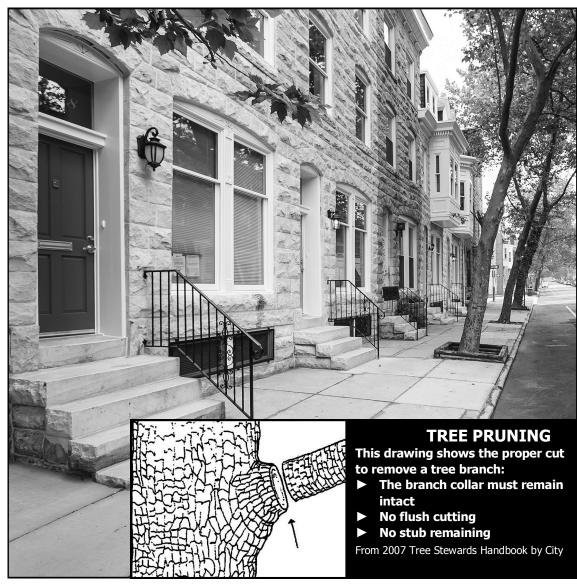
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Street Trees Work Hard for Many Environmental Benefits



North Calvert Green houses rehabbed in the 2200 block of Guilford Avenue.

Our August in Baltimore would be a lot harder to take if it weren't for trees. Standing quietly along the streets of our city, in parks, and in our own yards, trees are working hard to provide us with many environmental benefits. These unsung living public utilities clean and cool the air we breathe, shade our homes, slow down and filter storm water runoff. And without them, our bodies would have to work a lot harder to handle waiting at the bus stop or walking back from the Waverly Farmers Market on hot summer days.

As a tree develops it is constantly adapting to the environment around it. Not enough light—tree growth is stunted. Not enough water—leaves will droop and eventually drop. Soil too compacted and poorly drained—roots will die from lack of oxygen. Imagine if you were anchored to one space and had to rely on whatever comes your way in terms of nutrients, water, and light. Sort of like being an infant again!

During this time of year, trees are nearing completion of their summer growth rings and are cranking away at maximizing the storage of sugars in their stems and roots. Fruit is maturing and dropping, to be plucked by birds, or drained by bees. As chlorophyll production slows in the leaf, roots also slow down their growth rate. All around us life is starting to prepare for cooler weather.

Watering Trees

What do young trees need from us at this time of year? Most importantly, they need adequate moisture as they move into dormancy. So keep watering your street and yard trees on a weekly basis, aiming for 20 gallons a week, particularly if we haven't had rain during that period. One smart method is to use water from boiling pasta or cooking greens. Why pour cooking water down the drain, when your trees and plants could use it when cooled? Slowly pour the water at room temperature around the base of trees for maximum absorption.

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North Calvert Green Attracts Home Owners

Before purchasing his home, John David frequently rode the Guilford Avenue bike boulevard, and was struck by the potential waiting in the vacant houses on the eastside of the 2200 block. See photo above. His thought was to buy a vacant and rehab it himself. When he noticed rehabilitation underway on the block, he wondered if he had missed his chance to buy in this area he passed through so often. After looking into the work being done by Telesis Baltimore Corporation in its North Calvert Green development, John David decided buying an already-renovated would save him both money and a lot of time. He has spent time building furniture out of reclaimed floor joists and a unique fence out of cedar at his new home. He continues to ride his bike daily to work and after work, with both Downtown and the Cultural Center within ten minutes.

In January 2011, Telesis began construction on North Calvert Green, restoring the vacant Housing Authority properties in Barclay and Old Goucher to create new homeownership opportunities in the neighborhood. These historic homes were renovated with a combination of Healthy Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding, construction financing from The Reinvestment Fund and acquisition funding from the Housing Authority. The first house was sold in September 2011.

The homeowners have leveraged a variety of programs and tax credits to help make their purchases very affordable. Seven out of the 20 houses sold to date utilized the Hopkins Live Near Your Work incentive funding— up to \$17,000 of the purchase price. Hopkins just announced an increase of the incentive amount through June 2014. Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. also contributes additional down payment assistance.

The home renovations feature all new systems and modern, open floor plans. Gracious, nine-foot ceiling heights are maintained in the main living areas and bedrooms. The new front windows, a significant historic element, have wooden sashes. In addition, the renovated buildings are energy-efficient with Energy Star appliances and fixtures that satisfy the Enterprise Green Communities program requirements. The finished properties were all tested for air tightness and energy efficiency and all tested better than 15 percent more efficient.

North Calvert Green, continued on page 12

29th Street Community Center Opens

On May 18, Greater Homewood reopened the former Barclay Recreation Center its doors to the community! Over 150 neighbors from the Charles Village, Harwood, Abell, Old Goucher, Barclay and Better Waverly celebrated to launch Summer Programs. Now, is the time to register for many Fall Programs designed for All Ages— Adults and Kids. *Go to 29th Street Community Center Fall Schedule on page 7.*



CVCA MEETINGS

Annual Meeting, Election & Awards
Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 PM
SS. Philip & James Church Hall
2801 N. Charles Street. Enter downstairs.

CVCA Board Meetings
Wednesdays, September 18 & October 16
Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

Go to www.charlesvillage.net for info

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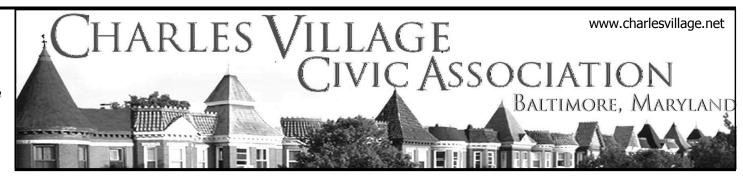
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President's Letter

Patricia McLane, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

Traditionally, a goodbye letter recaps the past. I could certainly do that regarding the last two years of my CVCA Presidency—

- ► Wonderful turnouts at the Charles Village Festival and greate profits made for the neighborhood's four non-profit groups.
- ► The addition of new, young members on the CVCA board who have given new life, ideas and energy to this group.
- New businesses in our community who offer discounts to CVCA Members.
- ➤ Continued expansion of Johns Hopkins University, whose leaders always make time to listen to our community's wants and needs.
- ► And of course, the triumphant Ravens, who took the Super Bowl championship during the last year of my stewardship, so yes, I will take credit for that victory as well!

However, this is not a traditional goodbye letter because I am not focused on the past, but the future. And the future is bright. As a community, we have a lot to look forward to:

- ▶ Dynamic development on Howard Street and St. Paul Street, along with the ever evolving 25th Street Station.
- ► The new school year which offers an influx of eager undergraduates into our neighborhood who are willing to lend a helping hand to local greening projects and safety initiatives.
- ► A new CVCA President, who will continue to advocate for Charles Village at City Council meetings and other organizations who want to impose their ideas on our community.
- ► And of course, the return of the Ravens who have many new team members, but the same winning attitude.

But the true reason for my optimistic view is because my family has dramatically changed in the last month with the addition of our son, John Carroll McLane. My husband John and I were blessed with this little ball of magic on August 9, when an 8 pound, 20 inch, full head of black hair baby boy, was placed in our arms by his brave birth mother. Although he was born under the blazing hot sun of Arizona, he will be raised in Baltimore and taught to love his neighbors, and give back to the community that will raise him. Jack, as



Patty McLane with Jack at Diamondback/O's game in Phoenix.

NOMINATIONS FOR CVCA BOARD, 2013–14

Election on September 25 Nominating Committee—

John Spurrier, Chair: Jennifer Burdick, Dawna Cobb, Jennifer Erickson and Patty McLane

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we shall call him in honor of my husband's late father, symbolizes the future of Charles Village, as do all babies, in that our community continues to regenerate itself and bring new life, ideas, and energy to us all.

