

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

Baltimore, Maryland

Fall 2008

CVCA Celebrates 40 Years— Recalling 1960s & 70s

At the Charles Village Homecoming & General Meeting on June 25, Gil French, CVCA President 1971–73 treated the audience to this early history of our neighborhood.

Jan and I moved into this neighborhood in the last century. Actually, 41 years before the end of the last century. The city at that time, in the late 1950s, was losing its citizens by the tens of thousands, and our neighborhood was taking an active part in this loss. But, as the houses were deserted, the homes went on the market at rather bargain rates and attracted many hungry young professionals. These were mostly underpaid overachievers— the privileged poor. Their presence began to effect a welcome change in the area. Newcomers and old timers— we were all intrigued by the notion that our neighborhood's capacity for improvement was limitless. A noticeable improvement began to be seen in many of their homes, which inspired some other neighbors to take similar action.

Toward the later 1960s, a wonderful neighbor, the late Grace Darin, who lived on East 26th Street, came up with a most felicitous name for our area, *Charles Village*. Grace was a copy editor for the Sunpapers. In February, 1967, one of her colleagues, John Goodspeed, who wrote a column under the banner, *Mr. Peep's Diary*, called widespread attention to this neighborhood and its new name.

Further attention to our community spread as a result of *The Charles Villager*— a newsletter written, mimeographed and distributed by Grace at her own expense and effort, celebrating the neighborhood, its people and the richness of its character. Her output represents a complete, rich, comprehensive and colorful history of the first decade of Charles Village. The new name and new spirit caught on quickly and spread widely. Grace Darin's memory is kept alive by her Memorial Fund Committee at the Village Learning Place, which established a lecture series in her name. Her photograph and 2004 *Sun* obituary written by Jacques Kelly, hang in the front corner of the VLP Library.

The Charles Village Civic Association was hatched about 1968 with Hal Gamble as the first president and its boundaries as 25th to 29th Streets on the south and north, and Calvert Street and Maryland Avenue on the east and west. A few years later the boundary was extended to Howard Street on the west, 33rd Street on the north, and further east and south. The north, east and south boundaries have changed several times since those first changes.

An early controversy involved the Chip House, a halfway home for recovering alcoholics in the 2600 block N. Calvert Street, which was not universally desired by its neighbors, who were divided bitterly on its presence. This changed, however, when a terrible fire broke out in a house abutting the Chip House. Two Chip House residents entered the burning building to rescue an elderly woman, who happened to have been a bitter opponent. This act of heroism softened the attitude of the entire neighborhood, which then united enthusiastically behind the project.

The 1970s brought both new conflicts and new achievements to the newborn Charles Village. The City proposed, and CVCA debated and finally supported the construction of The Wyman House for the elderly. Its architect, Larry Menefee, was the second president of CVCA at the time. The next president, Darlene Kurtz, also took an active part in Wyman House's development and progress, and as the fourth president, I took part in its dedication in 1972. Johns Hopkins bought the Homewood Apartments, over the fierce objection of the Village, and in so doing displaced a large number of long-term elderly residents. City Hall powers tried, unsuccessfully, to widen Cal-

vert Street, thanks to a large group of villagers who went to City Hall to fight the effort. Poses of Villagers were frequent invaders of the zoning board, the liquor board and the school board to press issues and get results.

On the other hand, we had some significant plusses. In the 1970 election two Charles Villagers, the late Maclyn McCarty from Maryland Avenue and Frank Heintz from Abell Avenue, were elected to the Maryland State Legislature. I also ran but lost in this election. Julian (Jack) Lapides from Bolton Hill, who was and has been a great friend of the Village ever since, was elected to the State Senate. Also elected to the State Legislature that year was the late Walter Orlinsky from Bolton Hill, who later became a resident of Calvert Street and also the CVCA Corresponding Secretary. The same year Baltimore City held the first of a long series of City Fairs. CVCA proudly created a neighborhood booth for all the fairs as they moved around the City. The City Fair was the brainchild of the late Chris Hartman, another Charles Villager. Our first cookbook, *Once Upon a Thyme*, was produced and published by a committee headed by Jan French, and sold at the City Fair, producing a large amount of revenue. Later in the decade, an elaborate Charles Village calendar was developed and printed. The fifth and tenth anniversaries of CVCA occurred in the 1970s for which we held highly successful dinner-dances. In those days Charles Village was much fun while also being out front on issues.

