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Friends Group Revitalizes Wyman Park Dell for 30 Years



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This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Friends of Wyman Park Dell, one of the longest running and most successful of the many park “friends” groups that have sprung up and come and gone in Baltimore since the 1970s. The Friends of Wyman Park Dell has had its ups and downs, but today the organization is stronger than ever.

Early Years

Today, the Dell is a unique and valuable open space resource for Baltimore. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Wyman Park Dell was neglected, distressed and at times, highly dangerous. Broken lights, broken benches, a landscape corrupted by invasives, a perpetually saturated lower lawn and severe erosion of its hillsides were the most obvious problems. The Dell was open to vandalism, crime and illicit dumping. The City seemed to care little for its park holdings. Places like the Dell needed someone to defend it and to push for long needed improvements.

A notice by Sandy Sparks in *The Charles Villager*, November 1983, invited anyone interested in improving the Dell to meet at the Union Soldiers and Sailors monument one Sunday afternoon. With about a dozen people in tow, the group made a reconnaissance of the park, documented its worst distresses and witnessed Baltimore police arresting a purse-snatcher fleeing a mid-afternoon robbery. The group decided on the spot to organize, and the first meeting of Friends of Wyman Park Dell (FWPD) advertised to the entire surrounding community soon took place.

The Friends of Wyman Park Dell Celebrate Wyman Park Dell's New Playground & Ping Pong Table 29th Street Slope Woodland Plantings

**You are invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.
Sunday, October 26, 2 PM**

Initial FWPD work focused on park cleanups, painting benches and anything else a small group of neighborhood volunteers with few resources could accomplish. These efforts were made known to the area City Council Representatives and City Hall. In Summer 1984 after some effort, the FWPD arranged a tour for Mayor William Donald Schaeffer to see first hand the Dell's many problems. Immediately won over, the Mayor authorized and quickly implemented major pruning of shrubs and trees that hid the lower lawn from surrounding streets, repair of broken lights and benches, some upgrading of the playground and even restoration of a drinking fountain at the 29th and Howard Streets entrance.

Making the Dell a more inviting space led to increased use of the park and successful staging of special events to attract people from across Baltimore.— the July Fourth Fanfare Concert for seven years, the UMBC's Shakespeare on Wheels for 10 seasons, art and culture exhibits and Union Memorial-sponsored community health fairs. To

Wyman Park Dell, continued on page 9

HCPI Partners Collaborate to Strengthen Barclay and Margaret Brent Schools

Neighborhood public schools Margaret Brent and Barclay Elementary Middle have been working with the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and other Homewood Community Partners Initiative (HCPI) partners to bring significant support to both schools—the goal being strong, high performing public schools. Intense activity is underway, including the drafting of a first ever multi-year Education Strategic Plan that aligns with community and City School plans and goals. Planning and fundraising are underway for flagship academic programs. At Margaret Brent, a grant from the Meyerhoff Foundation will support a new flagship Arts Integration program. Barclay is set to become a Digital Harbor Center for Excellence Affiliate to offer innovative instruction in digital age skills.

HCPI School Partners, continued on page 12



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Margaret Brent Principal Smith and students at August 28, 2013, celebration recognizing \$1.7 million in facility improvements to the Margaret Brent and Barclay Schools.



CVCA MEETINGS

**Annual Meeting, Election & Awards
Tuesday, September 23, Potluck 6:30 PM
SS. Philip & James Church Hall
2801 N. Charles Street. Enter downstairs.
See POTLUCK details on page 2.**

**CVCA Board Meetings
Wednesdays, September 17 & October 22
Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street**

Go to www.charlesvillage.net for info

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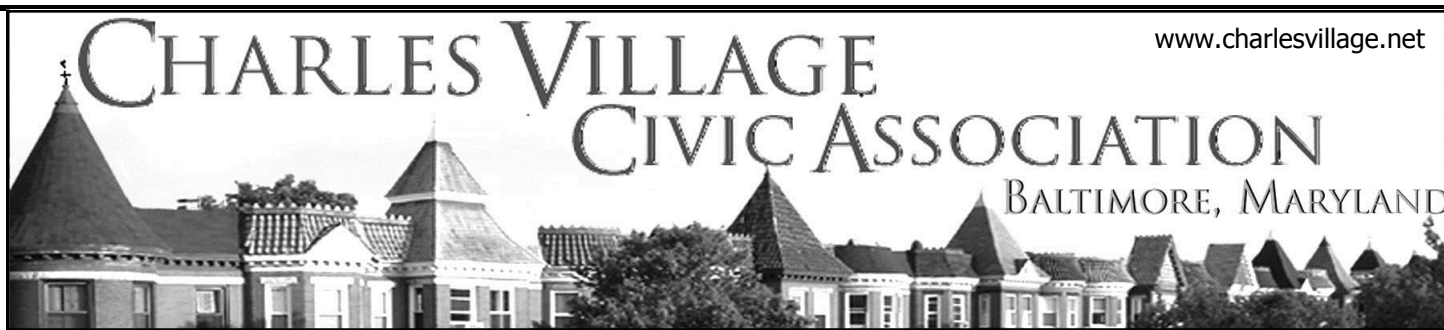
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President's Letter

