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Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Summer 2025

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Abell Community Street Fair

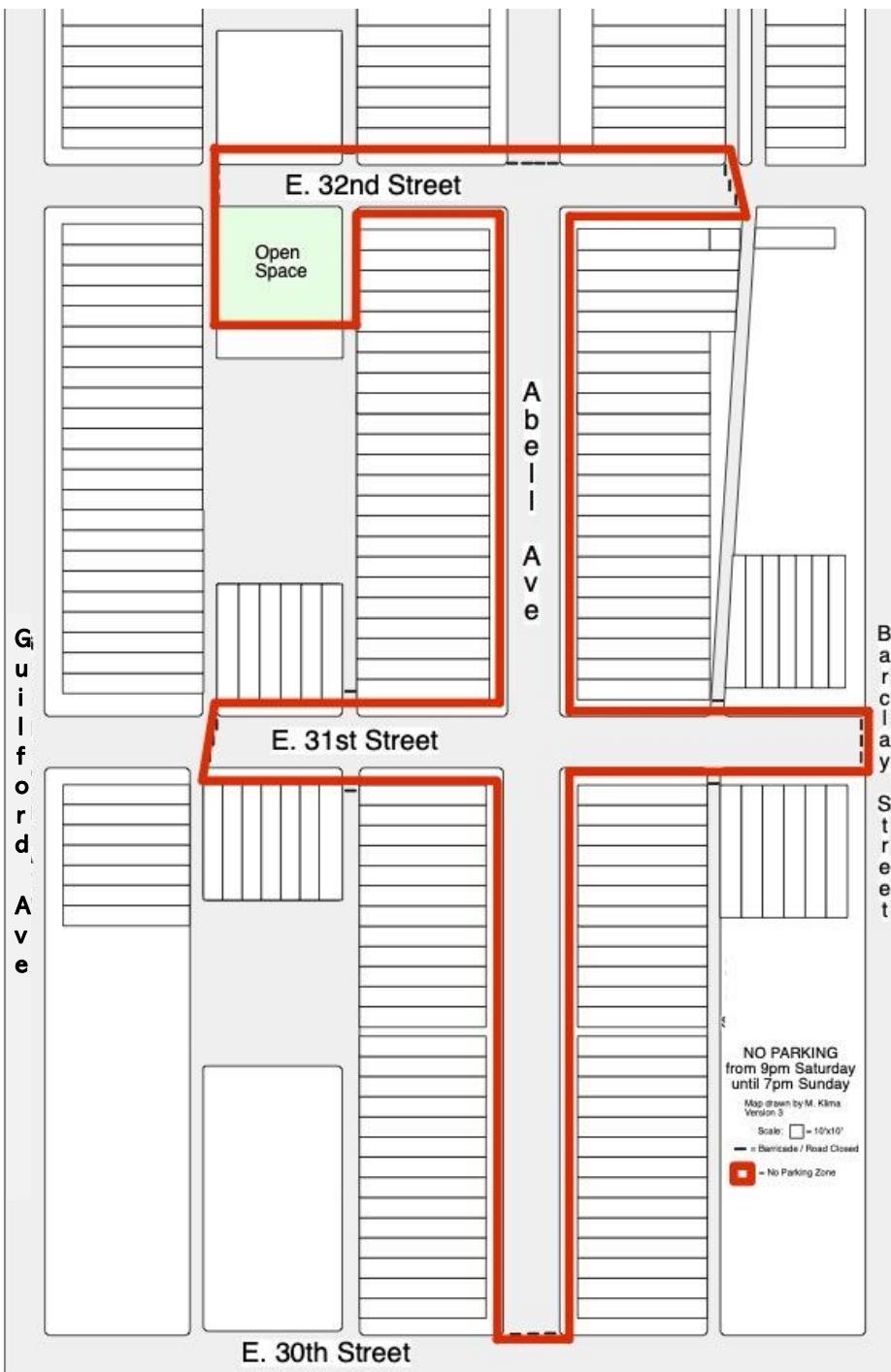
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH • 12-5PM • ABELL AVE. & E. 31ST ST.

Over 50 local vendors, food, drinks, and amazing performers!

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STREET FAIR 2025

The annual Abell Community Fair is coming up on September 28th. It will run from 12pm to 5pm. See below for details and street closure information.



This is a map of the footprint of the fair. Please make sure that your car has been **moved out of any area inside the thick lines by 9pm** on September 27th (the night before the fair). The fair committee thanks you in advance, and we hope to see you at the celebration. Any questions can be directed to Dan Walker (doctrRock@gmail.com).

In the event of rain, we may try to move certain portions of the event up onto the porches. If you live within the footprint of the event and are willing to assist if needed, the fair organizers would be grateful for the support.

Children's Committee Needs Cardboard

Have large cardboard/cardboard boxes lying around? Donate them for a children's activity at the fair! Please drop them off at 3003 Abell Ave, ideally before Friday September 12.