Now, to answer some burning questions...Jack is already a certified O's fan. in fact, he attended a Diamondback/ O's game in Phoenix when he was a mere five days old. Jack will also cheer for the Ravens, and of course, just like his Daddy, he will be the biggest (albeit, physically, the littlest) Terp fan at Maryland football tailgates this season. We can't wait to introduce him to all of you, and we hope to continue to make great friends here, as we have since moving here seven years ago.

Goodbye for now, Charles Villagers, but I will be back!

Connect to Neighbors with Nextdoor

The Charles Village neighborhood has joined Nextdoor— a private social network for Charles Village neighbors to connect with the Charles Village community. Thousands of neighborhoods across America are using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home. In Greater Charles Village, Old Goucher, Abell, Harwood and Remington are on Nextdoor.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a house break-in, water main break, fallen tree, emergency on the block
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Spread the word about community meetings
 - ► Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog or cat.
- ► Learn to call that nice person down the street by their first name instead of just remembering their dog's name.

Nextdoor's Mission is to spread a sense of community through the neighborhood. Nextdoor is geography/address driven.

To join NEXTDOOR visit: www.nextdoor.com/

Join a Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol Group...

Walk with Northern District Police's Charles Village Foot Patrol Officer, William O'Donnell.

Charles Village Central Walks

First Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at 26th & Charles Streets.

Charles Village West Walks

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meet at 27th & Howard Streets.

Abell Improvement Association Walks

Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Meet at the Abell Open Space on 32nd Street.

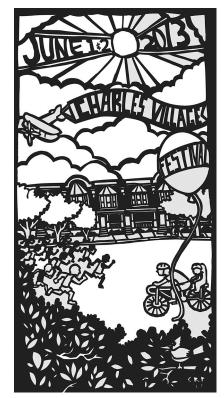
Old Goucher Anti-Prostitution Walks

Second & Fourth Saturdays (new) at Midnight. Meet at 11:50 p.m. at 2434 St. Paul Street.

Charles Village North Walks

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Meet at 31st & Charles Streets. Hosted by JHU Security.

Thanks to Many Dedicated & Generous Festival '13 Volunteers



Many thanks to Ryan Patterson for a great Charles Village Festival '13 art to promote the Festival in The Charles Villager and on the 5K Race t-shirts.

Due to Charles Street reconstruction, the Charles Village Festival '13 moved to the west side of Wyman Park Dell along North Howard Street and 29th Street. I hope everyone enjoyed the slightly different venue. We will likely have Festival '14 on the west side again. My very personal thanks to Ed Markowski, Brad Erickson and Jeff Millard for their assistance with setting up the vendor spaces at the Festival site early Saturday morning—their help was invaluable, and to Patrick May for doing anything that needed to be done the day before the Festival. My sincerest thanks to the Charles Village Festival Organizing Committee, Friends of Wyman Park Dell, Village Learning Place, Charles Village Recreation League, CVCA and to all of the volunteers who made Festival '13 so successful. Special thanks go to Kathy Pinto and Jeanne Knight for their second year as co-chairs of the Garden Walk. Thanks, as well, to John Fink and Ed Hargadon for a very successful 5K Run and Kids Fun Run and to JHU's Jennifer Mielke and JHU Track Coach Bobby Van Allen for their assistance arranging for race events on and through the JHU Homewood Campus for the third time. Thanks also to Bob Welch for a great selection of beer and wine, to Jim Jones for bringing us great music from aspiring rock star teenagers to established local musicians and the U.S. Navy's country band, and to Rich and Susan Walther for coordinating the volunteers and doing anything else that was needed. Please consider joining the corps of volunteers for Festival '14.

Please remember to support our Festival '13 Sponsors— Johns Hopkins University, MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, Eddie's Market Charles Village, Giant, Safeway, PNC Bank, Barnes & Noble Johns Hopkins, FutureCare, GreenHouse and 32nd Street Farmers Market, as well as media sponsors WYPR–88.1 and City Paper. Also, a huge thank you to Veolia for donating a shuttle bus and driver to transport patrons of the Garden Walk around the neighborhood and to the Festival site. The generosity of these sponsors is essential for making the Charles Village Festival possible every year. I also want to thank Melody Often from Artist & Craftsman Supply for contributing her face-painting skills and supplies to the Village Learning Place activities in the Lower Dell.

Finally, I need to thank Ron Schultz and Martin Kramer, who are "retiring" after many years of service posting the signs for the free Festival Parking lot (Hint – we are looking for a volunteer to do this next year). Every year, I would e-mail Ron and Martin and the signs would magically appear. I'm not sure if I had ever met either of them in person, but the day before the Festival this year, I found them as they were placing the "ceremonial last sign" at the corner of 29th and Maryland. Ron and Martin—thanks again for your contributions to the Charles Village Festival!

—John McLane, Chair, Charles Village Festival '13

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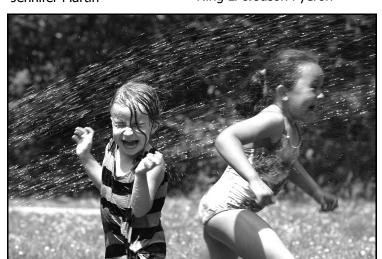
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During Festival '13, kids enjoyed activities in the lower Dell with the Village Learning Place, Greater Schools Charles Village and Village Parents.

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Summer time exploring the world.

If you have ever dreamed of crossing the Atlantic on a luxury ocean liner, checkout 31st Street's Lisa Simeone's description of her trip on the magnificent, fabled, uber-glamorous Queen Mary 2, a crossing that takes 7 days. Check out her column in Style magazinewww.baltimorestyle.com/ index.php/style/glamour girl/ glamour girl goes to france -on_the_qm2/. Lisa and her husband, Tim Munn then flew to France where they toured Brittany and Paris. Brad and Jennifer Erickson traveled to China where they visited Shanghai, Hong Kong and Macao. "Wow" says Jennifer, who recommends these destinations to anyone who visits China. Jennifer Burdick just returned from Churchill, Manitoba, up in the tundra on Hudson Bay. She had encounters with polar bears and beluga whales. My family and I just returned from a trip to Macedonia and Greece. More on those travels in the next issue.

Condolences to **Darlene Gordon** whose mom passed away earlier this summer. Married to **Jerry Gordon**, owner of Eddies, Darlene is that cheerful dark-haired lady who is often at the front counter during the day. Jerry is busy on a multi-phase renovation of Eddie's Market. The first phase includes a new awning with interior improvements— floors and food cases—during August. The Abell Improvement Association (AIA) selected Jerry as its "Neighborhood Father of the Year."

Speaking of neighborhood parents, the Mayor's Office selected **Jo Ann Robinson**, representing Abell (AIA) and **Beth Bullamore** for Charles Village (CVCA) as a "Top Neighborhood Mom." Congratulations Jo Ann and Beth, our 2014 winning moms!

Congratulations to Guilford Avenue resident, Halle Van der Gaag, Blue Water Baltimore CEO, as she received a Baltimore Brava! Award. From BWB's blog: "SmartCEO gives the Brava! Award to a select group of women who "are exemplary leaders of their companies and in the community who encourage local philanthropy, mentor fellow CEOs and set their companies on a path to tremendous growth." Halle was nominated for the award in part for her work managing the successful merger of five local watershed organizations to create Blue Water Baltimore— a logistical and organizational challenge that proved to be no small feat. At the same time, Halle increased Blue Water Baltimore's revenue, helped the organization achieve major restoration and legislative successes and developed innovative clean water programs to improve Baltimore communities and educate local citizens. Of the 25 awardees, Halle was the only one representing an environmental organization." Great work Halle! I am proud to be a Blue Water Baltimore Board Member.

