



Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Spring 2022 Issue

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Spring!

Now that the weather is nice, there are a lot of events happening in and around Abell.

Successful neighborhood events are all about participation! Thank you to everyone who sold things as part of the second annual neighborhood yard sale in April.

Here are some other exciting events that are coming up (and check out the rest of the newsletter for even more!)

For the second year in a row, a concert series in Waverly Commons will bring music to our neighborhood every Thursday evening. Last year, heat and thunderstorms disrupted the music multiple times in the middle of the summer, so this year the concert series is shorter and earlier. Each concert is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Brentwood and 32nd Street.

- May 12th – Soul Magnets
- May 19th – Christian Hizon 5tet
- May 26th – Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel
- June 2nd – Wide Eyed Lounge Cats
- June 9th -- Letitia Vansant

Each week, there will also be a raffle for local business prizes, and food trucks.

Worried that there won't be enough music in your life after June? Fear not. There will also be live bands at Peabody Heights Brewery every Friday through October.

And speaking of brewery events, the Baltimore Record Bazaar is back on May 22nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out vendors selling vinyl, tapes, CDs, stereos, books and comics, art, vintage clothes, music memorabilia, plants and other "cool stuff." The event is family friendly and there will be food trucks.

Also, Bike to Work Day is coming up on May 20th. There will be free giveaways on Greenmount Avenue from Juicing With Jazmine, Pete's Grill and Red Emma's coffee.

Lastly, a quick note from your newsletter editor: putting this newsletter together takes some time, and your trusty editor is also a new mother who would loove some help!

Do you enjoy neighborhood news? Want to get more involved, and get to know your neighbors? Please let me know. My email is on the back page.

Onward,

Your Editor

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“Camp Camp” Are You Ready For Porch Prom?

Porch Prom is the freshest Abell neighborhood tradition. When the pandemic was raging, we all dressed up, decorated our porches and enjoyed an evening of community finery and revelry.

And now, Porch Prom is back and bigger than ever!

When: Saturday, June 4 in the evening

Who: You! The residents of Abell.

What: A community celebration with creative formalwear, food, drink and porch decorating.

Theme: “Camp Camp” Summer camp meets campy style. Think John Waters attending a summer camp formal dance. Ermine and gingham. Big hair and scout uniforms. Be creative!

Where: Festivities will be centered along 30th Street between Guilford and Barclay.

This year, the porch prom organizers are also planning to have food trucks, a special Peabody Heights limited edition beer offering, folding tables and chairs on loan from the 29th Street Community Center, neighborhood decorations discounted by Ace Hardware and potentially a one-block road closure to facilitate safe schmoozing.

Watch community sandwich boards and the AIA Facebook page and website for more details as the date gets closer.

Want to get involved or have questions? Contact Kathleen at keoverman@gmail.com.



Porch Prom 2020

Street Fair 2022

SAVE THE DATE!

The Abell Street Fair is back.

Sunday, September 18th

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer to help plan the fair. The street fair planning committee is especially in need of someone willing to help out with planning and running the silent auction.

Contact Jane Lewis jane.h.lewis@gmail.com

or

Drew Northrup atnorthrup@yahoo.com

for more details or to volunteer.

Spring Cleaning Reminder

Summertime is coming, and with summer comes extra rainy weather. Now is the time to prepare your yard and alley for all that water! Sweep up leaves and other debris that collected in the winter, and make sure downspouts, gutters and drains are all clear.

Little actions make a huge difference – trash and dirt can clog storm drains and cause floods.

If you see a clogged drain or trash that has been dumped in the wrong place, request help via the Balt311 app or by calling 311. Notify AIA officers if you have questions or concerns.

Monthly Safety Walk

Third Tuesday of each month @ 7:30pm
Meet at the Open Space (32nd Street between Abell and Guilford)

The next membership meeting for the Abell Improvement Association will be Saturday, August 20 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Check the AIA Facebook page, website and community message boards for details.

New Neighbor Call-Out

Are you new to Abell? If you're receiving this newsletter and moved to the neighborhood recently, get in touch! The Abell Improvement Association welcomes new residents with a gift package.

Email or text newsletter editor Becky Hersher to say hello and share a little bit about yourself if you feel so inclined. rhersher@gmail.com, 603-494-3213

Have you explored Abell's [website](http://www.abellimprovement.org)? We have information about upcoming [events](#), neighborhood [resources](#), and also [galleries](#) from recent community gatherings, to name a few. Check it out!

www.abellimprovement.org

Abell Open Space Muralist Selected

After an incredible response to the shortlist of artists for the Open Space mural request for proposals, AIA has finally selected the winning artist. The AIA is happy to announce that Hannah Atallah has been selected as the mural artist!