Call for Volunteers

The fair couldn't happen without volunteers! They help with setting up the event (shifts starting as early as 8 a.m.), with running activities during the event, and with cleaning up after the event (last shift ending no later than 6:30 p.m.). Those interested can sign up for a shift here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/M4WYT>



FAQs about Volunteering:

- **If I sign up do I have to volunteer for the whole fair?** No! The shifts are broken down into two-hour blocks, so there is plenty of time to enjoy the fair outside of the time you choose to volunteer. Some of the shifts happen before the fair starts or after it ends, so if you want you can volunteer and not miss a thing.
- **Do I need to have any prior experience?** You do not need to have any prior experience or to have volunteered at the fair before. There are some shifts that mention that "familiarity with processing payments with systems like Square is preferred," but even that is not a requirement if you're comfortable with technology and willing to learn.

FAQs about Volunteering

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- **Do I have to be a member of the AIA to volunteer?** No, in fact if you know of someone who would be interested in volunteering but wouldn't get this newsletter, please let them know and encourage them to sign up.
- **Do I need to be 21 or older to volunteer for beer and wine sales?** Yes, you must be 21 or older to volunteer to sell beer and wine. Additionally, if you're TIPS certified or are willing to get TIPS certified prior to the fair we highly encourage you to sign up for these shifts.
- **What will I be doing if I sign up?** Below is a quick summary of each type of shift:
 - Set Up: Get the fairgrounds ready and make sure the vendors go to the correct places.
 - Beer and Wine: Sell beer and wine.
 - Music: Assist the music leads with running the stages.
 - Children's Committee: Help with running activities in the children's area.
 - Silent Auction: Facilitate the auction and answer questions about the auction items and rules.
 - Tattered Hatters Helper: The Tattered Hatter is a perennial fair favorite vendor. They run a crafting activity that you would help with.
 - Bake Sale: Assist with setting up and running the bake sale.
 - Membership and Merchandise: Help process membership transactions and sell merchandise.

- Clean up: Put things away and make sure the fairgrounds are clean and clear before we reopen the street.

- **Will there be snacks?**

There will be breakfast food for volunteers in the morning and pizza after everything is cleaned up.

Thank You to the Early Street Fair Sponsors!

Thank you to those organizations that have already signed on to sponsor the fair:

- St. Moses Church
- THB
- Herman's Discount
- Peabody Heights Brewery
- The Wine Source
- Councilwoman Odette Ramos
- Charles Village Pub
- Bike Powered Events
- Toki Underground

Interested in becoming a sponsor or know someone who might be? Reach out to Jaclyn Mahoney (mahoney.jdp@gmail.com)

Music

Check out all the great musical acts that will be performing at the fair this year, with more to come!

- DJ mills
- Common Tone
- Davie DKN
- Santana Sankof
- Barrage Band Orchestra
- The Things
- KERQ

Silent Auction Items Needed!

The silent auction is an important and fun fair tradition. Have an idea for something to donate to the silent auction? Please contact Jaclyn Mahoney, mahoney.jdp@gmail.com



Bake Sale

The fair is welcoming a new bake sale coordinator this year, Colin Chappell. Thank you to Susanne Riveles for her many years of incredible service to the fair. Please see the message below from Colin:

Hi, neighbors! The Abell Street Fair is once again looking for volunteer bakers to help produce a glorious bounty of cakes, pies, cookies, pastries, breads, tarts, brownies, sticky buns, normal buns, cobblers, and anything else you can think of to raise funds for AIA during Street Fair. If you bake it, we'll take it (all contributions must be homemade). If baking isn't your thing, consider picking up a shift setting up for the event or selling baked goods during the Fair. Baking or volunteering at the bake sale are great, low-key ways to get involved with Street Fair.

If you're interested in baking something or volunteering at the bake sale, please reach out to me by email, phone, or text by September 16th.

Colin Chappell
colin.chappell24@gmail.com
832-398-4433

Community Dumpster Dates

Saturday, October 4
Saturday, November 29

Dumpster arrives around 7-8 a.m., usually on 31st Street near the corner of Abell.

No hazardous materials.

Park Updates

Have you noticed the updates at the open space? Thank you to Rachael Neill, Teresa Pfaff and our new Open Space Chair Andrew Limbong for coordinating the installation of new logs and stumps, courtesy of Camp Small. And thank you to all the volunteers who came out to install the stumps!



New Sandwich Board Signs!

You may see some new AIA sandwich board signs popping up around the neighborhood soon. The last ones served the community well for many years but last year's snowstorm did them in.

Thank you to neighbor and carpenter Alex Bauer for making the new sandwich boards. You can see his other amazing projects on instagram, @MadeByAlexBauer or get in touch with him via alex@bauercarpentry.com.