Sandy Sparks, CVCA President

Charles Village's Annual National Night Out, August 5, attracted 200 neighbors from all around to enjoy a wonderful evening in the beautiful St. Patrick's Garden at SS. Philip & James. Many CVCA Board Members pitched in to make this 31st annual National Night Out for Safety family event a huge success. Special guests stopped by during the three-hour event—Northern District Police Major Kimberly Burrus, Officers Bill O'Donnell and Doug Gibson, JHU Community Liaison Jon Walter, CVCBD Executive Director David Hill along with the CVCBD's Patrol Officers (see photos on page 5) and elected officials Councilman Carl Stokes and Delegate Mary Washington. Everyone enjoyed the incredibly generous contributions of food and drink for the free cookout.

All of Charles Village is eager for the opening of the south bound lanes of the reconstructed Charles Street boulevard between 29th Street and University Parkway. Nearby residents and businesses have tolerated more than two years of construction inconvenience, but I believe everyone will be delighted with the quality and beauty of the completed project in time for the holidays.

You are invited to attend the CVCA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 23. CVCA has a long and wonderful tradition of potlucks at our fall general meeting. See details below. Looking forward to celebrating the great diversity in Charles Village.

NOMINATIONS FOR CVCA BOARD, 2014–15

Election on Tuesday, September 23
Nominating Committee—

Jennifer Erickson, Chair; Robert Cooke, Frank Januzzi,
Richard Walther and Sandy Sparks

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New—Robert Kanigal (2600 block Calvert); Greer Meisels (2900 block Calvert); Heather Owens (2700 block Howard); Renewing—Jennifer Erickson (3000 block St. Paul); Sandy Sparks (2900 block Guilford Ave); John Spurrier (Unit block E. 27th St)

Continuing with terms until September 2015:

Carlo Carlini (2700 block Guilford); Matthew Compton (2700 block Guilford); Brendan Coyne (2700 block Guilford); Eric Dymond (2700 block N. Howard); John Fink (3000 block Guilford); John Henderson (2800 block Guilford); Patricia McLane (3000 block Guilford); Jeff Noll (3000 block Guilford)

CVCA Annual Meeting POTLUCK, September 23, 6:30 PM

Join neighbors and friends for this celebratory evening. CVCA will offer delicious hot main dishes & drinks for all to share.

Let's reflect The Village's great diversity. Please contribute your favorite appetizer, bread, fruit/green salad, pasta/vegetable dish OR dessert.

For more details, contact Sandy Sparks at srsparks@verizon.net



About 200 people enjoyed CVCA National Night Out. The free cookout included burgers & hot dogs on the grill and delicious food & drinks contributed by local restaurants—Sweet 27, Tambers, YUM's Asian Bistro, St Mary's Restaurant, American Wings & Pizza, Parts & Labor and Insomnia Cookies. Many thanks to Reggie Parker for soliciting this generous bounty of foods to go with the CVCBD's hamburgers and hotdogs. DJ Redlocks, aka John Spurrier, spun disco for a lively gathering. Thanks to Dee Dee Clark for use of the beautiful SS. Philip & James garden.

Neighborhood Walkers Expand

Walk with Northern District Police's Charles Village Foot Patrol Officer, William O'Donnell, or porch sit and contact walkers by cellphone. Contact CVCBD for more information about each group of walkers.

Harwood Walks

Second Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Meet at southwest corner of 29th & Barclay.

Charles Village Central Walks

First Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at 26th & Charles Streets. Walk North, South and East.

Charles Village West Walks

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meet at 27th & Howard Streets. Walk North, South and East.

Abell Walks

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Meet at the Abell Open Space on 32nd Street. Walk North, South, East and West.

Old Goucher Anti-Prostitution Walks

Second & Fourth Saturdays at Midnight. Meet at 11:50 p.m. at 2434 St. Paul Street. Walk North, South, East and West.

Charles Village North Walks

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

Thanks to Many Dedicated & Generous Festival '14 Volunteers

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 '14 so successful. Without dedicated volunteers year round there would be no Charles Village Festival. **Brendan Coyne** for an outstanding first time as Vendor Coordinator and to **Patrick May** for doing anything that needed to be done the day before the Festival.

Jeanne Knight & Sue Walther for all of their work on the Garden Walk.

John Fink & Ed Hargadon for a very successful 5K Run & Kids Fun Run

Jennifer Mielke, JHU's Director of Community Affairs & **Bobby Van Allen**, JHU Track Coach, for their great assistance with the 5K Run.

Bob Welch & Pat Fink for a great selection of beer and wine for the Festival's biggest profit center.

Jim Jones for lining up great music from aspiring rock star teenagers to established local musicians like the outstanding U.S. Navy's country band.

Nhandi Singleton & Liesje Gantert for expanding the Village Learning Place's activities for families at the new Dell playground area with **The Village Parents**.

Rich & Susan Walther for coordinating Festival volunteers and doing anything else that was needed.

Ron Schultz, retired from posting the Free parking signs last year, served as the parking sign consultant this year.