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Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
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President's Letter

Dana Petersen Moore, CVCA President

During this fall election season, many Charles Villagers, including me, will actively campaign for the candidate of their choice, knowing that no matter who prevails, change is coming. Washington, D. C. will be populated with new faces, new challenges and, hopefully, new and effective solutions to old problems that plague us on a global, national and local level. Change *is* going to happen!

While we will have to wait and see what the political changes will be on a national level, change is happening right now here in Baltimore City. And, it's all to the good. Mayor Dixon has made good on her campaign promise to deliver to Baltimore's citizens a cleaner, greener and safer Baltimore City. A walk or drive around Charles Village pleasantly reveals a neighborhood dotted with utilitarian as well as prettified trash bins. It is the norm to see the CVCBD's Sanitation Team attacking trash, leaves, debris and detritus left by unknown and unnamed whomevers. On recycling days our streets and alleys are yellowed by the sturdy recycling bins sold by the City way back in the fall of 2007. While crime is still with us, it is sharply reduced. Thank you Mayor Dixon and Commissioner Bealefeld for giving Charles Village its own community police officer. Officer O'Donnell is a great change in our neighborhood and he is doing a great job! This *is* change we welcome!

Change is also happening in our sweet community. Johns Hopkins University President Brody has announced that he will depart from the University at the end of 2008. While the University searches for a new president, Charles Villagers hope that the new leader is possessed of President Brody's clear vision of a Charles Village connected to the Homewood campus along with his direct activism to make this vision a reality. While we can process a change at the top of JHU's leadership, a concomitant change to the negative in the University's current commitment to be connected to the communities in which it thrives would be one change not at all welcome!

Change is occurring in other ways. In the last few months we have experienced a change in the economy that has dominated into a change in our commercial sector. Just eleven months ago we experienced the loss of Record and Tape Traders and then, Xando's. Sadly, the wonderful commercial spaces these valued businesses once occupied remain vacant. Recently, the Signature's stationary store on St. Paul Street closed, close on the heels of the closing of the popular Two Sisters Bar and Grill. Despite all of the commitments to "shop local," these businesses have not survived. I very much regret this loss and worry that more losses of local businesses lay ahead.

As we change our calendar pages from August to September, we notice new faces walking throughout the neighborhood, new cars populating our parking spaces, new neighbors settling into the house next door or across the street and new voices welcoming each other on porch fronts. Just as hap-

pens every year about this time, new students have moved in to the rental units throughout Charles Village, just in time to begin the new semester at JHU or MICA or Morgan or Loyola. My block is going to do something new this year. We will hold a small block party to welcome our new neighbors to the prettiest little block in Charles Village (yes, I am 100% biased) and to introduce ourselves. Just about all of us in the 3000 block of Guilford Avenue have swapped e-mail addresses and telephone numbers in an effort to become better acquainted with one another and some of the problems we share as residents of this lovely block. We want to share this information with all of our new neighbors and encourage them to join us in the effort to keep our block clean, green, and safe and, of course, pretty! I hope that other blocks will adopt this change and do the same thing to welcome their new neighbors.

Change has come in my life, too. After 22 fulfilling years at Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, I was invited to join another Baltimore law firm, Venable LLP. I began working at Venable on June 2 and have enjoyed the last few months getting to know my new work family. I am thrilled with the choice but, realize that the time I would like to devote to community activities is much reduced. Thus, I too must soon consider a change in how I demonstrate my love of all things "C'Ville". Stay tuned!

Regular readers of this newsletter know that one of my major delights is my granddaughter. Well, she too is changing. Sylena will turn two on September 6, and has pretty much given up her pacifier, sippy cups are babyish to her and, she gives unsolicited hugs and "I love you's". Ah! Sylena's shaky walking has changed to much more of the wobbly run of a colt. And she loves to run! Sylena still sings but the "la la la" has changed to "Itsy Bitsy Spider", the ABC song and, wordless songs she makes up to comfort herself to sleep when her Mom is not there to rock her away to sleepy-land. She is a delight!

