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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. *Residents may be fined for trash disposal violations*.

# Abell Summer Film Series presents The Summer of Swayze

July 13	The Outsiders	PG	Films will begin at dusk. The first film on July 13 will start at 8:30 p.m.; subsequent films will begin earlier.
July 20	Dirty Dancing	PG	
July 27	Point Break	R*	
August 3	Red Dawn	PG-13	
August 10	Road House	R*	
August 17	To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar	PG-13	
August 24	Fox and the Hound	G	

\* versions for general viewing will be shown

Films are shown in the Abell Open Space on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between Abell & Guilford on Friday nights (rain date is the following Saturday) and are free to the public. *Show times are approximate.* 

The Gertrude S. Williams Speaker Series Presents

### Why and What's the Difference?

How we engage our communities through diverse programming within traditional, charter, and magnet public schools in Baltimore City

featuring

Sara Huppert Long, Principal, Federal Hill Prep Armanda Carr, Principal, Barclay Elementary-Middle School Francesca Gamber, Principal, Bard HS Early College Mike Chalupa, Director, City Neighbors Foundation

The question the public should ask, as it searches to redesign our schools is, "Where is the public good?".... The real bottom line is that when all our children are well educated, the entire nation will benefit. Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University

June 18, 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open 6:30) at The 29th Street Community Center, 300 E29th St \*RSVP through <u>strongcitybaltimore.org/events</u> or 443-213-0394\*





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# Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Dear Abell Community,

As I write this, I can't help but look back on the last couple of months and feel grateful. We live in such a vibrant and unique community. There are so many different ways we come together to give back.

There was the Barclay build day that happened on May 23. It was such a wonderful experience for those that were there. We have so many people to thank for transforming the back playground into a beautiful space with seating and shade. We have tried to acknowledge as many as we could in this issue. I would especially like to thank Andy and Laura Scott for all of their work and inviting me to participate. It was an experience that I will not forget.

I am also grateful for all of the hard work people have been putting in keeping the Open Space beautiful. Ben Howard organized a tree planting. And there have been many people who have been chipping in to mow. I took a turn mowing and I have a new-found respect for those who do it regularly. It is not an easy task!

And then there was the Memorial Day picnic. I was so nervous that no one would come on Monday, and the event was incredibly successful. Many thanks to Shelley and Michael Treadway, Jim Anthony, Connie Whiting, Simone Thompson, Bonnie Bessor, Sindbad Fennimore, and everyone else who participated in making this event so fun!

I am especially grateful to Jackson Gilman-Forlini and Drew Northrup for agreeing to cochair the Street Fair again. I know that this is a lot of work and we really need people who are willing to step in for next year. If you think you might be interested in helping in any capacity, please let me or one of them know. I would like to acknowledge Carol Serksnis who has been running the children's activities for 10 years! Sadly, Carol will not be able to participate this year, but she has assembled a wonderful team! They already have the theme picked out (and I know what it is)! If you would like to be "in the know" come get involved with the Street Fair Committee. The first meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 at Peabody Heights Brewery.

Finally, I am not just grateful for our current neighbors, but I am also grateful for those neighbors who have moved or are moving, and keep giving to this neighborhood. I would like to thank one person, who has moved, but keeps getting pulled back into our projects. Haakon Maxwell, we could not have done the Barclay playground project or the renovations to the Open Space without your expertise. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

I hope that all of you who are leaving will come back to visit and please know, that as long as I am a member of AIA, you are invited to all of our events!

Sincerely,

Caroline Jelavich, President 3007 Barclay St. cjelavich@gmail.com

#### The Barclay School has a New Playground

On May 23, dozens of volunteers from communities around the Barclay Elementary/Middle School gathered to help rebuild the school's dilapidated playground. They were joined by employees from Carmax, who partnered with playground builder KaBOOM!, a nonprofit focused on giving kids safe places to play.

The AIA would like to thank the many community members who participated in building the new playground. We would especially like to thank Haakon Maxwell, John Fink, Emanuel Figueroa, Sandy Sparks, Arlene Ogurick, Jo Ann Robinson, Belinda Hall, Robert Stokes, Andy Scott, Laura Scott, and Jenny Klump. Also, we are grateful to the following businesses for their donations of food and time: Towson Hot Bagel, DMG/Salvation Army, Giant, Maryland Food Bank, Potbelly, St. Moses, Peabody Height Brewery, Charles Village Community Benefits District, Strong City, and the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center. Of course, this would not have been possible without the financial support of Johns Hopkins University and Carmax and for the expertise provided by Kaboom. We would also like to thank Barclay School parents and students!