You can find examples of Hannah's work on her website:
<https://www.hannahatallah.com/>

We hope that you find that not only does Hannah have an excellent body of work - but that this work fits well with the spirit of our community and the Open Space. At the April 20th AIA Quarterly Membership Meeting, Hannah presented two draft designs for the mural and received feedback from members at the meeting and via an online form in the week after. You can see black and white versions of both designs below, and full color versions on the AIA website.

Thank you to all the neighbors that weighed in during the selection process - we've had a tremendous response so far and hope to continue to have the community shape the vision for this project.

Every little bit helps!

If the Open Space mural is important to you, please consider donating to the effort. We've secured most of the budget to hire and artist, but not all of it. AIA has created a GoFundMe page for our efforts and every contribution helps us get the mural that we've been hoping for!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/abell-open-space-mural>

Upcoming Book Events

Red Emma's Bookstore
3128 Greenmount or Waverly Commons

- May 12 @7pm: Alicia Puglionesi presents *In Whose Ruins: Power, Possession, and the Landscapes of American Empire*
- May 18 @7pm: Olufemi O. Taiwo in conversation with Lester Spence for *Reconsidering Reparations* and *Elite Capture*
- May 25 @7pm: D. Watkins presents *Black Boy Smile*
- May 28 @7pm: Ian Nagoski presents a listening party for *Zabelle Panosian - I Am Servant of Your Voice*



Memorial Day Picnic Returns

Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day picnic on Sunday, May 29th in the Open Space (32nd Street between Abell and Guilford).

The picnic begins at 5pm and runs until it's over.

The AIA will grill hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish if you are so moved.

Reconnect with your fellow Abell-ites!

Red Emma's Update

In May, Red Emma's bookstore and café is planning to open one of its two new spaces in Abell. The worker-owned operation has been renovating two buildings adjacent to Pete's Grill at the intersection of Greenmount and Brentwood. They report that the storefront at 3128 Greenmount is nearly ready to host events.

No matter what, Red Emma's plans to host May events in Abell, outside in the Waverly Commons space or indoors at their Greenmount address if the renovation schedule allows. See above for a list of events.

Questions? Ideas? Email waverly@redemmas.org.

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Community Center Celebration

The First Annual Spring Social at the 29th Street Community Center was held on April 24th. It was a huge success! The event showcased artists and children's programs from across the city. Much ice cream, playing and dancing occurred.

Want to stay in touch with everything going on at our neighborhood community center? Sign up to receive their digital newsletter using this link! <https://bit.ly/38CvYPR>

For example, Soul Yoga is back this month. The 5-class series is gentle yoga designed for older adults. Classes are Tuesdays at 1pm. Find out more at <https://www.29thstreetcommunitycenter.org/calendar>



33rd Street Bike Lane Proposal

At the quarterly AIA member meeting in April, neighbors discussed a proposed bike lane that would run down the middle of 33rd Street and connect Johns Hopkins undergraduate campus to Lake Montebello. Area residents spoke in favor and in opposition to the plan.

The main arguments expressed in favor were that it would provide a safe way for people to commute by bicycle, and would allow residents including children and families to bike to the YMCA, library, City College and Lake Montebello. Currently, there is no safe bike route connecting Abell to those destinations. The main arguments expressed in opposition were that the bike lane would interfere with other recreation in the median, could create unsafe intersections for bikers and motorists, and could require removing trees.

Abell is one of many neighborhoods that would be affected by a new bike lane, and residents are encouraged to get involved in the process and express their opinions about what the bike lane could look like and whether it should be built. If you would like to weigh in or get involved, contact Diana Emerson at dmemerson16@gmail.com.

Trash & Recycling Schedule

**TRASH EVERY TUESDAY;
RECYCLING (EVERY OTHER)
THURSDAY**

Trash may be put out after 6 p.m. the night before; retrieve cans promptly after pick-up.

Please send **newsletter contributions** to Becky Hersher, 2911 Guilford Avenue, or email rhersher@gmail.com.

Deadline for the next newsletter submissions:

May 17

If you miss the deadline, get in touch anyway! And to share information on the AIA website, Facebook page or message boards, contact Shelley Treadway at sbtreadway@gmail.com.