And for me, serving as President of the Charles Village Civic Association is a delight. I am very proud of the work the CVCA and its Board of Directors perform every single day. I am very proud of the commitment so many neighbors have made to make his a fabulous community. And, I am very much delighted by the commitment our neighborhood institutions, businesses and non-profits have made to support our efforts. Please join the CVCA at Gertrude's at the BMA on Wednesday, September 24 when we celebrate several neighbors who have proven exceptional in their efforts to support Charles Village this year and herald the beginning of our own new year with the CVCA Election.

Peace.

Dana Moore

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Village Chat

Dawna Cobb

Talking trash— Charles Villagers-start a revolution?

My running friends and I love running in Druid Hill Park with its panoramic views of Baltimore, the shady back hills, the challenge of the mile loop that passes by the Mansion House, and the work-out stations around the reservoir. What we detest is the garbage people leave behind. Mondays seem to be the worst as they follow Sundays when people bring food to the park and seem to think that it's okay to leave trash for someone else to pick up. We do our bit to help by picking up every plastic bag we see along our paths. That brings me to the proposed ban on plastic bags, which the City Council did not approve. I say we Charles Villagers should voluntarily abandon our use of plastic bags and simply reuse the ones we have. Stick a couple in your car, backpack, brief case or purse for those impromptu shopping trips. For your regular shopping get and use a few of the reusable sacks available at Eddie's, Giant, Safeway, Super Fresh and Whole Foods. Maybe an enterprising business will offer kids school supplies in exchange for recyclable plastic bags. They do it in Brazil; why not here—, *Think Global, Act Local*.

Adam Rothwell, a relatively new 27th Street resident, who also has an immigration law practice here, recently wrote to me. He noted that he didn't know any of the people mentioned in *Chat* and that he and his wife weren't the sorts to "toot their own horns." I told him that much of my news comes from third parties and encouraged him to tell me more about himself. He is the author of *US Immigration Law: Truth, Fraud and the American Way*, which is about the more common routes foreign citizens use to legally enter the US and also highlights some major problems of our legal immigration system. His wife, Melissa, moved to the Village last August and they have really enjoyed their time here. A year later, Adam not only lives and works here, but also volunteered with the Festival.

Here's a prime example of news about one Villager from another — **Abell Avenue** resident, **Shelley Treadway** told me her neighbor, **Vonnie Gowe**, was honored as a Hometown Hero by the American Red Cross for her many years of dedicated animal rescue work. The award was given on June 16. Congratulations Vonnie! Shelley also reported some sad news. Long time Abell resident **Gil Stange** passed away.

Abell residents, especially children, miss seeing him on his front porch, where he regularly sat in the afternoons and listened to O's games. He was a source of Abell Avenue history. Gil was for many years a math teacher in Baltimore County. We especially remember his Halloween pumpkins because he carved the pumpkin's teeth to spell *MATH*. A kind and gentle man, Gil will be missed.

Josh Fruhlinger recently competed on Jeopardy. His friend, and neighbor, **Andy Thomas**, told me that a bunch of Villagers packed PJ's Pub to watch Josh compete. I haven't heard how he did, but just to make it on the show is pretty cool. Josh's wife, **Amber Eisenmann**, said that Alex Trabek was really nice. Josh got some props from Laura Vozella in the *Sun*— something about Josh being in "the business of lampooning comic strips on a blog called Comics Curmudgeon." Hmmm.

Greg Alexander, a correspondent from **Guilford Avenue**, reported that the 2600 block is really looking good. Renovation at 2625 Guilford, an eyesore that had been abandoned for 10 years, is underway along with a recently completed renovation next door at 2623 and last year's massive renovation at 2637 Guilford by **Eric Hoel**. Greg says that "our block is really 'gussied' up."

Pat Welch, 3000 block **North Calvert Street**, told me that two little ones have arrived on her block. **Laura Wexler** and **Mike Subelksy** are the happy parents of **Charlotte Olivia** born on Friday, June 13. **Caitlin Reed** and **Michael Gutperle** recently moved here with their young daughter, **Malina**. Pat says they have been exploring playgrounds, jogging paths and the Waverly Farmers Market. Welcome all!

