) Open Space alley

Any vehicle left in these locations will be ticketed and cannot be moved once the fair is under way. Free parking is available in the municipal lot on the northeast corner of Barclay and 32^{nd} Street.

Parking Pass Online Renewal Begins September 20; Pick-up on October 20



Register online from September 20 through October 17 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & 12A Abell Permits. Go directly to secure online site: <u>https://pabc.thepermitstore.com</u> You may view an <u>instructional video</u> at the site that will guide you through the application process. For general information about the city parking go to <u>https://parking.baltimorecity.gov/</u> From there you may choose **Renew Your Parking Permit.** 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.

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

If you register *after October 17*, you *must* go to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard St. to pick up your permit. You may pick up permits downtown starting October 16 (downtown pick-up is not available Oct. 20-23).

All current permits expire October 31. A parking citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or visitor's pass is \$52 for each occurrence.

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. Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PICK UP PERMITS on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

You must show **proof of residency** to ensure that participation in the program is limited to *residents only*.

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

Thanks to community volunteers, Eddie's Charles Village Market and the Waverly Farmers Market for making the RPP community pick-up possible. *To help with distribution on October 21, please contact Jim Anthony at janathony@towson.edu* for the morning distribution, or Sandy Sparks at *srsparks@verizon.net* for the afternoon.

New Neighbors and Babies

Sylvia Rain Howard was born on June 4, 2018 to Laura and Ben Howard at 3127 Guilford Avenue. Sylvia is a 4th generation Charles Villager. She is happy, healthy and growing fast. Feel free to send your congratulations to benjaminlsingerhoward@gmail. <u>com</u>.

Welcome to Zane, D'Anna and their 6-month-old daughter Schyler, who just purchased a house in the 3100 block of Abell. We hope they will love our street fair on their block next month!

Ralph Moore Honored as a Baltimore Peacemaker of the Year

Our neighbor Ralph Moore, cofounder of **By Peaceful Means**, is one of five *Baltimore Peacemakers of the Year* recognized by the Baltimore Community Mediation Center. They will be honored at a celebration on September 27.

By Peaceful Means works to create social change by empowering youth and community through collective action and conflict resolution initiatives. Their Peace Camp has operated in Baltimore City each summer for 12 years and has served more than 600 families. For the past three years the first weeks of Peace Camp have been held at the 29th St. Community Center, reaching a number of children in this area. The camp then moves to St. Frances Academy for its final weeks. Campers engage in educational and recreational activities that help increase communication skills, anger management, conflict resolution, and problem-solving skills. To learn more about this program see

www.bypeacefulmeans.org

Our congratulations to Ralph!

Jackson Gilman-Forlini Receives McCullough Award at Goucher

Congratulations to **Jackson Gilman-Forlini** on receiving the McCullough Award for best master's thesis in Historic Preservation from Goucher College. Jackson's research piece is titled "In the Minds of the Living: The Adaptive Reuse of Monuments and Memorials." His award included an engraved Jefferson Cup. Here's the link to his thesis: http://hdl.handle.net/11603/10910

Report Crimes Anonymously

You can help your community by reporting crimes when you are not a victim and *remain anonymous* by using the BPD's anonymous text-to-tip line — 443-902-4824. The BPD also has a mobile app - residents can submit crime tips, receive alerts and peruse other department data. Download the app at https://www.baltimorepolice.org /baltimore-police-mobile-app

Abell Neighborhood Walk

September 25 7:30 p.m. - Corner of Abell and 32nd Street

Walk with Benefits District Security and Baltimore Northern District Police; gather afterwards for refreshments

Storm Drains Overwhelmed, Houses Flooded on July 27

On Friday, July 27, a torrential rain overwhelmed the surface water inlets in the Abell neighborhood and caused flooding on the 3100 blocks of Abell and Barclay. During the event, a number of trash receptacles and tree trimmings floated down the alley to the main inlet, exacerbating the challenge of keeping the inlet clear.