Abell Avenue's Jenny Harbold reports that daughter number one, Caitlin Harbold, has moved to the California desert to be with her Marine boyfriend who is stationed there. She will wwork as an event planner in Palm Springs in the fall. Being a smart girl, Caitlin came home for 3 weeks, however, to take advantage of her mom's insurance before turning 26 so she could get her tonsils out, noting "Other than the horrible pain, this has been really fun, Mom." Caitlin confirms that 115 degrees in the dry desert is more comfortable than 90 and high humidity in Baltimore. Yes, it's not the heat; it's the humidity! I recently ran into another Abell resident, Annie Applegarth, who is the Director of Baltimore's Office of Promotion and Arts and is currently working at the Cloisters, a city-owned gem of a castle on Falls Road in the County. If you are looking for a terrific party venue, check out this lovely place. cloisterscastle.com.

Guilford Avenue resident, Maya **Kosok**, has worked closely with the Baltimore Farm Alliance. Our class also visited Chesapeake Compost, the brainchild of another Guilford Avenue, resident, Vinnie Bevivino. Vinnie's nothing-short-of-amazing composting facility is in Curtis Bay. Situated in a 54,000 square foot warehouse, the facility accepts food scraps from all over the Baltimore metro area. The scraps are combined with leaves and woodchips and cured into an incredibly rich compost. You can purchase this rich compost or a mixture of top soil and compost, which is perfect for your garden, at the close by Mill Valley Garden Center at 28th & Sisson Streets or at the Curtis Bay facility, which is worth the visit. The size and scale of the warehouse is impressive—the second largest building in Baltimore. Only Sparrows Point is larger. For more information, go to www.chesapeakecompost.com/. Check out the video on the website about landfills and the benefits of composting. Our class was impressed with Vinnie's entrepreneurial spirit. For me, our visit was one of the highlights of the class.

Summer is also a time to take in music both indoors and out. St Paul Street resident, Nick Jewett is playing guitar in the musical Hair with Still Pointe Theatre Company at the Strand Theatre every weekend in August. Allison and Nick are major Phish fans. They were lucky to see both Phish concerts at Merriweather Post Pavilion on July 13 & 14. This was Allison's 11th Phish show and Nick's 4th. Allison also went to the Firefly Music Festival with East Carolina University college friends in Dover, DE, June 21-23. Acts included Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Red Hot Chile Peppers, Ben Harper, MGMT, Of Monsters and Men, the Avett Brothers and more.

I spent June taking a MICA course Baltimore Urban Farming. Our class,

comprising six 21-year old art students and me, spent mornings visiting and working on a variety of farms. For all the years that I drove up Calvert Street, I never noticed the little farm tucked away on the 1800 block—three acres of vegetables, berry bushes, flowers and chickens! This urban farm is appropriately named Hidden Harvest. Learn more about Baltimore's urban farms at www.farmalliancebaltimore.org. There are so many urban farms and all are different and beautiful. Many if not all of them endeavor to make their produce available in neighborhoods often referred to as *food deserts*. I learned this is not the favored term among the urban food movement, which prefers the description *food swamp*.

My favorite summer veggie recipe... Cold Cucumber Soup

from the orig. Moosewood Cookbook 4 cups peeled, seeded and chopped cucumber (about 4 cukes) 2 cups water 2 cups plain yogurt 1 clove garlic Several fresh mint leaves 1 tablespoon honey Optional 1 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon dill weed (or fresh dill) Chopped scallions or chives Puree everything in the blender except the scallions. Use scallions for garnish. Some folks grate some of the cucumbers and puree the rest, depending on your preferences for texture.

On August 3, at the Jefferson Patterson State Park in Calvert County, 2700 block St. Paul Street residents Alexandra Hoffman and Mark Grzanna were married. Alex, a Community Planner with the Baltimore City Planning Department, and Mark, a physical therapist, who are both working on Masters degrees, planned their summer wedding to allow for a honeymoon in Scandinavia before returning for the Fall semester. Family and friends gathered for the late Saturday afternoon wedding vows under trees near the large park pavilion set for a casual reception. The crowd feasted on barbecue and crabs and danced. Most appropriately, the wedding cakes were four delicious variations of the multilayered Smith Island cake. Attending with Charles Village connections were the BMA Director and St. Paul Street resident Doreen Bolger, Guilford Avenue's **Sandy Sparks** and former 26th Street residents Al and Ginny Barry.

Campaign Consultation, Inc. offices grew beyond the capacity of its Charles Village home in two 2800 block St. Paul Street rowhouses. Recently, owners **Steve and Linda Rivelis** expanded their Baltimore operation (also in Austin TX) to 1001 N. Calvert Street in Mount Vernon, where they rescued a grand but derelict corner residence building. Inside Charles Villagers would immediately recognize the vivid colors and bold contemporary office design. Since 1988, Campaign consultation works with individuals and organizations from local to international

on community development, fundraising, diversity, advocacy, public policy, media and marketing.

Guilford Avenue correspondent, **Dana Moore**, came through big time after I sent around a few e-mails looking for neighborhood news. She reports that after 45 years the Jesuits have sold the Wheeler House, located at the corner of Guilford Avenue and 31st Street. Dana reports that there was a vigorous bidding war over the property. After observing a trial of someone who'd committed a crime in Charles Village, Steve Gewirtz's wife, Janet, also of the 3000 block Guilford Avenue, was hit by a tour bus while crossing the street in Downtwon Baltimore. Janet will be okay in time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Vineyard Lane's **Tweefie Millspaugh**, a space opposite **The Book Thing** that was once filled with trash is becoming a garden. Want to help with the garden? Tweefie has set up a Facebook page. Search *Vineyard Reading Garden* for information about work days.

Thanks to another reliable correspondent, St. Paul Street resident, Allison Korycki, I learned that Corey Zook and Jayne Levinson, who have lived above Donna's Restaurant for three years are departing for Hampden. We wish them well! I wonder if they were the folks who put a bunch of free stuff on the sidewalk near Donna's. I picked up a free yoga mat. It will go to good use; my husband is taking yoga class for inflexible men (aka Stiff Guy Yoga-yes, that is the name of the class) at Yoga on York and needed a mat!

Calling all knitters... weavers, crocheters and fiber artists! Charles Village is home to Neighborhood Fiber located at 13 W. 25th Street. Owner Karida Collins' hand-dyes yarns in fabulously rich and vibrant one-of-akind colors are inspired by the natural beauty of the urban landscapes where she has lived. The shop is open the second Sunday of the month, from 1 to 5 pm or by appointment. She started dying yarn in the basement apartment in the LeDetorit Park neighborhood in Washington, D.C. Lucky for us, Karida has relocated to Baltimore to live among other artists. Check out Neighborhood Fiber on Facebook.

Remember that the Painted Ladies contest is in full swing. It is not too late to paint your house and enter the contest. See page 12 for details. An application can be found on the Charles Village Benefits District website at www.charlesvillage.org.

Send news to dawnacobb@gmail.com or 2943 N. Charles Street, Baltimore 21218.





CVCA hosted the 30th Annual National Night Out Against Crime on August 5 in a new location, the front lawn of SS. Philip & James Church at the corner of N. Charles and 29th Streets. With support from the Mayor's Office, CVCBD Safety and Sanitation teams, Northern District Police Department, JHU Security, the evening was a great success. Residents and the area restaurants American Wings & Pizza, Meet 27 Cafe/Sweet 27 Rest, Seena Liquors, Tamber's Restaurants and YUM's Asian Bistro generously contributed food and beverages. CVCBD Safety Coordinator Latonya Brooks, CVCA Volunteers Sharon Guida, Jennifer Erickson and Reggie Parker with enthusiastic support from SS. Philip & James Church Office Manager Dee Dee Parker, organized and ran the event. And a very special thank you to James Anthony, Sr., Knights of Columbus, and Rev. David Mott, O.P., Pastoral Administrator, for allowing CVCA to use the lovely church lawn.

CVCBD Celebrates National Night Out at Three Neighborhood Sites

About 400 residents from three neighborhood associations in the greater Charles Village area— Harwood Community Association, Old Goucher Community Association and the Charles Village Civic Association—participated in National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday evening, August 6. The annual event helps strengthen the neighborhood, prevent crime and develop partnerships with neighbors and City officials. The three neighborhood sites were Harwood Community at the 400 block Lorraine & Barclay Street, Old Goucher Community at the Calvert Street Park and CVCA in the 29th & N. Charles Street corner lawn of SS. Phillip &

Northern District Police, Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, The State's Attorney's Office and Representatives from the Mayor's Office came to speak with the public in support of the event. Kids got their faces painted while their parents enjoyed the wide variety of food at each site. Many residents had the opportunity to become more familiar with the opportunities their neighborhood associations offer.