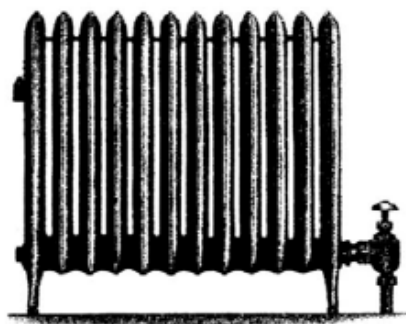
Congratulations to new grandparents, **Jerry and Darlene Gordon**, owners of **Eddie's Market**. Their grandson, **Ethan Gordon Cohen**, was born on April 24 in Voorhees, New Jersey. Ethan's mom and dad are Drs. Annie Gordon and Stephen Cohen. There's nothing like a grandbaby! Former St. Paul Street resident, **Kate Stephens**, was married this past spring to Gary Pritchard in Fort Collins, Colorado, reports Kate's proud mom, **Jennifer Burdick**. Jenny's son **Matthew Stephens** lives in Denver, which has made Colorado her favorite Christmas holiday destination.

In July Guilford Avenue's **Sandy Sparks** traveled to her nephew Jason Richter's wedding in Golden, Colorado. Sandy started out in southwest Illinois

for a family reunion picnic, inspired by a baby photo of two girl cousins and her lined up on a sofa— all born in the year of the monkey *a la see no evil, speak no evil and hear no evil*. Sandy visited Forest Park's world class attractions in St. Louis and was delighted to see many families, cyclists and runners enjoying the park despite the heat.

This year the Charles Village guerilla gardeners sponsored a modest contest. Everyone who entered was a winner in the sense that they received a prize. The real winner though is the neighborhood because we now have several new gardens visible to anyone who walks by. Winners in the best front yard category were **Michael Donnenberg** and **Paula Fernandes** for their garden at 2840 St. Paul Street and **Jessie Domme** at 2834 N. Calvert Street. Jessie credits her neighbor, **Ron Griffin**, who gave her valuable tips and advice as well as shared plants from his yard. The before and after pictures show a boring square of scrubby grass transformed into a lush garden with black-eyed susans, peonies, lilies and more. A similar transformation occurred at 2840 St. Paul, where Michael and Paula had to use a tiller to rid her from yard of ivy to plant a rock garden with varied and unusual flora, low lying shrubs and succulents. They succeeded though it meant moving a 550-pound rock into their front yard! The garden also sports a dwarf spruce, sedum, creeping juniper, a common broom, a Harry Lauder Walking Stick, and other exotic plants. In the tree well category, 3000 block Abell Avenue neighbors **Shelley Treadway** and **Renee Zeppetello** planted a large tulip garden with orange, pink and purple tulips that matched the color of the Treadway's painted lady house. Bicolor tulips in yellow and red matched Renee's house. Look for this lovely array of flowers next spring. **Evalyn Tyson** took the prize for her lovely container gardens to improve the unit block of West 27th Street. The City removed dead trees and replanted along with a new sidewalk. For her containers, Evalyn chose a variety of flowers to match her doorway at 19 West 27th. The containers in front of 21 West 27th Street included pansies in multiple colors to be replaced later in the summer by red and white petunias. Evalyn has more plans for her block and thanks her neighbors for continuing to encourage her efforts. She said, "I already feel like a winner just from all the positive feedback I've been getting from them."

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Thursdays	8:00 pm	28th and Howard Street
Thursdays	9:00 pm	3013 St. Paul Street

All you need to walk are some comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing. If you would like to bring a flashlight, a note pad, a cell phone, and a people friendly dog, please do. With the help of Union Memorial Hospital and Johns Hopkins University, CVCBD is able to provide identifiers for walkers. These include hats, glow in the dark bracelets, and pedometers/flashlights/sirens.