Baltimore City DOT & DPW events crew for doing a fantastic job with the set up of the Festival stages, tents, street cleaning, and everything else.

Ryan Patterson & Eric Leland for fantastic artwork to identify and promote Festival '14 and the Garden Walk brochure.

Sandy Sparks, Chris & Rebecca Bruce for hosting the CVCA Thank You Potluck Cookout on Sunday evening

Please remember to support our Festival '14 Sponsors— **Johns Hopkins University**, **MedStar Union Memorial Hospital**, **Eddie's Market Charles Village**, **Giant**, **Safeway**, **Barnes & Noble Johns Hopkins**, **FutureCare & 32nd Street Farmers Market** as well as media sponsors **WYPR-88.1**, and **City Paper**.

The generosity of our many sponsors and in-kind contributors are essential for making the Charles Village Festival possible every year.

—John McLane, Chair, Charles Village Festival '14

Many Thanks to ALL Festival '14 Volunteers

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On May 31, Chris Bruce pauses to admire his four years of progress building a large pond with water falls in his Guilford Avenue backyard. The finished pond was a highlight of the Garden Walk and setting for the cookout later for Festival volunteers.

Village Learning Place

Tim Ashdown
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Ping Pong in the Dell

The other day when walking around the Wyman Park Dell, I discovered the recently installed pong table bolted to a new concrete pad near the new Dell playground. Not only that, there were two paddles and a ball on the table! I mentioned this to a regular walker who told me she sees folks playing and has played there herself. Remarkably the paddles and balls are still there day after day! She reports seeing a variety of people playing from gray-haired couples to two women wearing headscarves. This is a wonderful addition to the park and we have Ping Pong Baltimore to thank. The money was raised via IndieGoGo with this goal, "We want to create a community bond through interaction around the love of the sport of Ping Pong. A bond that unites players, passersby, and even donors for future tables so there will be even more access to play." The Friends of Wyman Park Dell (FWPD) added to the funding and managed the installation. Thank you all for this wonderful addition to the Dell. Find Ping Pong Baltimore on Facebook if you want to connect with other players. On Sunday, October 25, join the FWPD for the Ribbon Cutting (see page 1).

Thanks to **Charlie Kelly**, more than forty year resident of the 2900 block N. Charles. Charlie spends time most days talking to the contractors and workers on the Charles Street construction to make sure they are getting it right. Slowly but surely the project is progressing. Traffic will soon be switched over to the recently completed lane so that construction on the service lane and sidewalks in front of my house and Charlie's can begin for the last section of construction before all parts of Charles Street open from University to 29th Street in late 2014.

Union Memorial employee and 31st Street resident **Hope Murphy**, reports that she manages the lunchtime Produce Market at Union Memorial Hospital every Wednesday from 11 am–1:30 p.m. through October in front of the hospital at 201 E. University Parkway. Hope is proud of her two sons, **Mike and Tim Murphy**, who own and run the Burger Bros. restaurant at 14 Allegheny Avenue, Towson. The brothers will celebrate their 7th year in business this November. Hope reports that they have Baltimore's Best Burgers, Chicken Sandwiches, Wings, Fresh Cut Fries, Hot Dogs, Salads, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, Shakes and Soda. Eat-in or carry-out. When hungry in Towson, check it out.

Bon voyage and bon chance: Long-time Charles Village residents **Amber Eisenmann and Josh Fruhlinger** moved to Los Angeles at the end of August, so Josh can pursue his dreams of professional comedy writing. Amber lived on Abell Avenue since 1994 (with just a one-year gap). She bought her 3100 block Abell house in 2001 and Josh moved in with her in 2003. While they are very excited about their new

adventure, they are full of sadness on leaving. Amber described the neighborhood to Josh when they first met and he was new to Baltimore as "Sesame Street, all grown up." They want to thank all the neighbors who made Abell Avenue and Charles Village such a great home. LA has a lot to live up to! Best of luck to you both!

You may have noticed **Michael Raitzyk** playing on his porch near Abell & 32nd Street. He is an amazing musician and guitar player. Jazz fans, check out his website for upcoming gigs: www.mraitzyk.com/live/

Congratulations to Abell resident **Katie Flickinger**, a member of the Baltimore Rowing Club's masters team. Her team composed of four rowers took First Place at the US Rowing's Masters National Championship in Grand Rapids, Michigan. What an accomplishment! Katie has been rowing since college and loves it.

Guilford Avenue resident, **Halle van Der Gaag**, Executive Director, Blue Water Baltimore, a non-profit with a mission to improve the quality of Baltimore's streams and harbor, was selected to travel to Brazil with other clean water experts from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The trip was a collaborative exchange with the State of Rio officials and non-profit leaders. The Maryland Chesapeake Bay and State of Rio de Janeiro partnership began in 2013 in an effort to exchange information and capitalize on the Chesapeake Bay's experience with pollution

reduction. As an expert in non-profit, urban watershed restoration, Halle and the others shared their expertise with Brazilian officials as they work to improve their environmental governance and to implement best practices for engaging low income communities in restoration efforts.

