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Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Spring 2025

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A Knight to Remember

Abell Porch Prom 2025

Saturday, May 31st * 5-10pm

Celebration: Entire Abell Neighborhood

Gathering Block Party: 3100 - 3200 block of Abell Ave.

Food by Lote 787

Desserts by Jinji's Chocolate

Friendly Competitions
(Porch Decorating Competition
& Best Family Crest)

Kids Activities * MOONBOUNCE

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FOR DETAILS!



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Updates from the January and April General Membership Meetings

The AIA held General Membership Meetings on Saturday, January 25th at Normal's Books and Records and Wednesday, April 23rd at Urban Reads Bookstore. In addition to updates from the AIA's various committees, the membership elected new officers, went over the budget for the year, and discussed plans for upcoming events, improving signage around the neighborhood, and replacing the playground logs in the Open Space. Thank you to Normal's and Urban Reads for hosting us!

Missed the meetings? The upcoming dates for this year and early next year are:

- August Meeting - Saturday, August 23rd, 2025
- November Meeting - Monday, November 3rd, 2025
- January Meeting - Saturday, January 24th, 2026

Meeting minutes can be accessed at <https://www.abellimprovement.org/about-us>

Memorial Day Picnic

Mark your calendar for our traditional Memorial Weekend Picnic on Sunday, May 25, beginning at 5 p.m. The AIA grilling team will be there to serve up hot dogs and burgers (meat and vegetarian). Bring a beverage, side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors. *Note: Rain date is Monday, May 26*

Street Fair

Save the date! The Abell Community Street Fair will be Sunday, September 28th. The committee meets on Thursday evenings (every two weeks to start, and then weekly later in the year). Reach out to mahoney.iant@gmail.com if you're interested in joining. Everyone is welcome. The committee is in particular need of folks willing to help with publicity, silent auction, and children's activities.

PORCH PROM 2025 - SATURDAY, MAY 31

Theme: A Knight to Remember

How to decorate/dress: Castle Core, Bridgerton, Royal Garden Party, Tavern Vibes, Brandy's Cinderella - whatever is *knightly* to you!

For inspiration, check out our Pinterest Board:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2jbu3t>

There are TWO COMPETITIONS this year:

- Best Porch Float
- Best Family Crest Design

To enter these competitions, complete this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/2uswdu57>

Pre-order your CUPS with the exact same form!!! This year's cup --> orange to RED!

This year the committee is hosting a **NEIGHBORHOOD CRAFT NIGHT!!!**

Join us at **Peabody Heights Brewery** on **May 22nd, 5 pm. -9 p.m.**, to work on your FAMILY CREST.

We will bring poster board and the crafting basics to help brainstorm your crest. We encourage you to bring additional supplies to *make this your own!*

Neighbors: Do you have craft supplies in your basement that you would like to contribute to the neighborhood craft night? Want to contribute to the Abell Community Porch Prom/Street Fair crafting needs? Drop off supplies to Kathleen's house & we'll bring them to craft night/store for future use! - 3138 Abell Avenue. Special interest in poster board, kid safe coloring and decorating supplies, and felt.

Music in the Community



Warm weather means the return of live music in the community. There's the Waverly Commons music series on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at 32nd and Brentwood, and music at Peabody Heights Brewery on Friday evenings. Come out and enjoy the amazing live bands!

Tree Committee Update

By the time you read this there should be new trees on Abell Avenue provided by TreeBaltimore and planted with the help of volunteers from the community, including those from The Study at Johns Hopkins. We would like to thank the volunteers for donating their time and the Charles Village Civic Association for generously donating mulch and gloves for the event.

We are going forward with a fall planting in partnership with the Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA). The grant will allow GRIA to pay contractors to create and expand tree wells as well as plant and maintain the trees for two years.