Training is offered. Please consider taking this walker/personal safety training, which is informative, makes you more aware, and gives you the opportunity to ask questions. You are welcome to walk without doing the training first. JHU Security and the Northern District Police offer the trainings at the CVCBD office, 2434 Saint Paul Street. For upcoming training dates, see the CVCBD Announcements at www.charlesvillage.org or our special NWOP Walkers' website: <http://sites.google.com/site/neighborhoodwalkersonpatrol>. — *David Hill, Executive Director*

YouthWorks! for 6 Weeks

The Benefits District, in cooperation with YouthWorks!, provided six weeks' employment for nine youth this summer from June 23 to August 1. They helped the CVCBD staff by sweeping the streets, cleaning up the tree wells, distributing 1,000 flyers for the National Night Out Against Crime events. The YouthWorks! team also removed almost 2,000 bags of trash from the District in July—a record.



YouthWorks! team in front of CVCBD office. Left to right, back row: Joseph Fair (CVCBD), Antjuan Dean. Middle row: Chris Chapman, Shawn Curtis, Micholl Sharks, Corey Harrington, Shawn Taylor. Front row: Carlisia Mabble, Patricia Harrington (CVCBD)(not pictured: Jahmal Dyer, Fatima El-Amin)

CVCBD Fall Meeting & Quad Elections Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m. SS. Philip & James Church Hall, 2801 N. Charles Street

Appropriate identification will be required. See the Announcements section at www.charlesvillage.org for information and for a copy of the **Nomination Form**.

CVCBD Introduces Second Safety Vehicle!

The Benefits District now has a second safety vehicle—a 2001 Chevrolet Tracker. Johns Hopkins University donated this vehicle to enable CVCBD to provide more frequent coverage and have a greater presence in the community. Many thanks to JHU for continued support and generosity!



Johns Hopkins University donated this 2001 Tracker for the Safety Team to expand coverage and community presence.

CVCBD Sets Annual Record for Trash Removal

The Charles Village Community Benefits District set a new annual record for removing trash from the District between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. CVCBD removed over 13,500 bags of trash from the District—from 33rd Street to 21st Street and from Greenmount Avenue to Howard Street. The CVCBD is already well on its way to setting another record for this fiscal year. In July, staff removed 1,925 bags of trash from the District, which is a new monthly record!



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October 8— Dudley Clendenin, author of *A Place Called Canterbury*
November 12— Holiday Artisan Market

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Seniors are invited for free performances and presentations. Refreshments served.
September 9— Presentation by Ms. Yancy from the Waxter Senior Center;
October 14— TBA; November 11— Conservation workshop presented by BGE

Sound Off! — Friday, October 3, 5 pm

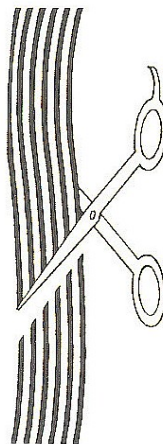
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ARTS IN THE VILLAGE

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Jennifer Burdick

Free Fall returns in October – enjoy this annual collection of more than 300 free arts and entertainment events scattered throughout the month at more than 70 museums and cultural institutions. Free Fall Baltimore is a project of the Creative Baltimore Fund, sponsored by Mayor Sheila Dixon and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts. For scheduling visit: www.freefallbaltimore.com

The Baltimore Museum of Art
General Information: 410.396.7100;
Box Office: 410.396.6001 or visit the
www.artbma.org. These new exhibits
should catch your interest.

Front Room: Jim Dine features approximately 20 prints, drawings, and paintings by this American artist that reflect his lifelong interest in Jungian questions of the human's place in the world. Exhibit closes October 5

Franz West, To Build a House You Start with the Roof: Work, 1972–2008. This is the first major retrospective on West, an internationally acclaimed Austrian artist. The exhibition includes 117 objects that reflect West's extraordinary innovations in sculpture, design and works on paper. Exhibit runs October 12 to January 4.