Have you stopped by **Donna's Restaurant**, corner of St. Paul and 31st, for morning coffee only to find it closed? Donna's now stays open on Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sunday through Thursday until midnight with a new late evening menu. The new Indian restaurant, **Masala Kitchen** at 3105 Saint Paul, is getting good reviews. **Richard D'Souza, Owner, Gluten Free LLC/Sweet 27** has named the Restaurant & Café, 123–27 W. 27th Street, officially Sweet 27 with new signs and is no longer called Meet 27.

In reviewing **Baltimore Magazine's Baltimore's Best Edition**, I read about **Jamyla and Pierre Bennu**, who developed a line of natural beauty products that include products for men, women and babies. The products are carried in Whole Foods, Target and other stores including their **Oyin Handmade** store at 2103 N. Charles Street (open on Saturdays only). Baltimore Magazine featured Hair Dew, which can be used to "tame and style your unwashed hair." Intrigued, I plan to stop by on my next walk around the neighborhood.

On one of my walks I noticed a peach tree chock full of peaches in the back of a house on the 3000 block St. Paul. Around the corner on 31st between Abell and Guilford, I found a fruit tree

dripping with ripe plums. I contacted the leadership of the Abell Improvement Association and also the caretaker for the St. Paul house to get approval to pick the fruit. I then contacted **Ben Howard**, a Guilford Ave resident and the Harvest and Planting Coordinator for the **Baltimore Orchard Project (BOP)**, who organized a micro-harvest of the some of the fruit. If you know of a fruit tree in need of tending and want help, contact Ben at volunteer@baltimoreorchard.org. To get involved with gleaning and giving fruit for those in need, go to www.baltimoreorchard.org. Harvests are also organized as Meet Ups, so you can find out about BOP events that way. Go to meetup.com and search Baltimore Orchard Project. There is a lot of fruit to pick right now.

Are you tired of seeing plastics bags and bottles on the street and in our waterways? Recent attempts to enact a bottle bill or plastic bag ban locally and statewide have failed, but there is some good news. A reusable bag bill is in the process of being drafted in the Baltimore City Council with a hearing in committee in mid-October. **Blue Water Baltimore** together with Trash Free Maryland and the Healthy Harbor Initiative are garnering support for the bill through clean-ups, re-useable bag giveaways and other events. If you care about this issue, you can follow Blue Water on Twitter, Facebook or become a member! If you want to know more about Blue Water, come to the Blue Water Bash on October 4 at Nick's Fishhouse—a day-time event on the water and a ton of fun. I am on the Blue Water Board of this wonderful city-wide organization and highly recommend getting involved if trash, litter, clean water, native plants interest you. www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/bluewaterbash2014/

Gone solar—I recently flipped on the switch on my new solar panels and every other day enjoy learning how much electricity is going back to the grid. **Sungevity** designed and **Simply Solar of Maryland** installed my system. Let me know if you want to get a free quote from Sungevity. I will give you my referral number to save you money if you decide to go solar and I will get a bonus, too.

Summer Travels. **John Spurrier, his wife Odette Ramos & daughter Teresa** traveled to New Hampshire to visit Odette's sister and brother-in-law and their family. My travels took me to New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, NYC and the Jersey Shore. Many Villagers leave town during August. Maybe that's why I didn't hear from many of you, when I sent word around that I needed news for the Holiday issue!

Please send me news whether it be about you, your friends or neighbors—Reach Dawna at dawnacobb@gmail.com

IT TAKES THE VILLAGE FUND

For Displaced 26th Street Residents

In July, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, CVCA's Fiscal Sponsor, distributed \$12,000. Thirty-one residents, adults and children, shared equally.

Many Thanks to All the Generous Donors

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CVCBD Celebrates National Night Out at Three Neighborhood Sites

CVCBD staff supported National Night Out (NNO) August 5 at three venues sponsored by the CVCA, Harwood Community Association and Old Goucher Community Association/Old Goucher Business Alliance. Numerous City and State leaders attended including Northern District Major Kimberly Burrus, Officers Doug Gibson and Bill O'Donnell, JHU Community Liaison Jon Walter, Councilman Carl Stokes and Delegate Mary Washington..



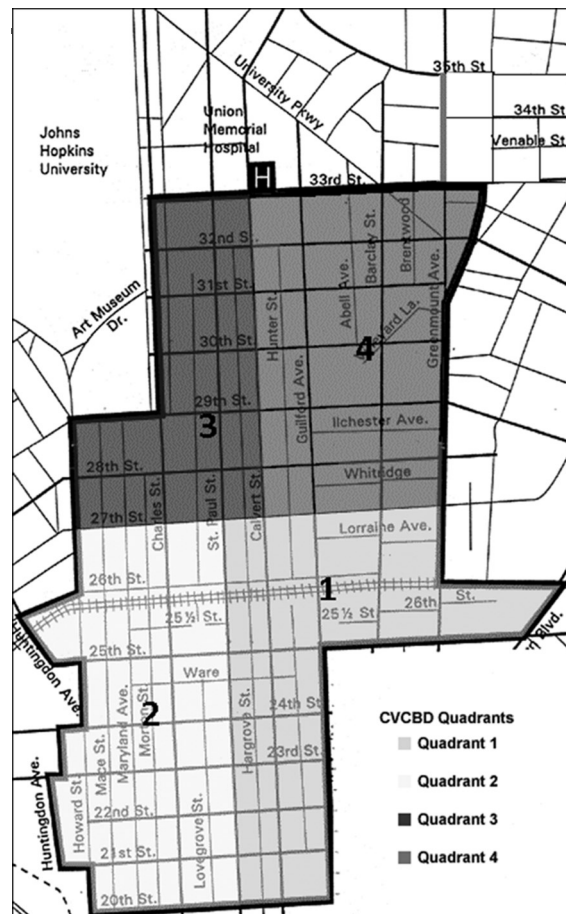
CVCBD staff members manage the grill at the Old Goucher NNO venue. Shown left to right, Shawn Carter, Howard Williams and Keith Harris