On August 8, several property owners walked with staff from DPW to look at the storm water drains in the neighborhood. Please review these observations from the walk, and work to minimize future damage from flooding.:

- Store trash cans and recycle bins in a fenced area, not in the alley.
- Contact 311 to report any blocked inlets. Make note of the confirmation number and send that to Ms. Rosanna La Plante at

rosanna.laplante@baltimorecity.gov.

• Arrange for bulk trash pick-up of any large items by calling 311. Do not leave bulky items in the alleys. Do not leave bags of yard waste in the alley.

Thursday Night Trivia

September 13 – 7:00 p.m. Peabody Heights Brewery 401 E. 30th Street

The most unique trivia in town

Hosted by Abell resident Andrew Northrup and a mystery guest host

Abell Community Annual



Location to be announced – look for updates on community message boards ★ All residents of Abell are welcome

★ Gather with new and old neighbors to enjoy a bowl of chili
★ Enter your chili for a chance at winning a prize

What am I Responsible for? Reminders from the Abell Sanitation Team

Tenants and owners have different responsibilities when it comes to maintaining their property in Baltimore. Generally, daily maintenance must be kept up by the *occupant*. On their code enforcement webpage, the Baltimore Housing office explains that, "The *occupant* must maintain all lots and exterior premises, including abutting *sidewalks*, *gutters, and alleys* in a clean, safe and sanitary condition."

Regarding weeds and plants, the code requirements for occupants include *keeping grass, weeds or plant growth below 8 inches and removing all noxious weeds.* When discarding trash, garbage, and debris:

- Receptacles cannot be placed out for collection on a sidewalk or along an alley earlier than 6 p.m. the day before collection.
- Receptacles must be returned promptly to the premises after collections

More housing code information can be found at http://www.baltimorehousing.org/ code_responsibilities

Street Fair Stoop Sales

Free space on Abell Avenue is available for any resident of the Abell Community to have a stoop sale during the Street Fair. Use your own stoop, set up your own table, or rent a 6' table plus two chairs for \$10.00. **To register for the stoop sale**, ask a question, etc. please contact Gretchen Gettes – <u>ggettes@yahoo.com</u>.

2018 Abell Community Street Fair - Sunday, September 16, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Children's Parade and Activities

The Street Fair opens with the Children's Parade. This year's theme for the children's parade is **Abell A-buzz!**, and will be about all the busy bugs of Abell and surrounding areas. All children are invited to participate.

As always, the kids will make their own costumes and floats. After the Parade there will be various children's activities: games, crafts and art, all needing adult supervision. If you would like to join other volunteers and parents in helping create props before the Street Fair, or volunteer at activities during the fair, contact Laura Yoder laura.e.yoder@gmail.com

Street Fair Vendors Wanted

For-profit and non-profit vendors with goods that are enticing and information that is enriching are a welcome part of the Abell Street Fair. If you would like to sell goods or distribute literature for an institution or program, please contact Gretchen Gettes at ggettes@yahoo.com. A vendor form is available at this link: https://goo.gl/MuSnid

Silent Auction – Abell's Biggest Fund Raiser

The Silent Auction Challenge is to collect items that bidders will want because they are unique, stunning, valuable, useful, or just plain fun. Please help us find such items for this year's Silent Auction by searching among your own treasures for something to contribute, or asking for a donation from a merchant, artist or service provider whose work you value. The Silent Auction is a major source of AIA's yearly fundraising. If you would like to donate, please contact the Silent Auction chair Jennifer Harbold at joharbold@yahoo.com.

Bake a Treat for the Bake Sale

Since 1973, baked goods fresh from the Abell community's kitchens have been sold at the Street Fair. To continue this delicious tradition, please sign up to contribute your favorite cookies, pastries, cupcakes or cakes to the 2018 Abell Bake Sale. (No store-bought goods, please.) To contribute, please contact Susanne Riveles: <u>susanne.riveles@gmail.com</u> or 410-467-2721.

