



# Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Fall 2024

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## Vice President's Letter

My fellow Abellites,

Happy Fall. I always look forward to this time of year because the leaves change colors and the temperature cools down. I also love to see how folks decorate their houses for Halloween, walking that fine line between macabre and family-friendly. As fall fades into winter, (or what passes for winter nowadays), this is the time of year for reflection and introspection, catching breath as the seasons change before the holiday rush.

Once again, we had a successful community Street Fair that raised enough money to keep the proverbial lights on for another year. Proceeds from the community Street Fair fund Abell activities throughout the year including enrichment grants for educational activities for Barclay students, our film license, and whatever other neighborhood expenses arise during the year.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough for helping to make it an event that everyone looks forward to for the rest of the year. As most of you know, there is an inordinate amount of preparation that goes into the Street Fair. While there are probably far easier ways to fund the neighborhood activities, the Street Fair is emblematic of who we are as a neighborhood.

Whether you have lived in Abell for 30 years or are just passing through, it is clear that this neighborhood is a unique and special place. What makes it special is the way that this neighborhood seems to foster a strong sense of community and belonging among all of its residents. The way that our neighborhood bands together not just for events like the Street Fair or Porch Prom, but also for things like digging out after a snowstorm or responding to a hate crime, reminds us of how lucky we are to live here.

I hope you all can join us on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for our joint neighborhood association meeting and potluck supper (with Harwood and Charles Village) in the Pennant room at Peabody Heights brewery. It is a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors and discuss the things that affect us all. If there is something that you would like to discuss or have concerns about, please let us know so that we can put it on the agenda.

One thing that I know that will be discussed will be recruitment for next year's neighborhood officers. If you like the feeling of connectedness to your community and would like to help to make it a better place, I would strongly urge you to consider getting involved. Even if you would just like to get more involved in neighborhood activities, please feel free to reach out to me or any other member of Abell leadership and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have. There are lots of ways to contribute to making Abell a better place, many of which have a very low time commitment.

Thanks again for all that you do every day, and I look forward to seeing you all around the neighborhood.

Drew Northrup  
Vice President, and Chair, Abell Street Fair Committee

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## Street Fair Recap

The community street fair was a day of music, food, drink, shopping, and merriment. Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors that made the event possible. Keep an eye out for updates and ways to get involved with next year's fair, tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2025.



## Bake Sale Report

Susanne Riveles, the Bake Sale coordinator, shared this about this year's bake sale at the fair:

This year's bake sale was a big success due to the many active volunteers. Bakers from the community added their tasty goodies alongside donations from Stone Mill Bakery and Motzi Bread. When many buyers rounded up their purchase to the next dollar amount we were especially grateful, as we tried to keep pricing everything under market value. The sale ran smoothly due to the wonderful helpers from the neighborhood and two students from JHU. The home-brewed coffee and the lemonade were consumed to the last drop. We all had a great time working together, though oral communication was at times a little difficult as we were located close to the music stage, but we danced along. Thanks to ALL, we raised a larger than last year's dollar amount.

To All a BIG "Thank you" - *Susanne*

## AIA Volunteer Holiday Cheers

Abell Community Neighbors--have you been interested in learning more about what the Abell Improvement Association (AIA) does and thinking about getting more involved? Do you like free beer? Do you like your neighborhood? If you answered "yes" to at least one of these questions, you should definitely join your neighbors for a holiday cheers on December 10 at Peabody Heights.

Several of our neighborhood leaders will be hanging out at Peabody from 5pm-8pm welcoming you and other neighbors. Please stop by and chat with us! No need to stay the whole time. We will have information about officer and committee chair positions, and other ways you can get involved.

And, YES, the first beer is on us!

If you're interested and can't make it, please reach out to Ian Mahoney ([mahoney.iant@gmail.com](mailto:mahoney.iant@gmail.com)).

## Community Holiday Events



Keep an eye on the AIA's list serve and social media for updates on other holiday-season events as they are finalized.

## New Neighbor Call-Out

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](mailto:mahoney.iant@gmail.com)



## Chili Cook-off Recap

Chefs and hungry neighbors gathered on October 6th for the annual Abell chili cook-off. There was a wide array of chilis and it was hotly contested. Thank you to Jaclyn Mahoney for coordinating the event!



### Art Event

**Broadmead Arts Council Presents**



Detail "Wild Flower #1" Paul Moscatt

## Making Art for a Lifetime

Paintings & Paperworks

by

**Paul Moscatt**  
**Carlene Moscatt**



"Natural Forces" Carlene Moscatt

**August 15 - December 1, 2024**

**Reception September 22, 2 - 4 pm**

**South Hall - Broadmead Center  
13801 York Road, Cockeysville**

**Questions: [broadmeadartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:broadmeadartscouncil@gmail.com)**

**BROADMEAD**  
A Dynamic Lifestyle Community

### Join the AIA!

Becoming a member of the AIA costs just \$10 a year. Your contribution helps to cover basic operating costs like printing newsletters, costs of community events, maintenance of the Open Space, and initial Street Fair expenses. (You don't need to be a member to participate in social events or to receive the newsletter, but your support is appreciated.) Scan the QR code below to join AIA!



### Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!

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

## - 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, 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, November 30

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

## AIA General Membership Meeting and Potluck with the Harwood and Charles Village Communities

Monday, November 4

6:30 p.m.

Location: The Pennant Room at Peabody Heights Brewery  
**Please bring a dish or beverage to share with your neighbors.**  
*Look for community notices the week of the meeting for agenda details.*



Monthly meetings are normally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m., via Zoom. *No monthly meeting this November.*

Scan QR code (left) for Zoom info



### Halloween Movie in the Open Space

On Friday, October 25, there will be a Halloween-themed movie showing in the Open Space on 32nd Street starting at Sundown (weather permitting). Stay tuned to the AIA's list serv and social media for additional information.

### 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 dates are listed below. Check out their website, [bookthing.org](http://bookthing.org), for more info.

- Saturday, Nov. 9
- Tentative: Sunday, Nov. 10
- Sunday, Dec. 15

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](http://www.abellimprovement.org)

There are no more printed newsletters planned for the year, but get in touch anyway! If you have items to contribute to a future newsletter, please send them to Ian Mahoney ([mahoney.iant@gmail.com](mailto:mahoney.iant@gmail.com)) and Shelley Treadway ([sbtreadway@gmail.com](mailto:sbtreadway@gmail.com)). And to share information on the AIA website, Facebook page or message boards, contact Shelley Treadway at [sbtreadway@gmail.com](mailto:sbtreadway@gmail.com).

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