The CVCBD served as a support for all three locations providing hamburgers, hotdogs, charcoal and BBQ grills—setting up and collecting trash. Clean team members staffed grills at two locations. National Night out was a success and CVCBD would like to thank everyone involved. —Olivia Gutherie, CVCBD

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6:00 PM— Registration

Voters must have proper photo identification for proof of their residency in the quad in which they are voting.

6:30 PM— Meeting and speeches.

Candidates standing for election in each quad will speak for a few minutes about their qualifications and goals for the Benefits District if elected. They will then take questions from the floor. The four quad representatives will become members of the CVCBD Board of Directors for one year beginning January 1, 2014.

CitiWatch Surveillance Cameras Update

In July CVCBD signed a contract with Tel-Tector of Maryland, a nationally recognized leader in providing integrated security systems, to install 8 (perhaps 9 if funding permits) state-of-the-art surveillance cameras in high crime neighborhoods in the greater Charles Village area. Installation of the cameras and other equipment should begin at the end of August or early September. CVCBD will turn over its cameras to CitiWatch which will be responsible for monitoring 24 hours a day/7 days a week and maintaining the equipment at no extra cost to the District.

CitiWatch, Baltimore's camera security program began in 2006. CitiWatch now monitors over 600 cameras city-wide and provides law enforcement officers and prosecutors with real-time, court-standard video to ensure the speedy apprehension and prosecution of defendants. The program has proven to be very successful.

CitiWatch already monitors and maintains about 40 cameras in the greater Charles Village area. However, there are numerous gaps in this local system particularly in the southern part of the CVCBD. With a grant of \$132,000 from the Abell Foundation, the Benefits District was able to purchase eight cameras to start filling these gaps. The CVCBD has requested funding from several sources to add a ninth camera. These additional cameras will be located mostly in the south eastern part of the district. Meanwhile, the CVCBD has submitted a grant proposal to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for \$255,000 to purchase and install up to 15 additional cameras mostly in the south western part.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director



 ${\it Under new contract CVCBD Sanitation Staff maintain the CSX fence green spaces.} \ .$

CVCBD Renews CSX Mowing Contract

On July 12, CSX renewed its contract with the Benefits District to have the CVCBD mow the grass and cut the vines along the CSX 26th Street fence line. The old CSX-CVCBD contract had lapsed at the end of September 2012. The new one is for 18 months through December 2014.

In order to not interfere with regular services to residents, CVCBD sanitation staff will do this work after hours during the week and on weekends. Due to neglect and heavy rains in early July, all the CSX green spaces on 26th Street were very overgrown. It took almost three weeks to make the CSX fence line look acceptable again. As of mid-August, all the greenspaces have been mowed and trimmed at least twice. The CVCBD will attend to each of the spaces about every two weeks weather permitting. The pictures show the CVCBD clean team at work in mid-July on different parts of the CSX fence line.



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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

VLP Expands Activities at CV Festival

The Village Learning Place returned to the lower lawn of Wyman Park Dell to expand activities for children at the Charles Village Festival '13. Children of all ages enjoyed face painting, crafts, carnival games, and the popular Moon Bounce.

On Saturday afternoon, David London, a talented magician, captured the audience with his unique enchanting form of storytelling. Thanks to the Friends of Wyman Park Dell for sponsoring David London's performance. At our face painting station, the VLP enlisted Artists and Craftsman's Melody Often. Melony spent over four straight hours, transforming tiny tots' faces into canvasses for her amazing talent.

Although the Moon Bounce, face painting and a magic show were all very enticing for the little ones, they so enjoyed the simple carnival games. Many of the children spent hours on end playing ring and bean bag toss, and our fan-favorite prize wheel. The kids were fully engaged in activities that had nothing to with technology! They were simply having active fun.

To expand activities in the lower Dell, the VLP was joined by The Village Parents, Zoe Johnston-Stewart, and a group of graduate students from Johns Hopkins University. With their extra support and collaboration, there was something for every child to do. The Village Parents upped the ante on Saturday afternoon with some classic potato sack and three-legged races. Zoe and the JHU students supervised some unique, fun crafts for everyone.

Sunday afternoon was whole other scene. With the heat and threatening rain, we did not expect to have many visitors. However, during the entire day, all activities in the lower dell, were more than well attended. Overall, we had a wonderful weekend putting smiles on many children's faces. Our volunteers were dedicated and motivated, ensuring that the entire children's activities area was a well-oiled machine. We are all excited to do it all over again, next year!

— Nhandi Singleton, Development and Communications Coordinator

LINK Summer: Young Explorer's Paradise

VLP's LINK Summer students attained the name, LINK Summer Explorers, after spending their entire vacation with hands-on learning experience. Due to the success of our summer GiveCorps campaign, the VLP sent our students on a new adventure, almost every Friday of the program. The learning-seekers went to the Baltimore Museum of Art, Oregon Ridge Nature Center, the Chesapeake Bay and Washington D.C. While on these trips, our students got to experience people, places, and things that they may not have seen before. The glory of it all, is that many of them did not recognize that these were sources of learning, because they had so much fun.

After each trip, students eagerly shared their learning experiences with their families. This is exactly our goal— excitement about learning new things. The LINK Summer mission to prevent summer learning loss was accomplished. We thank all supporters, volunteers, teachers and staff members for making this LINK Summer an apparent success. —*Nhandi Singleton*

Charles Village can't escape the marathon. Here's a great excuse to get together...



1st Annual Captive Village Pancake Breakfast
October 12 (Marathon Saturday) from 7:30 to 11 AM
29th Street Community Center

\$5 for adults. \$3 for 12 & under. Free for 3 & under. Interested in helping out? Please contact Steph Cosgrove at cozgrovian@gmail.com or 443.759.5686.

VLP Calendar

2nd Wednesdays at the VLP— 2nd Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm
This series features performances, lectures, cultural enrichment and the opportunity to converse with like-minded neighbors and friends each month.
September 11— Street Food of Italy, Donna Crivello, Donna's Restaurants
October 8— Frank Januzzi, Dep. Exec. Director, Amnesty International USA
November 13— Time Travel with Emily Dickinson, one-woman play, written and performed by MiMi Zannino

Adult Education— *Mondays* 10 am - 12 pm and 5:30 - 7:30 pm A place to ask questions and to work toward your goals with one-on-one assistance.

Senior Tea— 2nd Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon
Seniors are invited for free performances and presentations. Coffee, tea and refreshments served.

Tots Tuesdays— 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am Toddlers & preschoolers, parents & caregivers, join us for stories, crafts and songs!

Pre-Registration and Orientation for LINK After School:

Pre-Registration for Priority Students: August 26 Pre-Registration for returning LINK Students: August 28 Pre-Registration open for all: September 3 Orientations: September 9, 6 pm at VLP Library September 11, 3pm at Margaret Brent cafeteria







Tour Your Neighborhood School

Both under new leadership this year, Barclay and Margaret Brent have updated tours that include an opportunity to meet the new principals and learn about curriculum updates and other exciting changes they are planning for their schools, tour the facilities upgrades that have been provided by Johns Hopkins, and meet teachers. Join us on one of the following dates:

Barclay Tours

Tuesday, October 15th, 8:30-10am Thursday, November 14th, 5-7pm

Margaret Brent Tours

Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:30-10am Tuesday, November 19th, 3:30-5pm

Find more details at www.greatschoolscharlesvillage.org.

Street Community Center

AGES FOR ALL

Drop-in basketball games. Mondays 17 years old and up, and Wednesdays 16 years & under are invited to play.

