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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

Well, it feels like fall is finally here! I don't know about you, but I am very happy to have that crisp chill in the air. Of course, with this chilly weather come all our fun fall and winter activities.

The Street Fair was an enormous success. This is thanks to everyone on the Street Fair committee who spent many hours planning and preparing for this event. It was a great opportunity for new people to explore our little corner of Baltimore and for old friends to reconnect. We are still working on the final numbers, but we are hoping to share some financial figures with you at the General Membership meeting. As you can imagine, this event takes a lot of work and we are finalizing our list of "thank yous." I am hoping to have that for our next newsletter.

The chili cook-off took place this past Sunday. Many thanks to Shelley Treadway for organizing the cook-off and Jim Anthony for helping with the setup and take down. I would like to give a big thank you to Barclay Elementary/Middle School for hosting the event. It was a great opportunity to showcase the beautiful new playground that so many wonderful neighbors helped to build. Wendy Blair defended her 2017 title and took home first place, while Teresa Pfaff won second place and Bonnie Bessor won third.

Our joint General Membership meeting with Harwood Community Association will take place on November 5. This is a potluck event and a great time to get to know other neighbors. Please consider bringing a dish to share. We will have guest speakers from Johns Hopkins discussing the future of JHU security. This will be a time for all of us to learn more and share our own thoughts and concerns regarding this topic. If you have other topics that you would like us to address, please let me know.

Before you know it, we will be celebrating the end of year with our caroling and progressive dinner events. We will also hold elections for new leadership. With those in mind, I would really like to encourage people who have just moved to our neighborhood to consider joining and participating in all of these activities. We have elections every year for our officers, but all of our positions are available. Probably the single most valuable resource AIA has is its dedicated volunteers. They put together fun events. They support one another during difficult times. They are proactive in making our neighborhood clean and safe. But it really takes all of us coming together and chipping in to make a difference. Please consider volunteering for a committee or even a leadership position. I can promise you (as someone who jumped in) that the people in this neighborhood will be there to help and support you. If you have questions, or are even a little tiny bit curious, please call or email me.

Finally, with the cold weather it is very important that we look out for one another. Please check on one another in a mindful and respectful manner. I know some of us prefer privacy, while others are very social, but it is important to make sure that people are healthy and safe. If you notice something unusual with a neighbor, please reach out.

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The Moscatts in the Arts

Paul and Carlene Moscatt of the 3100 block of Abell were part of the School 33 Open Studio Tour. Their studio in the Cork Factory of the Station North Arts and Entertainment area was open to the public on October 13 and 14.

Paul is part of the Creative Alliance Art to Dine For. A video of Paul by videographer Khalid Ali is being premiered at this event, to be held November 16. Unfortunately, the event is sold out and tickets are no longer available, but Paul and Khalid will hold another event at a later date.

From Elena Moscatt, who initiated the 1st Baltimore Media Webfest:

"The 2nd Annual BNM Webfest is happening November 1- 4 and YOU ARE INVITED! It's Baltimore's one and only Webfest. We have guests coming from as far away as Australia and we'll be screening web series from all over the globe, plus there will be special keynote speakers and so much more. You don't want to miss this! Stay tuned for more info. BNM stands for Baltimore's Next Media Webfest - #bnmwebfest"

Elena's life style program *CLICK ON THIS* hosts will help Elena again in putting on a successful webfest. *CLICK ON THIS*, conceived and produced by Elena Moscatt, has won awards in Los Angeles, Florida and New Jersey webfests. See

<https://www.clickonthis.tv/?fbclid=IwAR1iTkPPyqyxM7zvTGS0xohRVrB552yRhePkQQbxhZ54F8Jf5IOk7bllaadE>

Made in Baltimore

Made In Baltimore is a branding program and citywide initiative to encourage shopping local and small business growth in Baltimore City, and to help promote a positive portrait of Baltimore through the talented people creating products here.

Made In Baltimore is hosting a five-month pop-up shop at 20 W. North Avenue from October through February, open Thursdays through Sundays 12-7 p.m. The shop sells exclusively products created inside Baltimore City limits, from artwork to body care products, food and beverages, clothing and accessories, stationary and more. We have over 60 makers, including some Charles Village neighbors, and are still accepting new applicants. Consider stopping by for your holiday shopping this year! See madeinbaltimore.org for info.

Rachel Bone

The Organic Family Band Plays the West Coast

Abell family members of The Organic Family Band - Jakob Raitzyk (fiddle, feet), Michael Raitzyk (guitar), Rebecca Geller (fiddle) and Judith Geller (french horn) - just returned from a West Coast tour. They perform at contra dances in the Baltimore area and beyond. Check out the music and fun from their last visit to Glen Echo Park just outside of Washington, D.C.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBnXJL9eje4>

New Neighbors

From Gayle Strommen:

Welcome to Nick Yates, a Baltimore City school teacher, to the 3200 block of Abell Avenue. Mr. Yates lived on the 3300 block of Guilford and is excited to be moving to Abell and becoming a permanent resident of the neighborhood.

