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Dear Abell Community,

It has been a busy couple of months! On March 21st we said goodbye to Officer O'Donnell at a lovely retirement party. The Abell Improvement Association made Officer O'Donnell a lifetime member in honor of his service to our community.

We have also been planning for the implementation of our renovations for the 32nd Street Open Space. As you may remember, we voted on the design concept at the January 2018 General Membership Meeting. We have been hard at work locating materials for the children's nature space, looking for shade trees as well as additional, temporary seating. We look forward to inviting everyone to participate in the renovation process and we will send out more information about those dates.

We are also submitting an application for a second grant. This grant would continue the work we wanted to do with increasing the safety of our crosswalks. We are partnering with Friends of Barclay and Live Baltimore to create safe and beautiful crosswalks around Barclay School and the Waverly Farmers' Market. We will also be requesting funds to create beautiful murals around Abell to compliment the mural we are painting in the Open Space. Much like we did with the first grant, we will work together to get community feedback about the style and designs of the murals around the neighborhood.

Speaking of new outdoor spaces, a new playground is in the works at Barclay Elementary/Middle School. In collaboration with KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit dedicated to giving kids the childhood they deserve through great, safe places to play, neighbors are working together to plan and recruit volunteers for a community "Build Day" on May 23, 2018 that will involve assembling the new equipment. The work is to be completed in one day! This is a community effort and volunteers will be needed. See page 2 for more details on how you can get involved.

Finally, I am excited to say that we are creating welcome packets for new neighbors. We want to give our new neighbors resources to better understand our community. If you know of someone who has moved into the neighborhood since January 1, 2018, please let us know so that we can provide them with a welcome packet! Email Laura Scott at lscott822@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the General Membership Meeting on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. If you have a topic you would like me to address at this meeting, please email me at cjelavich@gmail.com or send me a note at 3007 Barclay Street.

Sincerely,

Caroline Jelavich
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Abell Community News

Congratulations to **Dr. Ryan Oliver**, who received his PhD in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University this winter. Ryan is from Asheville, N.C., and lives with his wife, Courtney, and their dog, Tesla, in the 3100 block of Abell.

Rhea Nodel from Abell Ave. is opening her acupuncture office at the chiropractic clinic of Dr. Eric Fisher, at 2502 St Paul Street. Rhea has been a practicing acupuncturist and herbalist since 1995 and has experience ranging from treating chronic pain and helping people recover from injury, to supporting the health of women and children, as well as treating the complex issues confronting people with immune disorders, metabolic dysfunctions, or going through gender transition. Call or text 347-512-0648, or email rheanodel@yahoo.com.

The Organic Family Band Hits the Road

The Organic Family Band, which resides on Abell Avenue, just completed their first successful tour of North Carolina and Tennessee. They played five Contra dances and one afternoon concert in 7 days. The band is lead, directed and booked by Jakob Raitzyk. His father Michael plays guitar, his mom Judith Geller plays the French horn, and his sister Rebekah Geller plays the fiddle. Jakob plays the fiddle and provides percussion with his feet by playing a board with shoes made of special wooden taps. The band has been playing local and regional dances for about a year and a half, including Princeton, New Jersey, Brooklyn, New York, lower Manhattan, Washington, D.C., Annapolis, and Silver Spring, Maryland. You can find them on their Facebook page - The Organic Family Band.

Michael Raitzyk

A New Playground for Barclay This Spring

A new playground will soon be coming to the neighborhood, and on May 23, Abell neighbors can help make it happen! Under the direction of the play advocates at KaBOOM!, a nonprofit that specializes in community playground builds, hundreds of volunteers will be working to assemble the new structure, chosen based on the designs drawn by Barclay students and other neighborhood children.

We'd love to see the neighborhood come out in support of this project. We are looking for Build Day volunteers on May 23, as well as volunteers to help out on Preparation Days on May 21 and 22. *No construction experience is required to volunteer, though it is helpful for volunteers coming on Preparation Days.* Those who wish to help but cannot be available on a weekday are welcome to contribute in some way to our PR or food committees to spread the word and plan out logistics ahead of time. We also welcome financial contributions, which will be used to fund expenses such as food and equipment rental on the Build and Prep days, as well as future programming and maintenance costs for the playground.

If you can help out on Build Day or one of the Prep Days, please sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4666864>.

If you would like to participate on a committee, please contact Laura at lscott822@gmail.com or 443-687-9840.

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can use this link: <https://barclayplayground.wedid.it/>.