Days/Times: Mondays (17 and up) and Wednesdays (16 and under) 6–7:30 (Ongoing) Cost: FREE

Table Tennis

Ages: All welcome Cost: FREE A chance for table tennis enthusiasts to meet, learn the sport, and play. **Days/Times:** Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am—12:00pm (10 weeks) **Instructor:** Rolando Demen, (443) 654-2744, djcaznyc@gmail.com

29th Street Yoga

This yoga class provides a gentle practice appropriate for all levels. Each class will emphasize proper alignment, movement, and breath work.

Days/Times: Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm (10 weeks)

Ages: All; kids under 12 with adult; under 18 need signed release

Instructor: Robyn Boettner, certified Integrative Yoga Teacher (443) 854-4257, rmboettner@hotmail.com

Intermediate, and Advanced Drawing for Beginners,

drawing approaches, from the realistic to the abstract. Special attention will be given to the area of portraiture. Beginners will be introduced to the basics of drawing, including exercises that appeal to both its technical and creative components. Intermediate and advanced students will receive This class will focus on a variety of

individualized instruction as they work to improve and refine their skills

Ages: 12 and up **Cost:** \$110 (includes models + supplies Instructor: Lucia Siam, (410) 404-3587, AEArtDealer@aol.com Days/Times: Tuesdays 3:00-5:30pm (10 weeks)

kshop 410 Krump Dance Worl

Join Krump dancer Dizzy and Renee to learn how it's done! Days/ Times: Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm (Ongoing)

Ages: 10 and up **Cost:** FREE 961-2277, or Renee Dutton, (443) 881-6122 **Instructor:** Antonio Henry, (410)

ALC Computer Classes

ng about computer parts, exploring Internet search options, checking today's headlines, Build your computer skills by learni and searching for a job.

Ages: 18 and up **Cost:** \$10

Instructor: Kimi Lillig, (410)261-3519, klillig@greaterhomewood.org Days/ Times: Days TBA (6 weeks)

Full hour of line dancing! When you are done you will be smiling and laughing and running to tell your friends and family To The Point

Ages: 18 and up Cost: \$5.00 per class about your experience. For \$5.00 you would think that you just had a full workout 7:00pm (10 weeks) Days/Times: Wednesdays 6:00-

662-5759, tjohnson@jhsph.edu Instructor: Tonya Johnson, (410)

Dance & Bmore Forever, Fit & Fun

levels are welcome and the moves are modified for those who enjoy grooving in their seats and those who love to dance **Days/ Times:** 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month 1:00—2:30pm **Age:** 55 years and up **Instructor:** Cl Philip, (410) 871-8322, danceandbmore@gmail.com ₹ This dance class combines great music, movement and games to keep you active and smiling at every stage of life.

Fall Programs start Monday, September 9. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and it's Easy!

To register for programs, please contact the instructor listed directly, using the email address or phone number listed. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions? Contact Hannah Gardi at hgardi@greaterhomewood.org or 443-213-0394

FOR KIDS

Sing-Along Playgroup

The Sing-Along Playgroup is a fun group for parents and caregivers to bring their little ones for play, sing-along, snacks, and community.

Ages: Infant—Preschool **Days/Times:** Mondays 10:00am-12:00pm (Ongoing) **Coordinator:** Odette Ramos, (443) 801-8137, odette@odetteramos.com

Bryce Hollander, rustydaisies@gmail.com

Thursday Free Play

Ages: Infant – Preschool Because Waverly Library is closing and the Thursday Mother Goose program will no longer be in the area, Free Play allows for participants to have a place to play on Thursdays. An informal gathering and toys are available.

Coordinator: Odette Ramos, (443) 801-8137, odette@odetteramos.com Days/ Times: Thursdays 10:30-11:30am (Ongoing)

Creative Messes - Toddler Art

Toddlers will be introduced to basic art making techniques such as painting, sculpting with clay, tearing, cutting, gluing, and

stringing beads. Students will strengthen small motor skills while having fun exploring a range of materials.

Days/Times: Saturdays 9:30-10:30am (10 weeks)

Ages: 2-4

Instructor: Anne Stiebing, (410) 404-3587, AEArtDealer@aol.com

Cost: \$75

Xpressive4Ever Dance

Cost: \$5 Donation recommended per class

Develop your unique identity and build skills that will benefit you a lifetime though contemporary jazz, hip hop, ballet, modern, and West African dance taught by professional dancers with over 15 years of experience. **Days/Times:** Mondays 4:00-5:00pm (5-8yrs) and 5:00-6:00pm (8yrs and up) (10 weeks) **Instructor:** Angela Koukoui, (443) 208-0941, Xpressive4ever@yahoo.com

Cost: \$3 per session or \$30 for 10 weeks

Baltimore Suzuki-BTEC Music Lessons

Students learn how to play an instrument using a collaborative, progression-based curriculum, collaboration with other students, elements of musicianship, performance, and music history. Lessons are available for violin, cello, and piano.

Days/Times: Wednesdays 2:30-7:00pm (45 minute sessions) (12 weeks)

Ages: K-8th Grade Instructor: Kelly AJ Powers, (410) 215-2269, baltimoresuzuki@gmail.com

Cost: \$120 (includes instrument & recital

Seido Karate

Seido Karate is a traditional Japanese style of martial arts that develops in each student a 'non-quitting' spirit. No matter what the obstacle or difficulty, we want students to feel that they will never be overcome by any of these problems. **Days/Times:** Mondays 2:30–3:45pm (8 weeks) - Starts Sept 16th

Cost: \$150 (\$30 uniform if needed) Instructor: Karen Pamfilis, (410) 337.9117, pamfiliskarate@verizon.net

Introduction to conflict prevention-focused martial arts. The students' capacity to negotiate interpersonal conflicts in their lives is transformed as they use their whole bodies and minds to dialogue with one another.

Bmore Wisdom Martial Arts Violence Prevention: The Wise Warriors

Days/Times: Tuesdays 3:00-5:30pm (10 weeks)
Instructor: Gabe Pickus, (630) 430-8066, Pickus.gabriel@gmail.com

Cost: \$150 (sliding scale & scholarships available)

CREATES, Robotics Club 5

Students will learn how to design, build, program and compete with their own robotics. This is a great opportunity for any student interested in hands-on experience or expanding an understanding of science, technology and engineering.

Days/Times: Days TBA 2:30-6:00pm (Ongoing)

Ages: 11-18

Instructor: Tyler Block, (410) 516-5785, robotics.coordinator@jhu.edu

Cost: FREE

Finding the U from within

Ages: 11-18 Cost: FREE An opportunity for teenage girls to come together, bond, and learn from one another. **Days/Times:** Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm (9 weeks) - Starts Sept 19th **Instructor:** Sabrina Bond, (410) 889-2911, bondbond1968@yahoo.com

Tree Benefits, continued from page 1

Mulching Trees

Mulching your tree with shredded leaves, compost, woodchips or commercial mulch will help maintain moisture to the roots. Mulch also keeps soil temperatures lower to benefit roots. Consider organizing a mulching party with residents on your block to weed and re-mulch trees. It's an easy activity that can be done for free if you contact TreeBaltimore for mulch.

Pruning Trees

Most pruning chores should be postponed until winter. The exception would be any broken or diseased branches throughout the canopy or sucker growth at the base of trees. During the winter, when a tree's above-ground growth is dormant, it's easier to see branch structure. It allows for the type of pruning that helps to thin canopy by artfully removing crossed and competing branches. Also, winter pruning is less taxing on a tree's resources. Remember to prune no more than 25 percent of the canopy at one time and to cut within a quarter-inch of the next growth point; avoid leaving a dead stub. See the drawing on page 1 for the proper cut for removing tree branches. And always prune only what you can reach from the ground. Leave the ladder and climbing work to professionals!