Three CVCBD patrol officers provided security during NNO on their Trikke safety vehicles at the Harwood NNO. Shown left to right, Rodney Caufield, Yoo Kim, and Clyde Rawlins.

The CVCBD supported the National Night Out event by providing the following: NNO Coordinator (3 months for 10 hours/week), 3 patrol officers patrolling the 3 venues, 5 sanitation staff handling the grills and emptying trash, 150 hotdogs and 150 hamburgers, 150 NNO balloons and wrist bands and 3 NNO banners.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director



CVCBD Fall Quad Elections for 2015

To the CVCBD Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 14, 6 to 9 pm

SS. Philip & James Church Hall, 2801 N. Charles

Proper I.D. required to vote. For more information and nomination form, visit: www.charlesvillage.org

JHU Publishes Study of CVCBD Services

In August, the CVCBD study conducted by Daniel Pascuiti and Rafee Al Mansur of the Urban Governance Research Working Group of the Arrighi Center for Global Studies at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) was published. The study, funded by a grant to JHU from the Abell Foundation, sought to evaluate the effectiveness of the supplemental safety and sanitation services being provided in the Benefits District (CVCBD).

Following is a summary of the researchers' findings in the *Report on the Charles Village Community Benefits District*:

- ▶ The majority of residents and members of the CVCBD area continue to support its operations and authorized provision of additional services. However, a small but significant level of opposition among homeowners exists towards the CVCBD.
- ▶ Primarily, members of the community desire for the organization to focus on sanitation and security with future funding increases focused primarily on security.
 - ⇒ CVCBD's supplemental sanitation operations were generally rated highly favorable by a super-majority of community members and ranked as a top priority of continued focus by the community.
 - ⇒ CVCBD's overall sanitation operations appear to be highly efficient and sustainable under the current operational model.
 - ⇒ A desire for increased spending on safety was expressed by a super-majority of the community. However, there is a split amongst community members over what increased security should entail.
- ▶ An analysis of the first 6 months of operation for the new security cameras found no significant differences in overall crime rate— but significant reductions in crimes reported near the new camera locations.
- ▶ The CVCBD appears to be an important factor in mitigating the long term historical decline which has occurred throughout Baltimore City. While the neighborhoods located within the District have suffered a significant decline in housing occupancy, related to the general population decline throughout the City, areas within the CVCBD have seen a less steep decline and have stabilized over the past 14 years while neighboring areas have continued to see decline. This is likely due to the ability of the CVCBD to offer services to mitigate the overall increasing need for certain services throughout the area and by the CVCBD's ability to tap into alternative social and economic sources. Specifically, the CVCBD has the capacity to access non-governmental sources of funds and other types of support to augment its existing budget, which is primarily based on the annual property surtax. These additional funding sources are critically important for its ability to maintain and extend its services in the coming years

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Friday	10 am– 6 pm
Saturday	10 am– 4 pm
Sunday	Closed



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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director



Magician Tim Hall engaged kids and adults with lots of fun under the big shade trees by the new playground where the VLP and Village parents offered a wide variety of activities for children of all ages.

VLP Expands Activities at CV Festival

The Village Learning Place left the lawn of Wyman Park Dell to enjoy the action by the newly renovated playground. This relocation proved to be more fruitful in the number of kids engaging in activities. Luckily, we also got easy, breezy light weather this year!

On Saturday afternoon, accredited magician and comedian Tim Hall, captivated the young and adult audiences alike, with his astounding magic tricks. The VLP greatly appreciates the Friends of Wyman Park Dell sponsoring this performance each year. For a second time, Melody Often of Artists and Craftsman, offered her face painting skills to the little faces of Charles Village. Like last year, Melody spent over four straight hours, transforming tiny tots' faces into canvases for her amazing talent. The staple Spongebob Squarepants Moon Bounce was a hit! Young children of all ages spent countless hours jumping, dancing, and making friends.

The Village Parents joined the VLP to provide fun activities for children. With the 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.

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 10— *Italian Renaissance Gardens*

October 9— *How Will Global Warming Affect Your Health?*

November 12— *Holiday Artisan Market*

December 10— *Camerata Musica*

Adult Education — Mondays 10 am–Noon & Mondays/Wednesdays 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!