#### **Farewell to Good Friends and** Neighbors

Courtney and Ryan Oliver of the 3100 block of Abell are moving to Boston, Massachusetts. The Olivers have both served as AIA officers. Courtney has been an entertaining host of Thursday Trivia Night since its beginning a couple years ago.

Bill Nelson and Dorian Frackleton and their daughters Eve and Vivian are also leaving the 3100 block of Abell. Bill designed many Abell street fair posters and T-shirt images, as well as the poster for our Abell Centennial seven years ago. Dorian is a nurse. The family is headed to Austin, Texas.

Miruna and Paul Burk and their daughter Charlotte are leaving Abell, but moving nearby to Pikesville. Paul and Miruna were each past presidents of AIA, and contributed in so many ways to Abell. Paul started the Summer Film Series, and headed the street fair planning during its transition from a collection of porch sales to an event that brought many more artists, non-profit groups and new vendors to the annual fair. Miruna steered the planning for our Abell Centennial celebration.

We wish our good friends well in their new homes and jobs!



*Volunteers assemble and secure the slide structure for the new playground* at the Barclay Elementary/Middle School.

#### **New Babies**

Adam Cooke, elder son of longtime resident Linda Forlifer, and his wife Annabel Alpers welcomed their son Alasdair Edward on February 9. Alasdair was 9 lbs. 1 oz., and his older siblings Kohl and Piper are pleased to help out. Living just 5 blocks away on Gorsuch Ave, the baby is close by for Mema to babysit.

Harbor Alister Hutcheon was born on May 8 to Caitlin and Drew Hutcheon in Monterey, CA, where Drew is studying at the Naval Postgrad School. Caitlin grew up on the 3200 block of Abell. The Hutcheons will be moving back east in August; they have just bought a house in College Park. Grandmother Jennifer Harbold is very happy about that!

Abell welcomes **Edith**, born to Annette and Eric on the 3000 block of Abell Avenue, and Ayla, born to Lindsay & Ezra on the 300 block of 31st Street.

Congratulations to all the new Abell parents and grandparents!

Spruce-up Grant, Phase One



Caroline Jelavich and Ben Howard mark the spot for the new tree in the Open Space, initiating the first phase of the Spruce-Up Grant improvements to the space.

#### **Street Fair is September 16!** Dear Neighbors,

Don't forget to put the Abell Community Street Fair on your calendars. This year, the fair is on Sunday, September 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is our neighborhood's biggest and best event of the year. Annual traditions of the fair will continue including the children's parade, live music, free books, local art, a bake sale, silent auction, t-shirts, and crab feast. As always, plentiful food and drink will be available.

On the day of the fair, there will be no parking on Abell Avenue along the 3000 and 3100 blocks and on 31st and 32nd street on either side of Abell Ave up to the alleys.

Please consider volunteering for an hour on the day of the fair and/or contributing an item for the silent auction. To do so, please contact the committee members below:

Volunteer- Drew Northrup (atnorthrup@yahoo.com)

Donate silent auction items -Jackson Gilman-Forlini (jgilmanforlini@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Street Fair Committee, we are looking forward to a great day in Abell. Stay tuned.

Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Co-Chair Drew Northrup, Co-Chair



Date:	
Time:	
Where:	
Who:	
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#### A Wedding in the Middle of a Flood

Abell residents Kristen Rigney and Craig Cymbor and their wedding guests were evacuated from two separate locations during their wedding in Ellicott City during the devastating flood on May 26. As the waters rose in the ballroom they had rented, they had to halt the ceremony when they were ordered to evacuate immediately. They were married at the second site, a Mexican restaurant, before being evacuated again.

Several Abell neighbors in attendance lost their cars. Fortunately, none of the wedding guests were hurt.

We wish Kristen and Craig all the best. Few couples will ever top this wedding story!

Abell's own team Empty Sets recently played in a volleyball league at our local YMCA and came in third! Pictured left to right: Joel Urbanowicz, Lorri Randolph, Teresa Pfaff, Marc Butler, Michele Golden, Courtney Oliver, Ryan Oliver. If you are interested in joining the team next season, please contact Joel Urbanowicz - urbanow2@gmail.com.

### **Abell Neighborhood Walks**

- June 26, July 31 last Tuesday of every month
- 7:30 p.m.
- Leave from the Abell Open Space
- Neighbors, Benefits District Security and Baltimore Northern District Police
- For a pro-active, safe, informed community

# Thursday Trivia Night

Will this be the last *Thursday* Night Trivia?

June 14 - 7:00 p.m. Peabody Heights Brewery 401 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street

Like Thursday Night Trivia on *Facebook to get reminders*