TreeBaltimore Program

TreeBaltimore is a program of the Forestry Division in the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. City Forestry has a great deal of mulch available now from mature trees that fell from storms we had last year. Tree waste is ground up and turned regularly to create a product closely resembling commercially made mulch. Available for community mulching parties and public plantings, Forestry's mulch can be delivered by contacting Charlie Murphy at Charlie.murphy@baltimorecity.gov or by asking to be connected to TreeBaltimore at 410.396.6109. Be sure to identify an easily accessed drop site before you call.

Charles Village Tree Stewards

Charles Village is blessed with a high percentage of tree canopy compared to some city neighborhoods. The words *tree-lined streets* regularly pop up in real estate ads as a desirable amenity for prospective buyers and renters. It's no secret that the care of these "living public utilities" is important to the quality of life in Charles Village.

Leading the way in the care of street trees is the Charles Village Tree Stewards, led by Peter Duvall. Peter reports that the Tree Stewards, along with other hardy volunteers, opened nearly 40 new tree pits this year and planted 40 trees this

spring. This fall, the group will plant 50 young street trees throughout the community. Next spring, plans call for another 25 tree wells to be created. Charles Village is very lucky to have such a dedicated group of tree stewards. Consider volunteering with them this fall. You'll learn a lot and feel good about being part of protecting and enhancing the Charles Village tree canopy. To volunteer, contact Peter at pwduvall@yahoo.com.



Baltimore TreeKeepers

Encouraging more residents to become tree stewards in their neighborhoods and throughout the city is a focus of the new TreeKeepers program. This free city-wide program includes several layers and types of training ranging from the purely educational to hands-on training. The Baltimore Tree Trust handles program administration and registration. See announcement below for Fall Class Schedule.

TreeKeepers is a partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' TreeBaltimore program, the Baltimore Tree Trust, and the Baltimore City Forestry Board with assistance from the Department of Planning's Office of Sustainability, Baltimore Green Space, Blue Water Baltimore, the Parks & People Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service. TreeKeepers volunteer for tree plantings in City parks, along streams, and in neighborhoods across the city. They join Baltimore Green Space and neighborhood forest patch stewards to help with tree identification and invasive plant species control.

This fall, with TreeBaltimore, Tree Stewards will learn how to use the geographical positioning system (GPS) to document the location of newly planted trees. This will enable Baltimore City to better track the wonderful efforts of everyone to increase the tree canopy city-wide. Maps produced as a result will be available for all groups to use for reporting purposes.

Once in awhile, TreeKeepers put down their tools to lift a mug at gatherings of Tree Beers— a word of mouth event held at different watering holes throughout the city! So if you care about trees, or are just curious about trees, join like-minded people and become a Baltimore TreeKeeper.

—Amanda Cunningham, ISA Certified Arborist, Executive Director, Baltimore Tree Trust, and Baltimore City Forestry Board Member



Register now for classes www.baltimoretreetrust.org

TreeKeepers Fall Class Schedule

101— Trees & Baltimore

Saturday, September 14, 9 am— 1 pm Patterson Park Public Charter School, 2726 E. Baltimore Street

102 — Science of Trees

Thursday, September 26, 6 pm— 9 pm Patterson Park Public Charter School, 2726 E. Baltimore Street

<u>TreeKeepers</u> promotes healthy trees by educating residents and increasing their role in the care of the City's trees. Through this training, citizens can become tree advocates and share the responsibility to plant and care for trees in their neighborhood and throughout the City.

TreeKeepers includes several levels and types of classes, ranging from purely educational to hands-on training that will teach citizens to care for their trees and environment. Some of the hands-on training will allow citizens to perform work on public trees that requires a permit; these classes will have a "test of competency" to certify citizens to perform the work. Certified tree planters and pruners will be encouraged to work with TreeBaltimore partners assisting at spring and fall tree planting events.

<u>TreeKeepers</u> is being developed through a partnership among Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks' TreeBaltimore program, the Baltimore Tree Trust, and the Baltimore City Forestry Board with assistance from the Department of Planning's Office of Sustainability, Baltimore Green Space, Blue Water Baltimore, the Parks & People Foundation, and the U.S. Forest Service.

For more info contact Amanda Cunningham at 443.827.4201 or amanda@baltimoretreetrust.org



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Jennifer Burdick

The Baltimore Museum of Art *Morris Louis Unveiled*, collection of paintings, drawings, and prints that illuminate unknown aspects of Morris Louis's artistic sources. Henri Matisse, Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock are also included. Opening September 8.

Matisse's Marguerite: Model Daughter, features drawings, sculpture, and paintings of the artist's daughter Marguerite. It is a delight to see new pieces from the BMA collections. Opens September 18.

Bring the kids to the BMA on Sundays from 2–5 pm. There is always something fun to do.

The BMA is Free. Special exhibits may require a fee. General Info: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum Jacob Lawrence's Genesis Series -

These eight works reflect African American artist, Jacob Lawrence's youthful memories of passionate sermons about the creation given by ministers at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. On loan from Eddie and Sylvia Brown's Baltimore collection. September 14–December 8.

Egypt's Mysterious Book of the Faiyum— The Book of the Faiyum is an exquisitely illustrated papyrus from Greco-Roman Egypt. One of the most intriguing ancient representations of a place ever found. For the first time in over 150 years major sections of the text separated between the Walters Art Museum and the Morgan Library & Museum will be reunited. October 6— January 5

Drop-in Art Activities for Families are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Walters is Free. Special Exhibits may require a fee. General Info: 410.547.9000 or www.thewalters.org



Henri Matisse. <u>Marguerite I</u>. 1945. Marguerite Matisse Duthuit Collection, BMA, 2010.

MICA and the ACLU of Maryland Constitution Day Symposium. Discussion on *Inequalities and Incarceration in America* hosted by Aaron Henkin, featuring *The Wire's* David Simon, social innovator Susan Burton, and artist and activist, Ashley Hunt. At the Brown Center's Falvey Hall, 1301 W. Mount Royal Avenue. Tuesday, September 17, 7–9 pm. The tickets are free but go fast.

Center Stage, 700 North Calvert Street, Opens season with Kaufman and Ryskind's Animal Crackers— a toetapping, knee-slapping Marx Brothers classic in a new revival. A local favorite, Bruce Nelson shines as Groucho Marx. September 4—October 13. Following will be Dance of the Holy Ghosts: a play on memory by Marcus Gardley and directed by Center Stage's own Kwame Kwei-Armah. A poetic family drama set in the key of Blues— a memory-scape skipping seamlessly

across the decades. October 7– November 17. Tix: 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org.

Everyman Theater, 315 W. Fayette Street. The first production of the seson is an American Classic, Tennessee William's *The Glass Menagerie*. One of the most compelling and heartbreaking stories ever told. September 4–29. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory presents a Season of Magic and Mayhem: *The Tempest* will be performed at The Great Hall Theater at St. Mary's, 3900 Roland Avenue. Tix at TheShakerspeareFactory.com or 410.921.WILL (9455)

Spotlighters Theater, 817 St. Paul Street. 52nd Season opens with Edward Albee's romp into the lives of George and Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* September 6–October 6. Tix: 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org

Vagabond Players, 806 S. Broadway in Fells Point, starts the season off with *The Misanthrope* by Moliere. In this elegant, modern staging of Moliere's dynamic satire, targeting love, hypocrisy and the society in which they flourish, the characters are witty and foolish, hilarious and real. A timeless classic that appeals to both the intellect and the funny bone. September 6–29. Call 410.563.9135 or www.vagabondplayers.org

Fells Point Corner Theatre, 251 S. Ann Street in Fells Point, begins the season with *Durang Durang* by Christopher Durang. A series of short plays that are twisted, dysfunctional, and irreverent will make you laugh and cry and then both love and hate

yourself for it. September 13–October 13. Tix: www.fpct.org or call 410.276.7837

The Strand Theatre, 1823 N. Charles Street, welcomes new Artistic Director, Elissa Goetschius. Elissa is a multidisciplinary artist with a strong focus on theatre and performance-based interactive installations. We look forward to learning about the new season.