Porch Prom 2025 Recap

A message from the Porch Prom planning committee:

Hear ye hear ye! Thank you to everyone for helping to make our 6th Annual Porch Prom a knight to remember!

A special thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and congratulations again to our winners of the porch prom float decorating and family crest contests!

Porch Contest:

First place: James, 3245 Abell Ave.

Second place: Lauren & Alex, 394 E. 31st St.

Third place: Kathleen & Spencer, 3138 Abell Ave

Family Crest Contest:

First Place: Tori & Ian, 3006 Abell

Second Place: Carla & Tyler, 398 E. 31st St.

Third Place: Melinda, 3246 Abell

Also, a huge thanks to our sponsors Windgate Wellness and Peabody Heights!

Memorial Day Picnic Recap

Many thanks to everyone who came out to the Memorial Day Picnic and brought such tasty dishes. Thank you to Jaclyn Mahoney for organizing the event and to Max, Simone, and Tayo for grilling and Shelley and Andrew for helping set up and clean up. Look forward to next year!

Update from the AIA Tree Committee - Summer 2025

The fall tree planting plan has undergone several iterations. The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) and their partners did receive a grant to plant trees, but they will now be planting in the spring. Baltimore City has hired contractors who will do a smaller planting in Abell in the fall and the city funded contractors will maintain the trees for two years, so homeowners won't have to water the new trees.

Sites that were submitted to TreeBaltimore for the fall planting are:

- Barclay - 2900, 3104, 3108, 3212, 3220
- E. 31st - 306/308
- Abell - 3029, 3229, 3230, 3236
- Guilford – 2901 (side)
- Merryman Ln – 3 sites between 33rd & old Chihuahua Brothers
- E. 29th - 300, 400 (on Barclay side)
- E. 30th - 323, 401 (on side)
- E. 32nd – in the parking lot median & across from Poblano
- E. 33rd - 308, 320, 324, 346 (grass strip on Barclay side)
- E. 33rd median - 324, 330, 346

Baltimore Book Festival Info

The 2025 Baltimore Book Festival will be held Saturday, September 13–Sunday, September 14, 2025, in and around Waverly Main Street. Stay tuned for updates about events and street closures around the neighborhood. More information about the festival can be found here: <https://baltimorebookfest.com/>

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed planting sites, please email Sarah at Sarah.Kanchuger@me.com.

In addition to new plantings, members of the Tree Committee met on July 26 to prune 25 trees on the 3200 block of Barclay and we hope to do more tree maintenance throughout Abell. Please continue to submit requests for tree maintenance to 311 but also email James at JamesPatrickSwan@gmail.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 2nd Tuesday of the month so please email Sarah at Sarah.Kanchuger@me.com if you would like to join us.

TreeBaltimore asks that neighbors refrain from putting barriers around the tree wells that block the flow of water & that mulch not touch trees. Thanks to those neighbors who received trees in the spring and have been watering them through this hot summer!

Chili Cook-Off Reminder



Save the date, the AIA's annual chili cookoff will be October 12. Stay tuned to the AIA's social media and bulletin boards for more information.

Peabody Heights Brewery Named Best of Baltimore!

A huge congratulations to our Peabody Heights Brewery for winning Baltimore Magazine's Best of Baltimore Reader's Poll for the third year in the row! A well-deserved honor that reflects all the hard work they put in, amazing events they throw, and great beer they make. Not to mention they're incredible members of our community and such an important part of our neighborhood. Make sure to check out their Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PeabodyHeightsBrewery>) and Instagram pages (<https://www.instagram.com/peabodyheightsbrewery/>) to stay up to date on their beer releases and events!

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 - mahoney.iant@gmail.com

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!

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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, October 4

Saturday, November 29

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 (right) for Zoom info

General Membership Meeting

Tentative date: Monday, November 3 – 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; potluck with Harwood and Charles Village



The Book Thing Dates



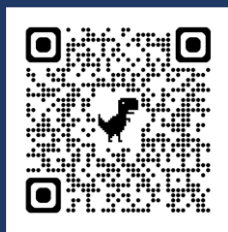
Don't forget to check out the Book Thing! They are typically open the second full weekend of the month. Upcoming browsing dates are listed below. Check out their website, bookthing.org, for more info.

- Saturday, September 13
- Sunday, October 12
- Saturday, November 8
- Sunday, December 14

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, Open Space maintenance, initial Street Fair costs, and more. (You don't need to be a member to participate in social events or to receive the newsletter, but your support is appreciated.)

Learn more and sign up via the AIA's website:
<https://www.abellimprovement.org/membership>



Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!

Keep up with AIA events at facebook.com/AbellImprovementAssociation and instagram.com/abellcommunity/ - two great sources to stay up to date on what's happening in the community between newsletters.

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). Please have your submissions in by October 11 for the fall issue. 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.