Free Family Sundays feature hands-on art workshops, gallery tours, and much more. Programs begin at 2 pm.
Sept. 7— **Family Workshop: Working at Home**
Sept. 14— **Family Workshop: Resting at Home**
Sept. 21— **Family Workshop: Playing at Home**
Sept. 28— **Family Tour: At Home with Art**
Oct. 5— **Family Workshop: Ancient American Clay Figures**
Oct. 12— **Family Workshop: Native American Art Beadwork**
Oct. 19— **Family Workshop: Drumming in the Pacific Islands**
Oct. 26— **ArtBlast!**

The Walters Art Museum is featuring an exhibit of a major donation, *The Giraud and Carolyn Foster Collection of South Arabian Art—Faces of Ancient Arabia*. See it soon—the exhibition closes September 7. For programs at the Walters, visit www.thewalters.org

Special Exhibition: *Bedazzled: 5,000 Years of Jewelry*. 200 pieces of Henry Walter's incredible jewelry

collection contains beautiful examples of craftsmanship from 3,000 B.C. to the early 20th Century. Exhibit runs from October 19 to January 4.

First Fridays at the Walters. Starts October 3, 5–9 p.m.
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Returned Treasures. Paintings once owned by Ignatz Pick, the grandfather of Baltimore artist Monique Goss, have recently been recovered. To understand the extent of the looting of collections and museums, see *The Rape of Europa* at a free screening at the Walters, September 21, 2–5 p.m.

Maryland Art Place. 8 Market Place, Suite 100. Executive Director is Julie Cavor, a Charles Villager.
6th Annual Curators' Incubator
Participating Curators: Shareen T. Dash, Zoma Wallace and Rebecca Weber. September 16–October 25
Gallery Talk: 6 pm, Friday, September 26. Reception, 7 pm

Charles Villager, Laura Wexler, is one of the creators of **The Stoop Storytelling Series at Center Stage**. Seven storytellers get seven minutes each to tell true, personal tales on a given theme in front of a live audience—think Ira Glass, *This American Life*. Cocktails and live music start at 7 pm. with Stories at 8 pm. 410.332.0033 or www.stoopstorytelling.com
Sept. 22— *Animal Tales: Stories about pets, strays, mutts, and other beasts of burden*
Nov. 10— *Money Changes Everything: Stories about striking it rich, getting by, and going broke*

Everyman Theater, 1727 North Charles Street, begins the season with John Patrick Shanley's *Doubt: A Parable*. A 2005 Tony Award Winner for Best Play, set in a Catholic school in 1964. Explores our moral compass and the role that doubt plays in faith. Runs to October 5. 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.
Good news—This wonderful theater will be in the Station North Arts District for at least two more seasons!

Center Stage opens its season with the Thornton Wilder classic, *The Matchmaker*. Runs September 10 thru October 5. 410.332.0033 and www.centerstage.org

Vagabond Players. August Wilson's great *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. It appears that the Vags are producing one of August Wilson's 10 plays each year. September 5–28. 410.563.9135 or visit www.vagabondplayers.com.

Audrey Herman Spotlighters. *ELEGIES for angels, punks and raging queens* by Bill Russell. Musical-drama reflecting the lives of people with AIDS. September 26–October 5. 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra. Oct. 5 at 5:30 pm in Shriver Hall—**Leon Fleisher's 80th Birthday Celebration.** A screening of Academy Award nominated documentary, *Two Hands*, and four-hand compositions by Dvorak, Ravel and Schubert, performed with former Fleisher students.

Oct. 4 at 3 pm—**Special Discovery Series** concerts will be at the BMA. The first is *Lura*.

Oct. 25 at 8 pm (7 pm pre-concert talk) Shriver Hall—Beethoven: *Piano Concerto No. 4* and Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*. 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso

Pro Musica Rara begins its season of early music on original instruments at

the Towson Center for the Arts. Oct. 5 at 3:30 pm—Masters of the German Baroque with Nina Stern on recorder. 410.728.2820 or promusicarara.org

The Asian Arts & Culture Center, Towson University hosts the **Many Moons Festival 2008** on Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Center for the Arts. Marketplace with arts and crafts, foods and teas, dancers and musicians and demonstrations of traditional Asian healing arts. 410.704.2807 or www.towson.edu/asianarts

The Ottobar, 2549 N. Howard Street, is happening seven nights a week. Some shows require advanced tix. www.theottobar.com or 410.662.0069.

For a weekly update on all that's worthwhile in the arts and culture scene, subscribe to the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance listserv at <http://www.baltimoreculture.org> or go to BaltimoreFunGuide.com or fun-saver@baltimorefunguide.com

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chance to peek in on many of their neighbors houses and glean fertile ideas. Each fall CVCA also held a flea market, which attracted a large number of people. The flea markets were very successful both financially and socially.