Theatre Project, 45 W. Preston Street. Iron Crow Theater Company will present *Apartment 213*. Since the inaugural production, author/performer Joseph Ritsch has expanded the piece with new material, additional actors and an even closer look into the mind of Jeffrey Dahmer, serial killer and pop culture "monster." September 28–October 12. Tickets: 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

Baltimore Arena Players, 801 McCulloh Street. Since 1953, the oldest continually performing and historically African-American community theatre in the U.S. Langston Hughes' musical play **Tambourines to Glory** paints a picture of the African-American church experience in the early 60's Harlem. When store front churches dotted the inner-city landscape, two women find opening a church a means to rise above their dreary stations in life. Essie and Laura, with the help of a charming devil by the name of Buddy Lomax, and some trusting souls find redemption in their own ways. The music and mood of this production will have you singing along and clapping your hands as you join in the fun and sorrow of the Reed Sisters at Tambourines Temple. September 13-October 6 Tickets: 410.728.6500 or www.arenaplayersinc.com.

Pro Musica Rara opens its season of baroque music played on original instruments. Pro Musica Germania with Paul Leenhouts on the recorder for music from north of the Alps. At Towson University Center for the Arts. Sunday, October 13 at 3:30 pm.

The Bach Concert Series at Christ Lutheran Church Inner Harbor, 701 S. Charles Street, A performance of J.S. Bach's *Cantata 208* on October 6 at 4 pm. Tix: BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262.

For weekly updates subscribe to Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance listserv at www.baltimoreculture.org.

E-Mail info about new art venues and productions to: jennifer.burdick@verizon.net or call 410.467.5462.

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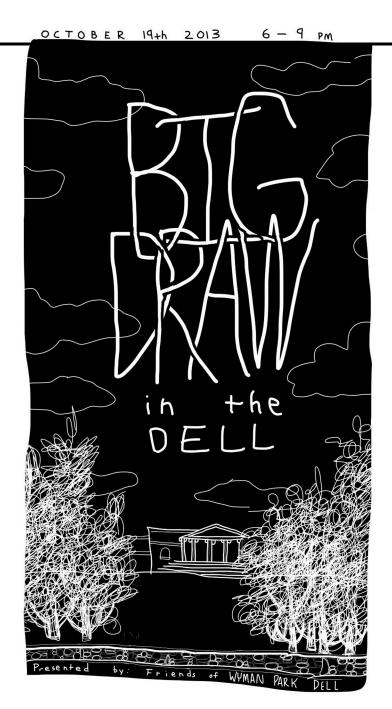
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Kip was one of the first homebuyers to go under contract with Telesis. He was attracted to the Energy Star rating and points out "that the energy costs for my house are less than one-fifth the nearly identical house next door. My house is also quieter. The new systems are much quieter. Between the new windows and the added insulation in the walls, I hear much less of what is going on outside."

The homebuyers are from near and wide. One family is from France and some of the homebuyers moved literally down the block. One couple, Carla and Christian bought last summer and have added a baby girl, Christa, to their household in July. They bought in North Calvert Green because

of the "strong sense of community". They are involved with the Old Goucher Community Association and love that so many people are involved in making the neighborhood better.

Many of the North Calvert Green homebuyers have gotten involved in the community in a variety of ways. Max and Jessica stepped up to chair the National Night Out event in the Calvert Street Park. Another couple, Joe and Rosemary have organized a monthly Spanish Club, which they started by reaching out to



This Energy Star kitchen in the 2200 block of North Calvert Street shows the quality of design and furnishings in the Telesis corporation's North Calvert Green development in the Old Goucher/Barclay neighborhoods.

neighbors on Nextdoor Old Goucher— a social media tool utilized by the neighborhood to communicate. Joe also helped Charles Village Tree Steward leader Peter Duvall with a tree planting effort earlier this summer in Old Goucher/Charles Village. This spring, the Charles Village Tree Stewards created 40 tree pits and planted more than 40 trees in the community.

North Calvert Green is under construction in the third phase of homeownership in the redevelopment with 15 homeownership units concentrated in the 2000 block of North Calvert Street, 300 blocks of 22nd and 23rd Street and 2232 Guilford Avenue. The 15 homes include a variety of floor plans and vary from 1,600 to 3,100 square feet with prices ranging

from \$175K to \$185K. Six of the 15 homes are under contract with homebuyers.

Please check www.northcalvertgreen.com for more information.

—Jenny Hope, Associate Project Manager,

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Or, pick them up at one of these offices: Charles Village Community Benefits District, 2434 St Paul Street
Or the Greater Homewood Community Corp., 3503 N. Charles Street



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RENEWAL & PICK-UP for

Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12/12A

All RPP permit *renewals* paid by credit card OR check PRIOR to October 17 will be available to pick up at both these outdoor distribution sites:

Saturday, October 19

YOU MUST BRING PHOTO ID!

Morning— WAVERLY FARMERS MARKET from 9 AM to Noon Table on 32nd Street by Barclay Street

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Afternoon— EDDIE'S MARKET from 1 to 4 PM

Register Online after September 20 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & Abell 12A Permits. After October 19, You MUST Go Downtown to City's Parking Authority Office to pick up your permit.

Table at 3117 St. Paul Street

Residents of Charles Village in the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12 (north of 29th Street, west of Hunter Street/alley) and 12A-Abell (north of 29th Street, east of Hunter Street/alley) must register and purchase their annual parking permits and visitors passes.

All current permits expire October 31. You must show proof of residency to ensure that participation in the program is limited to *residents only*. To be eligible for a Parking Permit and/or Visitors Pass, you must reside within the boundaries of the RPP area. Warning— A parking citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or visitor's pass in Area 12/12A is \$52 for each occurrence.

For general information about the RPP Program and its rules and regulations, go to:

http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/QuasiAgencies/ParkingAuthority/ResidentialParkingPermits.aspx

You can then access the RPP application site, general rules and regulations, step by step instructions (click on RPP Application site first to see step by step instructions), and Frequently Asked Questions. If you do not have online access, you may go to the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street, to use a computer in the library for applying online.

To renew your permit online, you can go directly to this secure site, https://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx

Required Documentation for RPP Registration

You must bring all current documentation when picking up your permits at either the Community Pick Up on October 19 or at the Parking Authority.

What you will need to provide for a permit:

- ► Current Maryland Vehicle Registration (Area 12/12A address is required unless you have a Maryland registration and are a full-time student with a current Student ID)
- ► One form of Proof of Residency, such as:
 - a. Current Lease signed by all parties that is not month to month (month to month leases require residents to come to the PABC office each month to renew permit)
 - b. Proof of home ownership (settlement papers)
 - c. Current driver's license that reflects your current address
 - d. Utility bill in your name, reflecting current address, that is no less than 30 days old
- e. Vehicle registration that reflects current RPP address
- ► Any Photo ID

In addition to the above, you may need more documentation:

► If vehicle is registered out of state in your name:

You must switch your vehicle over to Maryland before being permitted to purchase a Parking Permit Decal, unless you are a full-time student or a member of the military. Out-of-state students and military must purchase and present a Non-Resident Permit from the MVA before a permit/decal is released. The Non-Resident Permit or receipt for its purchase from MVA for the permit must be displayed to the Parking Authority or at your Community Pick-Up for the permit to be released.

► If vehicle registration is out of state but in someone else's name:

A current notarized letter is required each and every time you renew. The letter must be dated/signed no more than 6 months from the day of acquiring your permit.

- ► A Maryland Driver's License reflecting current address must be presented. If you don't have a Maryland Driver's License you are required to acquire a non-res permit
- ► Current vehicle registration

If vehicle is in state but registered in someone else's name:

► A current notarized letter from the vehicles owner granting you rights to drive this vehicle is required each and every time you renew. The letter must be dated/signed no more than 6 months from the day of acquiring your permit.

If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the City's RPP database and you do not have to re-enter your information. Use the same user name and password that you used last year. If you forgot your user name and/or password, call the Parking Authority at 443.573.2800 and staff will help you to do a password reset.