Support Abell Community Street Fair Musicians

The joy and pleasure that live musicians bring to the Abell Street Fair cannot be measured. But the performers can be rewarded. To show appreciation and help support the wonderful performers who play at the Fair, please donate to, and share this link for the 2018 Abell Street Fair Fun Fan Fund: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/abellmusic2018</u>

Donating and sharing this link in your social media will make a real impact on our ability to continue to provide top quality musical acts at the Abell Street Fair in the future!

We are thrilled to announce the following performers for this year:

Outer Spaces (solo) Joseph & The Beasts Marian McLaughlin Swing N Samba Sac Au Lait Michael Raitzyk Barrage Band Orchestra Mountain Peaks James & the Giant Peach The Fun Boys DJ Mills CORA SONE

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2018 Abell Community Street Fair Volunteering

Our Annual Street Fair is nearly upon us and we need YOU to help make the event a success. We are currently looking for volunteers in a number of different capacities. Do you have a passion for infrastructure? Lend a hand to constructing/ breaking down the magical built environment that will take over the fair. Are you longing to feel that sense of power that comes from standing on the *other* side of the bar? Volunteer to serve beer and wine! Maybe you've always identified with Bob Ross but never had the right canvas? Children's face painting is calling out to you. Whether your interests are in purveying baked goods, keeping an eye on the best items up for bid at this year's silent auction, garnering new membership or simply crackin' crabs, when it comes to volunteering at the 2018 Abell Community Street Fair, we've got something for everyone. Flex that spirit of civic engagement residing deep within each of you and add your name to our volunteer signup form here: <u>https://www.volunteersignup.org/XDCFP</u>. For more information, contact Kelly King - <u>kking903@gmail.com</u>

BEFORE THE FAIR:

Arts and craft supplies are needed for making hats, costumes and floats for the **Children's Parade** and other **children's activities.** Contact Laura Yoder - <u>laura.e.yoder@gmail.com</u>

We need two people to flyer cars two days before and on the morning of the Fair reminding neighbors to move their cars in the 3000 and 3100 blocks. Contact Andrew Northrup at <u>atnorthrup@yahoo.com</u> if you can help distribute flyers.

DAY OF THE FAIR:

Set up & clean up: Early in the day, we need a team to distribute tables, erect canopies, and wrestle the stage pieces into place. Late in the day, we need folks to strike the same and clean up the fairgrounds. Please contact Andrew Northrup at <u>atnorthrup@yahoo.com</u> if you can serve in this capacity.



■ ■ ■ no parking 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

	Music	Crab Feast	Bake Sale	Beer & Wine Sales	Membership Table	Silent Auction	Children's Activities	
8:00	Assemble Stage		Distribute tables & chairs; assemble tents, canopies for all activities, hang banners, block streets, etc.					
11:00		Set up tables & chairs, drink station	Accept donations; Make coffee	Set up tables, cups	Set up table, shirt display	Set up display	Parade Marshals/ Crossing Guards	
12:00	Manage stage	Manage Crab Feast	Manage sales	Manage sales	Manage sales	Accept bids	Parade - kids & parents to be in parade, activity host	
1:00							Children's activity host	
2:00	Manage stage	Manage Crab Feast	Manage sales	Manage sales	Manage sales	Accept bids	Children's activity host	
3:00							Children's activity host	
4:00	Manage stage		Manage sales & clean up	Manage sales	Manage sales	Distribute winnings		
5:00	Strike stage	Clean up	Clean up	Break down	Break down	Break down		
6:00		Finish clean up; stack tables and chairs; consolidate trash						
Sign up to volunteer at https://www.volunteersignup.org/XDCFP								

Please visit the Abell Community Street Fair Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/222501048577063/

- 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; retrieve cans promptly after pick-up. **DUMPSTER** Saturday, September 8 31st Street at Abell



Artwork by Phil Davis

Our street fair is made possible with support from our generous sponsors, Johns Hopkins University, MECU, and Peabody Heights Brewery





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