Realtors and lending institutions in the 1960s and 70s looked on our neighborhood as a "gray" area and would avoid service. This meant that the housing market was left to speculators. In addition, the banks required very large down payments before issuing a mortgage. We were fortunate to have St. Paul Street resident Dan Gleckler, receive his real estate license, leave his position with the BMA and sell many homes here. His success inspired several other real estate agents and banks to take careful notice. This was the start of a housing boom that has continued to this day.

I treasure the years, 1971-73 when I was president. To this day I feel privileged to have served and am happy to still live in Charles Village.

—Gil French, Guilford Avenue

Note: In 2007 with the 40th CVCA Anniversary in mind, Jan and Gil French stepped forward to lead the creation of the third Charles Village cookbook-- Charles Village Cooks: A Taste of The Village. Copies are on sale at Barnes & Noble and Eddie's Charles Village.

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What You Need to Know about Sanitation— Trash & Recycling— No Excuses

If you follow current Baltimore City sanitation procedures, we thank you. Your valuable efforts are appreciated. If you are not completely familiar with these procedures, then please review and follow this information. It is the responsibility of each resident to comply with the City sanitation statutes.

Trash Collection Days. Place trash in your designated pick up location between 6 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. *Do not put it out at any other time.*

South of 27th Street— Wednesday and Saturday mornings. North of 27th Street and Lorraine Avenue— Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Help keep rats away, our alleys clean, our trash collectors safe, and you from losing your garbage cans or getting citations. It's the law!

Get sturdy cans (metal or plastic) with tight-fitting lids and no rat holes. Keep lids closed. Keep rats out of trash. Bag all trash in trash bags. Bags should be easy to handle and should not exceed 25 pounds. Avoid putting loose trash in cans. No construction materials!

When cans are full or damaged, place bagged trash in alley only on the morning of collection. Bring cans in from the alley promptly after garbage collection and close cans with lids. Repair or replace trash cans promptly if cans or lids are damaged or missing. Clean up your trash that isn't collected.

Comply with City holiday schedule by not putting any trash for pickup in the alley. Take construction material and hazardous materials to City-designated sites. Call 311 for scheduling and more information. If you are moving, plan ahead for proper trash disposal.

Bulk Trash. Furniture, appliances and tires off rims are collected on the 4th Monday each month. You must call 311 or go to www.BaltimoreCity.gov at least 3 business days in advance to schedule collection of up to 3 items or 4 tires. Schedule well in advance for busy moving months, such as May.

Single Stream Recycling. Collection is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Place recycling in your designated pick up location between 6 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of recycling pick up. Place recycling in a recycling container, paper bags or cardboard boxes— not plastic bags!

What can be recycled? Clean unwaxed paper, cardboard, newspaper, rinsed glass jars and bottles, rinsed steel or aluminum cans, and narrow neck & screw top plastic bottles only (types 1–7). Nothing else! No yogurt containers, plastic egg cartons or plastic wrapping materials.

Nearest City Sanitation Drop Off at 2840 Sisson Street by West 29th Street. Take construction materials, electronics, oil, bulk trash and— between Single Stream dates, paper, bottles and cans for recycling. Trash and yard waste are accepted Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Open Spring and Summer from 9 a.m.–7 p.m. 410.396.6070.

Other Sanitation Requirements to follow to avoid disease vectors and citations:

- ▶ Promptly clean up dog waste, even in your own yard. Clean up standing water.
- ▶ Keep grass and weeds shorter than 8 inches tall. Keep yards and walkways clean.
- ▶ Don't feed squirrels. Clean up spilled bird seed and other food.
- ▶ Inspect your yard for rat burrows frequently and promptly exterminate infestations.
- ▶ Exterminate mouse and roach infestations.
- ▶ Contact your landlord for assistance if more than one apartment in the building is affected.

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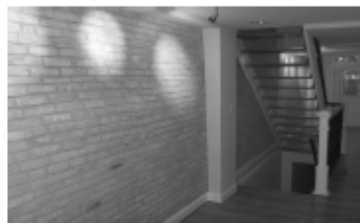
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Register Online AFTER September 18 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & Abell 12A Permits.