Mother Goose on the Loose – Every Friday morning from 10:30 – 11:45 am

Children from birth to 36 months

Pre-Registration and Orientation for LINK After School:

Orientations: September 10, 3 pm at Margaret Brent cafeteria

September 11, 6 pm at VLP Library

Not To Miss.... Mark Your Calendar.

The VLP's Second Wednesdays HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

Wednesday, November 12, 7 to 9

Sunday afternoon was a lot less busy, but those who showed up, loved making crafts, playing carnival games, and of course, the moon bounce!

We are very appreciative of our volunteers (see thank you list on page 3). Without dedicated volunteers, the activities we offer, would be impossible to manage! So we thank each and everyone of you. We are all excited to do it all over again, next year! —Nhandi Singleton, VLP Development and Communications Coordinator



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The Baltimore Museum of Art

While waiting for the grand reopening, in November, be sure to visit the **Front Room** exhibition of local artist, **Seth Adelsberger** - through November 2. Opening next door on September 14 in the **Black Box** is a 43 minute film **1395 Days Without Red** which recreates the terror and uncertainty civilians endured during the siege of Sarajevo. Bring the kids to the BMA on Sundays from 2–5 pm. There is always something fun to do.

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). 443-573-1700 or www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum

Seeing Music in Medieval Manuscripts through October 12. This exhibition of 20 manuscripts and objects will explore music in its relationship with philosophy, religion and the arts during the Middle Ages. Musical harmony and dissonance were thought to mirror the perfection of heaven as well as the disorder of evil.

From Rye to Raphael: The Walters Story. Opens October 26. The Walters Art Museum began as the private passion of two men, William T. Walters (1819–1894) and his son Henry (1848–1931), but grew into a public mission to bring art to the people of Baltimore. Building a collection of staggering depth and scope, they assembled more than 20,000 items—the majority of the art objects that constitute the Walters Art Museum today. This reinstallation of the permanent collection explores their lives, times, tastes and legacy. Drop-in Art Activities for Families are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). 410.547.9000 or www.thewalters.org

MICA and the ACLU of Maryland

again host Constitution Day Symposium at the Brown Center's Falvey Hall, 1301 W. Mount Royal Avenue. **One Nation Under Watch** features Daniel Ellsberg, the whistleblower who released the *Pentagon Papers*, Dr. Hasan Elahi, surveillance artist, and privacy rights expert Kade Crockford. September 17, 7–9 pm. The tickets are free but go fast. Call 410.889.8555.

MICA's M.F.A. in Curatorial Practice class of 2015 explores how exchanges between local artists and their neighbors help a community thrive. **Locally Sourced** will feature five artists based in central Baltimore's Station North Arts and Entertainment District. Aaron Henkin, Jason Hoylman, Nether, Wendel Patrick and Paula Whaley will showcase newly commissioned works in a variety of media on view in the Fred Lazarus IV Center, 131 W. North Avenue, through 21. Info: locallysourced.weebly.com.

Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert Street, will open its season with Peter Shaffer's classic *Amadeus*. An 18th century duel between Antonio Salieri and the young genius, Mozart. Music soars as madness stirs in this Tony Award-



Dario Robleto. *Music Has The Right To Children.* 2013 at the BMA Front Room. Courtesy the artist and Inman Gallery.

winning drama. Sept. 10–Oct. 12. Then **Next to Normal**, music by Tom Kitt and Book and Lyrics by Brian Yorkey. A Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award Winner, this is a musical that changed the rules. Oct. 8–Nov. 16. 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org.

Everyman Theater, 315 W. Fayette Street. Baltimore Premiere of *The Understudy* by Theresa Rebeck, the creator of *Smash*. Get a backstage view of the theatre in this black comedy. Through September 28. Next up will be *Grounded* by George Brant. This sold out hit in London, tells the story of a hot-rod F16 fighter whose unexpected pregnancy ends her career in the skies over the Middle East. Company Member, Megan Anderson, tells her story. Oct. 15–Nov. 16. Box 410.752.2208 or everymantheatre.org.

Single Carrot Theater, 2600 N. Howard opens the new season with *Social Creatures* by Jackie Sibblies Drury. Set in an abandoned theatre after what may or may not be a zombie apocalypse, *Social Creatures* examines what happens after the after. When what's left of humanity is rapidly transforming into bloodthirsty beasts, to whom can a good neighbor turn? Strangers become friends, and friends swiftly become predators as the world crum-

bles, and in the end, somebody's definitely getting eaten. Oct 8–Nov. 2. Tix: 443.844.9253 or singlecarrot.com.

The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company

's grand opening of their new theater, 7 S. Calvert Street, is September 15 with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The Company will start the season with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" Lovers, fairies and fools wreak havoc in the forest on the eve of a royal wedding. Sept. 25–Oct. 12. Tickets 410.244.8570 or www.chesapeakeshakespeare.com.

The Stoop Storytelling Series. Shows at Centerstage, 700 N. Calvert Street. **That's incredible!: Stories about aliens, mystical experiences, and other strange-but-true happenings.** Live music by Eureka Birds. October 20. Cocktails and live music, 7 p.m. Show, 8 pm. Tickets at 410.332.0033 or stoopstorytelling.com.