We'd like to credit Johns Hopkins Neighborhood Fund with financially supporting our project, as well as Johns Hopkins University, which is sending its construction team to demolish the current structure at no cost to us. We'd also like to thank our executive planning team, Jo Ann Robinson, Sandy Sparks, Jenny Klump, Emanuel Figueroa, and Haakon Maxwell, as well as Armanda Carr and Ebonee Nelson, Principal and Community Site Coordinator at Barclay, respectively, for the behind-the-scenes work they've been doing to make this project possible.

The playground rebuild is the initiation of what we hope will be a broader movement of support not only around the playground and its future, but the entire Barclay community. Opportunities to get involved in the school and the long-term care of the playground will be forthcoming. We hope the community will see this as an opportunity to connect – both with the school that sits at the intersection of our neighborhoods, and with each other.

Laura Scott

Thursday Trivia Nights

Come join the fun at *Thursday Night Trivia*, hosted by Abell residents Andrew Northrup and Courtney McManus
April 12 - 7:00 p.m. ★ May 10 - 7:00 p.m.
Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th Street

Follow *Thursday Night Trivia* on Facebook

2018 Abell Street Fair is in September

Mark your calendars! The 2018 Abell Community Street Fair is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This relaxed, outdoor festival is quintessential Abell and helps to define and reaffirm our neighborhood's belief in the importance of community. In order to make this event happen we need a couple of neighborhood volunteers to chair this year's fair. Our excellent chairs from last year are willing to assist, but we need a couple of people who are willing to organize the bi-weekly meetings and act as the lead for any areas where the other volunteers might need support.

We are also looking for a few additional volunteers to help plan the fair this year, and who can attend most of the biweekly meetings from now until September. Contact Caroline Jelavich (cjelavich@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Together, we look forward to making this year's fair another success for our neighborhood!



The children's parade kicked off the 2017 Street Fair.

Help Us Welcome New Neighbors

The AIA is delivering welcome packets to new neighbors filled with information about the neighborhood and accompanied by a beautiful bouquet donated by our friends at **Local Color Flowers**. If you know of a new neighbor, please let our team know!
Email Lscott822@gmail.com.



Abell Neighborhood Walks

When: April 24, May 29 (last Tuesday of every month)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Walk with Safety Director of the Benefits District and an Officer from Northern District Police. Gather afterwards for refreshments and conversation.

Meet neighbors and find out what's going on in the community.

Get updates on recent crimes.

Voice your questions and concerns.

Do your part for a Safe and Strong Community.

Reimagining Accountability
a community dialogue



Reimagining Accountability, a Community Dialogue
April 16, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Restorative Response Baltimore (RRB), formerly known as Community Conferencing Center, in collaboration with 29th Street Community Center, presents a night of dialogue with a focus on identifying and developing community solutions to community issues. Using a dialogue circle format, topics for discussion will include restorative justice and how it can best be implemented, community initiatives to stem violence and heal trauma (e.g. Baltimore Ceasefire) and envisioning post-policing communities in Baltimore and beyond. A past participant in RRB's community conferencing process will also share their experience with this restorative process. RSVP at strongcitybaltimore.org/events

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Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash Every Tuesday
Recycling Every Thursday

DUMPSTER DATES:

Saturday, April 28
Saturday, May 19
31st Street at Abell
Arrives around 8 a.m.



AIA General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 16

6:30 p.m. ♦ Waverly Pratt Library

*Check community message boards soon for agenda topics.
Email Caroline Jelavich at cjelavich@gmail.com if you'd like to add an item to discuss.*

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the quarterly AIA membership meetings. Meetings are normally held at the Waverly Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 E. 33rd Street

2018-19 meeting dates:

- ♦ Saturday, August 25 – 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ November Potluck with Harwood – date TBD
- ♦ Saturday, January 26, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Weekend Community Picnic



Sunday, May 27 ♦ 5 p.m.

Come enjoy an afternoon with your neighbors for hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

Bring a dish to share.

Abell Open Space ♦ 32nd Street between Abell & Guilford

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh's

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 28
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help clean up the
playground adjacent to the
29th Street Community
Center in preparation for the
KaBOOM Build Day in May.
Contact Sindbad Fennimore
for more info:
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Please send **newsletter contributions** to
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Deadlines for newsletter
submissions:

- ♦ **May 17**
Film Series Issue
- ♦ **July 17**
Street Fair Issue
- ♦ **September 17**
Fall Issue
- ♦ **November 17**
Holiday Issue