After October 20, You Must Go Downtown to City's Parking Authority Office to pick up your permit.

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A Parking Citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or pass in Area 12 is \$42 for each occurrence.

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Step 1: September 18 through October 16, go online to complete the RPP application at <http://baltimorecity.gov/government/parking/permits.html> or go to the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street, for access to a computer for applying online. If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the RPP database and you do not have to re-enter your information—it will not let you. You need to enter your user name and password and hit renew. In the event your vehicle information has changed, you need to edit it. If you do not remember your password, send an e-mail to: RPP info@bcparking.com and have your password e-mailed back to you. Passwords can only be e-mailed, not given out over the phone.

Step 2: Only residents who pay with a credit card OR mail in a check or money order *prior to October 16* will be able to pick up their permits at the two RPP pick-up sites on October 18. Please plan to mail or bring a copy of your vehicle registration card in order for the Parking Authority to update records. Residents need to bring proper documentation and identification papers when picking up their permits—vehicle registration, driver's license, current lease, non-resident permits, notarized letters, student or military ID, etc. See Rules and Regulations on the web-site or call 443.573.2800 for more details. Anyone who wants to pay with a check or money order will have to go to the Baltimore Parking Authority Office, 200 West Lombard Street, Suite B, *after October 20* to get their permits. The Baltimore City Parking Authority office is located at 200 West Lombard Street, Suite B. Note: If you fail to pick up your permit on October 18 at one of the two sites, you must go downtown after Monday, October 20 with proper documentation and identification papers to purchase/pick up the permits directly from the Baltimore Parking Authority. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Call 443.573.2800 or e-mail info@baltimoreprefparking.com

IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT RPP REGULATIONS:

All old permit decals must be removed before applying new permit decals to your car's windshield. Vehicle owners who do not remove old permit decals risk getting a citation (fine). There is a limit of 4 decals per household. Anyone falsifying documentation or abusing permits can be issued a citation of up to \$1,000. Abuse of permits (selling, photocopying, use by non-residents or visitors of residents) is now considered a misdemeanor.

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CVCA's Large Format *Charles Villager*

This summer Jan French also catalogued the large format *Charles Villager*, first published by CVCA in 1981 and continuing to today. She has deposited a set for review at the Village Learning Place and Enoch Pratt Library's Maryland Room. Following are the topics for the first 2 years. Contact Sandy Sparks, who has a stock of remaining copies, and is happy to share any extras. Following are the topics of the front page feature articles during the first 2 years of publication.

April, 1981	Property Tax Assessments
May, 1981	BBEC Spring Walk
June 1981	CVCA/HCD Check for Housing Violations
July 1981	Summer Pleasures
August 1981	Olmsted's Wyman Park— A Grand Design
September 1981	Charles Village since 1967
October 1981	Commercial Revitalization— a Better Greenmount Avenue
Nov/Dec 1981	Peabody Heights, CVCA Forerunner
January, 1982	Rowhouses, Baltimore Style
February, 1982	Neighborhood Residential Permit Parking
March 1982	City Gardening Challenge
April, 1982	Poetry in Charles Village, <i>The Pearl</i>
May 1982	The Great Baltimore Cook-Off
June 1982	Health Care— Four Village Facilities
July/Aug 1982	Charles Village Garden Contest
September 1982	Charles Village Cookbook at City Fair
October 1982	Committees Take Shape at Potluck Supper
November 1982	Supporting Public Education
December 1982	Season's Greetings/Neighborhood Churches

CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Charles Village Civic Association (CVCA) informs neighbors through our newsletter, *The Charles Villager*, and listserv messages. Through its membership and committees, CVCA supports activities like the annual Charles Village Festival to build a sense of community and improve our quality of life. We make our voices known on planning, zoning, liquor, traffic and other issues affecting the neighborhood. We help prevent crime and build community through the Neighborhood Walkers in partnership with the Charles Village Community Benefits District. We beautify the neighborhood by organizing clean-ups and plantings. We support strong schools and recreation activities for our children and youth.

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