The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory

presents *The Comedy of Errors* beginning Nov. 7–Dec. 21. Performances will be presented at the Great Hall Theater at St. Mary's, 3900 Roland Avenue and at Boordy Vineyards. Tix at TheShakespeareFactory.com or 410.921.WILL (9455).

Theatre Project, 45 W. Preston Street.

The **Iron Crow Theater Company** presents *4.48 Psychosis*. In 1999 Sara Kane took her life and in one last act of love to the theatre, she wrote this multi-media work in what many consider her greatest achievement. October 3–18. Tickets: 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org

Vagabond Players, 806 S. Broadway

in Fells Point, starts the season with *Art* by Yasmina Reza. This explosively funny Tony Award-winning comedy explores the boundaries of friendship and art. September 5–28. Call 410.563.9135 or vagabondplayers.org.

Shriver Hall Concert Series Helene Grimaud

piano, with works by Liszt, Ravel, Debussy, Faure and Albeniz. Sunday, September 21. **Belcea Quartet** will perform works of Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. Sunday, October 26. Both concerts begin at 5:30 pm.

Tickets 410.516.7164 or visit www.shriverconcerts.org

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra

Shriver Hall on the Homewood Campus of JHU. Concert of new and old favorites including Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, *Eroica* on Saturday, October 11 at 8:00 pm.

The Baltimore Concert Opera

Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 W. Mt. Vernon Place, brings Franco Faccio's *Amleto (Hamlet)* to the ballroom on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, October 5 at 3 pm. Originally a hit in 1865, the opera languished for more than a century. The BCO presents the American premiere of this lost operatic treasure. Tix: 443.445.0226 or www.baltimoreconcertopera.com

Chamber Concerts

Bunting-Meyerhoff Interfaith Center, 3509 N. Charles Street, will start on Sunday, September 28 at 3 pm with music by Mozart and Dvorak. 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso.

Concerts at the Second Presbyterian Church

4200 St. Paul Street, are free to all. **Trio Cavatina** on Sunday, September 28 and the **Mana Quartet** on Sunday, October 12. Both concerts at 3:30 pm. Also at Second—**Chamber Music by Candlelight** on September 14 and October 5 at 7:30 pm.

Pro Musica Rara

Towson University Center for the Arts, will open its season of baroque music played on original instruments. **Italian Pluck** with Richard Stone, lute & baroque guitar, with sonatas and concertos by Marini, Corelli, Vivaldi, Boccherini, on Sunday, September 28 at 3:30 pm. **Perilous Fights: Music of War and Peace from Baltimore to the Bastille** with Julianne Baird, soprano, Jonathan Palevsky, narrator. Honoring the bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore with songs and battle music from 1792–1814 by Beethoven, Dussek, Devienne and American composers, Hewitt, Carr and Reinagle, plus the musical origins of the Star Spangled Banner on Sunday, October 26 at 3:30 pm.

Bach Concert Series

at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 South Charles. J.S. Bach's Cantata 214 and Orchestral Suite No. 4. October 5 at 4 pm. Free! **Toccata and Fugue in D (organ), Toccata and Fugue in C (organ), Brandenburg Concerto No. 1** and the **Lutheran Mass**. November 2 at 4 PM. Tickets required. BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262

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Registration is REQUIRED and it's Easy! To register for programs, please contact the instructor, using the email address or phone number listed. It is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Register TODAY!** Programs Start Tuesday, September 2 and run until Saturday, December 13

Check out our website for more information: www.29streetcenter.org

KIDS PROGRAMS

Sing-Along Playgroup

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

Days/Times: Mondays 10:00am-11:30am

Ages: Infant—Preschool

Coordinator: Odette Ramos, (443) 801-8137, odette@odetteramos.com

Cost: FREE

Mother Goose on the Loose

Interactive story time combines reading, songs & nursery rhymes. Builds vocabulary & build a love for lifelong learning.

Days/Times: Thursdays 10:30-11:30am

Ages: Infant – Preschool

Coordinator: Odette Ramos, (443) 801-8137, odette@odetteramos.com

Cost: FREE

Jump for Joy

Learn basic & intermediate jump rope skills – single rope, Double Dutch & long rope. Physical activity, new skills, & teamwork!

Days/Times: Saturdays 10:45-11:45am

Ages: 6-15

Instructor: Kim Landes, (202) 409-4368, kimberly_landes@hotmail.com

Cost: FREE

Baltimore Suzuki Violin & Viola Lessons

Learn how to play the violin or viola using a collaborative, excellence-based curriculum in a small group format.

Days/Times: Wednesdays 5:00-7:30pm (30 minute sessions) (14 weeks starting 9/10)

Ages: K-8th Grade

Cost: \$160 (incl: instrument & recital, orchestra) **Instructor:** Kelly Powers, (410) 215-2262, baltimoresuzuki@gmail.com

The following progrograms begin Monday, September 29 and run until December 13

Root Branch Film Academy

Gain leadership, team building skills, and exposure to career opportunities in the production crew behind and in front of camera.