Abell sends their best wishes to Gayle Strommen in her new home.

Passing of Ed Kroart

Edward Howard Kroart, who lived at 3232 Abell Avenue, passed away earlier this month. He was declared to have died of natural causes on October 9, 2018.

Ed was my good neighbor for more than a decade, and I invite neighbors and friends to a get-together in my house on Saturday, October 27 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Susanne Riveles
3230 Abell Avenue

Neighborly Awareness

Please be aware of your neighbors who live alone and may be frail. Ask them if there are family members who call daily. If not, organize a group of neighbors and make a roster for a daily call or visit.

Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, November 4**. Turn your clocks back one hour.

Safety in the Community

Baltimore residents have many reasons to be alarmed and discouraged by the violence that plagues the city on a daily and seemingly never-ending basis. Illegal guns, drugs, gangs and related sources of this plague make their way into Abell and nearby neighborhoods frequently enough to keep us on edge - yet less frequently than in areas that dominate media crime reports. The lesser frequency is related to a greater security presence here. The Charles Village Community Benefits District Safety program headed by Tony Brown and the Johns Hopkins University Campus Safety and Security patrols directed by Christine Presberry coordinate with one another and with Northern District Police in patrolling our community by car and on foot (Northern District now has 5 foot patrolmen assigned here).

To remain informed about the work of these patrols, AIA volunteers attend monthly meetings of the CVCBD Safety Council (second Wednesday of every month at noon at the CVCBD office), engage with CVCBD, JHU and Northern District professionals through monthly neighborhood walks (last Tuesday of every month leaving from 32nd and Abell at 7:30 p.m.), attend Northern District Community Advisory Council meetings on a bi-monthly basis and communicate with any or all of these organizations whenever safety-related concerns arise in the community.

At the most recent CVCBD Safety Council, a review of crime statistics within the benefits district indicated that crimes against persons are down markedly from

this time last year, while larcenies, including shop-lifting from businesses and breaking into cars, present a constant challenge. Security professionals offered these tips to help prevent theft from your vehicle:

- Keep your car locked.
- Do not leave anything in your car. Always leave temptation-free.

Security professionals also addressed the coming of Halloween – always a fun night in Abell! The parade of spooks begins before dark and many children from Abell and surrounding communities visit our porches. The security professionals advise:

- Celebrants should wear light colored costumes and avoid masks, which prevent a clear view
- Parents should inspect all treats before children consume them. Avoid reaching a hand into the bag of goodies, in case a kill-joy has dropped a sharp object in along with the candy. Dump the bag on the table to sort through the contents. Discard homemade and unwrapped treats. Sadly, even fruit can be tampered with.

Finally, Johns Hopkins University representatives will be present at the joint AIA-Harwood meeting on November 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the 29th Street Community Center to update us on their on-going examination of options for strengthening security for their students on and off campus.

Abell Neighborhood Walks



When: October 30, November 27 - last Tuesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Leave from the corner of Abell and 32nd Street

Who: Neighbors, Benefits District Security and Baltimore Northern District Police

Why: For a pro-active, safe, informed community

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

Thursday Night Trivia

November 8

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

- Bulletin Board -

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AIA Quarterly Membership Meeting & Joint Potluck with the Harwood Community



Monday, November 5 • 6:30 p.m.

29th Street Community Center - 300 E. 29th Street

Enjoy a Harvest Celebration meal with your neighbors!

Bring a dish to share with the community.

Agenda to include:

- Street Fair results and feedback
- JHU Security
- Open Space update
- Upcoming holiday events
- Nominating committee for AIA 2019 Executive Committee
- Call for committee volunteers

Fall Community Cleanup

Saturday, October 27

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

**Pick up trash bags at the CVCBD
table on E. 31st Street near Abell**

**Dumpster or truck at Abell
& E. 31st Street**

The Gertrude S. Williams Speaker Series
presents their final 2018 event:
The Great Public Education Funding
Struggle: "Good Money After Bad" vs
Striving for Justice

Wednesday, December 5

7-8:30 P.M.

29th Street Community Center

Panelists:

Mary Washington, Delegate and soon-to-be Senator-Elect;

Matthew Hornbeck, Principal

Dr. Alvin Thornton, Howard University

Emeritus Political Science Chair and

Associate Provost, also Former Chair of

PG County School Board and Thornton

Commission on Education Finance

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 DATES

Saturday, October 27

Saturday, November 24

31st Street at Abell

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

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minutes of your time, six times each year, please contact
sbtreadway@aol.com.*