In preparation for the fall planting, thirty-four possible sites were identified and marked with white spray paint. Sites had to be within "Underserved" areas as defined by the 2021 Tree Solutions Now Act. Possible sites are:

- Barclay Street – 3104, 3108, 3115, 3201, 3212, 3216, 3220, 3224, 3226, 3230, 3234
- E. 31st – 300, 306, 307, 308, 310, 317, 410, 412, 419
- E. 33rd – 306 (median & sidewalk), 309, 315 (removed per neighbor request), 322 (median & sidewalk), 324 (median & sidewalk), 326, 328 (median), 344 (median)
- 3100 Greenmount Avenue – 3 wells on the 31st St. side

The list of sites and the tree requested for each site needs to be submitted to GRIA on June 1. Please review the list of proposed planting sites and contact Sarah at Sarah.Kanchuger@me.com. if you have any concerns at all, would

like a site taken off the list, or if you have a request for a specific type of tree. The list of trees available to order is in the process of being revised so be aware that while we might not be able to get the exact tree you want, we will do our best to find something similar. Please know that this list is not final and that we are happy to make changes up until June 1.

We encourage neighbors to follow a couple simple rules when caring for street trees:

- Fences or barriers around a tree pit should be raised at least 2 inches off the ground to allow rainwater to enter the soil
- When using mulch, make sure that it is placed in a circle around the trunk, as when placed directly against the tree it can lead to moisture buildup, rot, and even girdling (roots wrapping around the trunk and suffocating it)

In addition to new plantings, the Tree Committee is interested in maintaining the trees that we already have in Abell. Please continue to submit requests for tree maintenance to 311 but also email Sarah at Sarah.Kanchuger@me.com with the date and ID number for the 311 call and we will make an effort to follow up on requests and deal with some of the smaller issues.

The Tree Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month so please email Sarah at Sarah.Kanchuger@me.com if you would like to join us.

Thanks for helping us improve the tree canopy and the health of our community!

New Neighbor Shoutout

Welcome to our new neighbors: Erin and Jack Carroll recently moved to 30th Street along with their 21-month-old son Joe and rescue pit mix Clyde. They have been in Baltimore for over a decade, spending the last six years in Federal Hill. Erin is a freelance medical writer with grand gardening ambitions, and Jack is an architect (now a member of two AIAs).

Are you new to Abell? If you're receiving this newsletter and moved to the neighborhood recently, get in touch! *Email Ian Mahoney at mahoney.iant@gmail.com*

Join the AIA!

Becoming a member of the AIA costs just \$10 a year. Sign up via the AIA's website: <https://www.abellimprovement.org/membership>

New Date for Chili Cook-off: Sunday, October 12



Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

Keep up with AIA events at [facebook.com/AbellImprovement Association](https://facebook.com/AbellImprovementAssociation) and instagram.com/abellcommunity/ - great sources to stay up on what's happening in the community.

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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.

Retrieve bins promptly after pick-up.

Residents may be fined for trash disposal violations.

COMMUNITY DUMPSTER

Saturday, May 17

Arrives around 7-8 a.m., usually on 31st Street near the corner of Abell. *No hazardous materials.*

AIA Monthly Meetings.



Monthly meetings of the AIA executive committee members are normally held on the 1st Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

All community members are welcome to attend.

Scan QR code (left) for Zoom info

General Membership Meeting

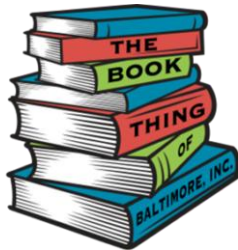
Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

In-person; location TBD

Volunteers Needed!

The AIA is always looking for neighbors interested in helping out in the neighborhood. For example, we have movie equipment and the ability to show movies in the Open Space on 32nd street but are looking for folks interested in hosting movie nights. If that or any other neighborhood activities are of interest to you, please reach out to abellpresident@gmail.com.

The Book Thing Dates



Don't forget to check out the Book Thing!

They are typically open the second full weekend of the month. Upcoming browsing dates are listed below. Check out their website, bookthing.org, for more info.

- Saturday, May 10
- Sunday, June 15
- Saturday, July 12
- Sunday, August 10

Have you explored **Abell's website**? We have information about upcoming events, neighborhood resources, and galleries from recent community gatherings to name a few. Check it out!
www.abellimprovement.org

If you have items to contribute to the newsletter, please send them to Ian Mahoney (mahoney.iant@gmail.com) and Shelley Treadway (sbtreadway@gmail.com). The remaining 2025 issues are slated to go out in August and November. And to share information on the AIA website, Facebook page or message boards, contact Shelley Treadway at sbtreadway@gmail.com.

Volunteer newsletter delivery persons are needed. If you can spare 30 minutes of your time, four times each year, please contact sbtreadway@aol.com.