Days/ Times: Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm (10 weeks)

Ages: 8-18

Instructor: Vonnya Pettigrew, (443) 635-7114, vonnya@rootbranchproductions.com

Cost: \$85

Reading Club

Days/ Times: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Ages: 6-11

Instructor: Hilary Matzinger, (410) 456-8793

Cost: FREE

Young Yogis

Participants will relieve stress, build muscle, improve concentration & self-esteem, learn body awareness and practice meditation.

Days/Times: Tuesdays 6:00-6:30pm

Ages: 7-12

Instructor: Audrey Ginger, (603) 264-4405

Cost: FREE

Yoga in the Center

Days/Times: Tuesdays 6:45-7:30pm

Ages: 13-18

Instructor: Audrey Ginger, (603) 264-4405

Cost: FREE

CV CREATES, Robotics Club

Students will learn how to design, build, program and compete with their own robotics.

Days/Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm

Ages: 6th-12th graders

Instructor: Margaret Hart, (410) 516-4180, mhart21@jhu.edu

Cost: FREE

Xpressive4ever Cultural Arts Program

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Modern & Ballet: Mondays 5:00-6:00pm

Tap & Musical Theater Baltimore City production of an old musical classic, "West Side Story": Wednesdays 5:00-8:00pm

Instructor: Angela Koukoui, (443) 208-0941, akoukouixpressive4everdance.com Ages: 7-18 Cost: \$80 for all or \$3/session

ADULT PROGRAMS

Baltimore Yoga Village - Beginner's Yoga Series

Days/Times: Mondays 6:30-7:45pm (October 13 – December 1)

Instructor: Ryan Sansing, baltimoreyogavillage@gmail.com

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: \$58 OR \$10 drop-in fee

To The Point Line Dancing

Days/Times: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Ages: 18 & up

Instructor: Tonya Johnson, (410) 662-5759, tjohns@jhu.edu

Cost: \$6.00/class

GHCC's Adult Learning Center (ALC) Beginner's Computer Classes

Days/Times: Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm (6 weeks)

Ages: 18 & up

Instructor: Kimi Lillig, (410) 261-3519, killig@greaterhomewood.org

Cost: \$10 for 6 weeks

GHCC's Adult Learning Center (ALC) Reading & Math Classes - Free GED preparation classes.

Days/Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm (10/13 – 12/18)

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: FREE

Instructor: Kimi Lillig, (410) 261-3519, killig@greaterhomewood.org

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Days/Times: Mondays 6:30-7:30pm, ongoing

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: FREE, donations welcome

Meditation

Days/Times: Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

Ages: 18 & up

Instructor: Baltimore Shambhala Meditation Center, (443) 213-0394

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: FREE

ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Baltimore Yoga Village -- AcroYoga

Blend the dynamic wisdom of yoga, thai massage and fundamental acrobatics. No yoga experience necessary.

Days/Times: Thursdays 6:15-8:00pm (November 6 – December 11, not Thanksgiving)

Ages: 15 & up

Cost: \$50 or \$12 drop-in fee

Instructor: Anjali Sunita, baltimoreyogavillage@gmail.com

preZerve Canning Class

Learn the basics of water bath canning: leave with instructions on how to can and preserve food.

Days/Times: 2nd Saturday of the month 11:00am-1:00pm

Ages: 9 (with parent) & up

Cost: \$45/session or \$100/4 sessions

Instructor: Zenobia Taylor-Weiss, (443) 300-7486, prezerve.baltimore@gmail.com

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Open Gym Drop-in basketball games.

Days/Times: Mondays (17 and up) 6-7:30pm and Wednesdays (16 and under) 4-6pm

Cost: FREE

Harwood Mosaics - Come learn "glass mosaic" techniques.

Days/Times: Wednesdays 2:45-4:20pm

Ages: All

Instructor: Tamara Payne, (443) 621-0864, tamarapaynecreations@yahoo.com

Cost: FREE

Quick School of Martial Arts

Learn focus, teamwork, balance & coordination, discipline, stranger safety, confidence, sportsmanship, respect and listening.

Days/Times: Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm (Starting September 30)

Ages: All

Instructor: Curtis Watkins Quick, (443) 829-1022
Cost: \$25/month and \$25/uniform or pay \$100 up front and receive a free uniform

After-School Robotics Program at the 29th Street Community Center

This year, the center will continue its partnership with the JHU Center for Educational Outreach to host a fun and engaging after-school robotics program for middle and high school-age students. The program begins September 29^h on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4 to 6 pm. Students will work with undergraduate mentors from the Johns Hopkins Baltimore Robotics Institute to construct robots from scratch, using VEX Robotics kits. Students will use their robots to play and master an arena style game created by VEX Robotics and will have opportunities to compete with other Baltimore robotics teams at VEX competitions throughout the year. Last year's team participated in four competitions. Several team members received awards, including awards for design and programming. A member of the summer team received the judge's award at the final competition of the season, while another made it to the semi-finals. Students will master the basics of robotics, science and math principles applicable at home and in school. With teamwork they will build creative confidence as they learn to express their ideas to mentors, teachers, and each other. Students will develop greater problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

If you know a middle or high school student that has an interest in science, technology, engineering or math and wants to learn more about robots, please contact the Middle School STEM Program Manager, Margaret Hart of the Center for Educational Outreach at Robotics.Coordinator@jhu.edu.