If this is your FIRST TIME applying for a parking permit, you MUST go downtown to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B to apply for and pick up your parking permit in person. The Parking Authority will provide you with validation to park for free in the garage above their office.

For additional details about RPP registration and renewal process, go to **www.charlesvillage.net.** You will find links to key portions of the Baltimore City RPP website and access step-by-step instructions on how to renew your permit.

Thanks to community volunteers, Eddie's Charles Village Market and the Waverly Farmers Market for making the RPP Community Pick-Up possible on October 19. Please show your kind appreciation for all their generous assistance. Thank you for being courteous throughout the registration process.

Volunteers from the community make it possible for the CVCA and AIA to continue the convenient distribution of the RPP permits in the neighborhood on October 19. To volunteer help with distribution on October 20, please contact the new RPP Area 12/12A Representative, Tim Beham at timbehnam@yahoo.com.

Charles Village West RPP Area 37—

The information above ONLY applies to Residential Parking Permits and Visitors Passes in RPP Area 12/12A (Charles Village and Abell).

Charles Village West (Area 37) RPP Renewal and Pick Up takes place in March 2014. Area 37 is defined as West of Charles Street between 26th Street and 29th Street plus the unit blocks of East 26th and East 27th Streets, but not including Charles Street, Howard Street or 28th Street.

JHU Community Liaison Encourages Welcome of Students to Charles Village

All residents are encouraged to introduce yourselves to your new student neighbors as you would do to any new neighbor. JHU is encouraging its students to do the same.

In the event there are student behavior issues, JHU has procedures in place that community members/residents may take to address off campus student behavior or property issues. Following are suggested JHU procedures for complaints regarding noise, trash and yard maintenance issues.

JHU also encourages neighbors to use the resources available to Baltimore City residents to file a complaint whether to 311 or the Baltimore City Police. JHU understands its students are living in a community, and therefore, are subject to Baltimore City regulations and codes.

During Freshmen Orientation Week, starting August 26, JHU's Community Liaison, Jon Walter, will be present at the JHU Safety and Security presentation, which is given to both to parents and freshman. From the onset, freshman will know the role and responsibility of the Student Community Liaison Officer. Jon's Student Community Liaison website is http://web.jhu.edu/liaison/index.html and his twitter handle is @ShushLord. Also, JHU is creating campus wide new articles and promotions of Jon to raise the awareness of his role with student/community relations.

Jennifer Mielke, JHU's Director of Community Affairs, announced that for the first time freshman orientation will incorporate a 50-minute walking tour of neighborhood key points of interest. The goal is to introduce freshmen to all of the great things and spots happening in and around the Homewood campus. JHU gives a special thanks to Karen Stokes (Executive Director of GHCC) for making this happen.

Finally, JHU has been working with its Greek Organizations regarding some new conduct guidelines for off campus housing.

How to Report JHU Student/ Community-Related Issues

Please consider first talking with your student neighbor about any issue in order to resolve it and perhaps make a friend. However, if you need help beyond that, JHU has the following-suggested community relations guidelines pertaining to its undergraduate population. You may also find this information on the CVCA website www.charlesvillage.net under JHU Complaint.

The JHU Student/Community Liaison, Jon Walther is available Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Monday and Tuesday days (when school is in session) to assist with issues arising between students and community residents. The Student/Community Liaison position was created to assist with noise, trash and yard maintenance issues as well as to assist students' transition from dormitory resident to community member.

For Noise Issues:

- 1. Please call 410.516.4600 to report a current complaint. If the Student/Community Liaison is on duty, he will be dispatched to the location to meet with the offending parties and will try to abate the issue. If the Liaison is not on duty, Campus Safety and Security will dispatch an officer.
- 2. If the issue warrants and was not abated on the first visit, the Dean of Students will be notified the following business day. When warranted, the Dean of Students Office will institute disciplinary measures that range from a warning through probation to suspension.
- 3. Callers may remain anonymous.

For Trash or Yard Maintenance Issues: 1. Please call 410.516.8737 or email liaison@jhu.edu to report sanitation issues.

2. Students may borrow lawn maintenance equipment through the Student/Community Liaison's office. Students should call or e-mail to reserve the equipment.

The Office of the Dean of Students, the Student/ Community Liaison and the Office of Community Affairs would like to encourage JHU students and their neighbors to take the time to get to know each other. Often, issues can be resolved before outside intervention is necessary.

> —Jon Walter, Johns Hopkins Student/ Community Liaison

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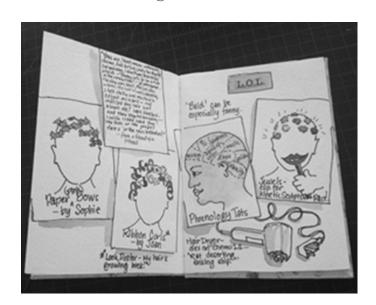
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Susan Walther began a short course of chemotherapy in February to combat any remaining breast cancer cells. A graphic designer, Sue chronicled the experience in a small artist's book and submitted it to the Brooklyn Art Library's Sketchbook Project. The Project's Mobile Library (aka bookmobile) first stop was at Baltimore's American Visionary Art Museum on August 22.

If you know anyone who's going through the rigors of chemo, Sue, a resident of the 200 block E. 32nd Street, would be happy to share a PDF of the full-color book by e-mail. Contact Sue at bmoreathome@hotmail.com.



CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Charles Village Civic Association (CVCA) informs residents and businesses through *The Charles Villager* and listserv messages. CVCA makes our voices known on planning, zoning, liquor, traffic and other issues affecting the neighborhood. We help prevent crime, improve sanitation and beautification in partnership with the Charles Village Community Benefits District. We support strong schools and community recreation activities. CVCA supports the annual Charles Village Festival to build a sense of community and improve our quality of life.

CVCA Membership Benefits

Membership includes voting rights at CVCA General Meetings; invitations to special events; community-oriented news via e-mail and website updates; CVCA Membership Card offering discounts at local businesses; local delivery of *The Charles Villager* (www.charlesvillage.net for members beyond CVCA borders).

CVCA MEMBERSHIP FORM September 30 marks the start of each CVCA Membership Year. □ \$15 Individual/Household □ \$100 Business/Institution □ \$5 Senior Citizen □ \$100 Life Membership □ \$5 Non-Resident (non-voting) Name(s) List adults to be included in the membership. State____ZIP____ Phone (Home) Phone (Work) $\hfill\Box$ Please call me to discuss volunteer opportunities, interests, and opportunities to become actively involved in the Charles Village neighborhood. Please make the check payable to: CVCA and send with completed Membership Form to: Jennifer Erickson, Membership Secretary, 3034 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 For questions, please e-mail: membership@charlesvillage.net. Thank you.

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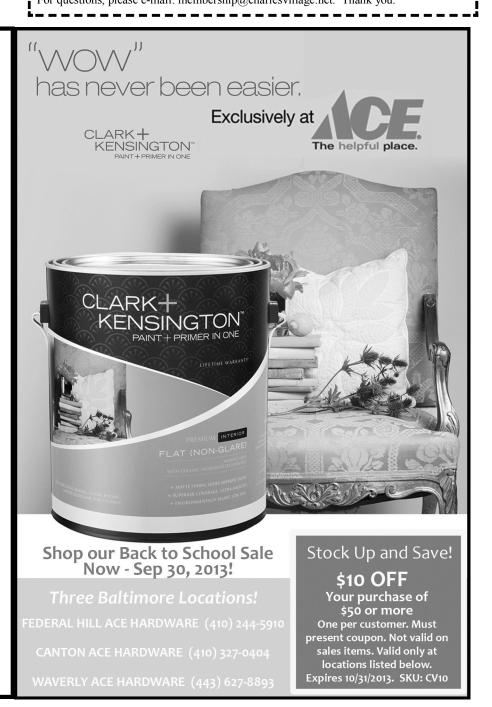
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