

# FESTIVAL '14

**LIVE, FREE Music—All Weekend**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

## 8:30 AM 5K RUN

Starting point and registration/packet pickup Newton White Athletic Center on JHU Campus. Enter from West University Parkway near Homewood Field. Early Entry Fee: \$30. Race Day Fee: \$35. Students Anytime: \$20. REGISTRATION INFORMATION on page 15. Go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and enter *Charles Village*. E-mail John Fink at [CVFestival5kguy@yahoo.com](mailto:CVFestival5kguy@yahoo.com).

## 9 AM 1K KIDS' FUN RUN

Free Fun Run for children 12 and under. Ribbons to all finishers. Register at White Athletic Center. You will be directed to the starting point of the Fun Run. Finish line is adjacent to Homewood Field. [www.charlesvillagerec.org](http://www.charlesvillagerec.org) for information on 5K & 1K Kids' Races.

## 11 AM–9 PM THE FESTIVAL IN WYMAN PARK DELL

Featuring crafts, businesses & non-profits plus terrific food & beer/wine. Main Stage Live Music— 5 bands & Music Workshop Kids Rock Stage See Live Music schedule on bottom page 2.

**11–5 VLP Activities for Children & Families.** Next to the new Wyman Park Dell playground near the corner of 29th Street & N. Charles. Fun kids' activities sponsored by Village Learning Place staff & volunteers— Moon Bounce, crafts, games, and prizes galore!

**Noon Mother Goose on the Loose with Cork Hardin**

**2:30–3 Magician Tim Hall, Aladdin Productions.**

Comedy Magic Show for families sponsored by F. of Wyman Park Dell

## 11–4 Charles Village Parents Activities for Children & Families.

By the VLP Activities next to the playground. Small crafts for children. Sign-up for Village Parents' Gunny Sack Races.

**2 Gunny Sack Races.** Divisions planned depending on participation— Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Girls Under 14, Boys Under 14, Women Under 30, Men Under 30, Women 30+ and Men 30+.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

## 11 AM–4 PM CHARLES VILLAGE GARDEN WALK

**NORTH of 29th Street.** Buy tickets at the Garden Walk booth at the Festival. Tour more than 20 private backyard gardens. Tickets: \$15. \$12 in advance. Info opposite & details on page 2.

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*Thank you for discarding all food & drink containers in the trash & recycling barrels placed around the Festival grounds. —Friends of Wyman Park Dell*



Illustration by C. Ryan Patterson, 2014

**Get Set, Go— Charles Village Festival '14**  
**Wyman Park Dell by W. 29th & N. Howard**

**May 31 & June 1**

[www.charlesvillagefestival.net](http://www.charlesvillagefestival.net)



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**Buy Garden Walk '14 Tickets in Advance...**  
[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/)

The Charles Village Festival is presented by the Charles Village Community Foundation in partnership with the Charles Village Civic Association, Charles Village Recreation League, Friends of Wyman Park Dell and The Village Learning Place. Festival proceeds benefit these four Charles Village community-based and volunteer-driven organizations.

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# Charles Village FESTIVAL '14

## Look for New Garden Walk Banners

Garden Walk aficionados will remember the jaunty and carefree signage used in past years to designate gardens on the Charles Village Garden Walk. Brightly colored tee-shirts from previous festivals, with the appropriate number stenciled on, hung from coat-hangers on fences and signposts. Garden Walk Chair Jeanne Knight worked with resident Susan Walther, members of the Festival '14 Committee and Jennifer Erickson to source, design and print the new banners, which will be stored and used for future Garden Walks.

On the 2014 Garden Walk, attendees will easily find the next stop on their tour map by looking for the brightly colored banners hung on the garden gates and fences. The warm gold, deep lilac, black, and white banners feature a cascading cherry tree branch in full bloom with a large-sized number. The design for the 1.5 x 3-foot vinyl banners is based on a detail from the handsome *Welcome to Charles Village* mural painted on the building north of the Safeway parking lot on Charles Street. Waverly resident Greg Gannon designed and painted the original mural in 2011. The banner detail is used by permission from the Baltimore Mural Program and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, which commissioned the mural.

—Susan Walther

## Visit Baltimore SUN's 2013 Best Small Garden

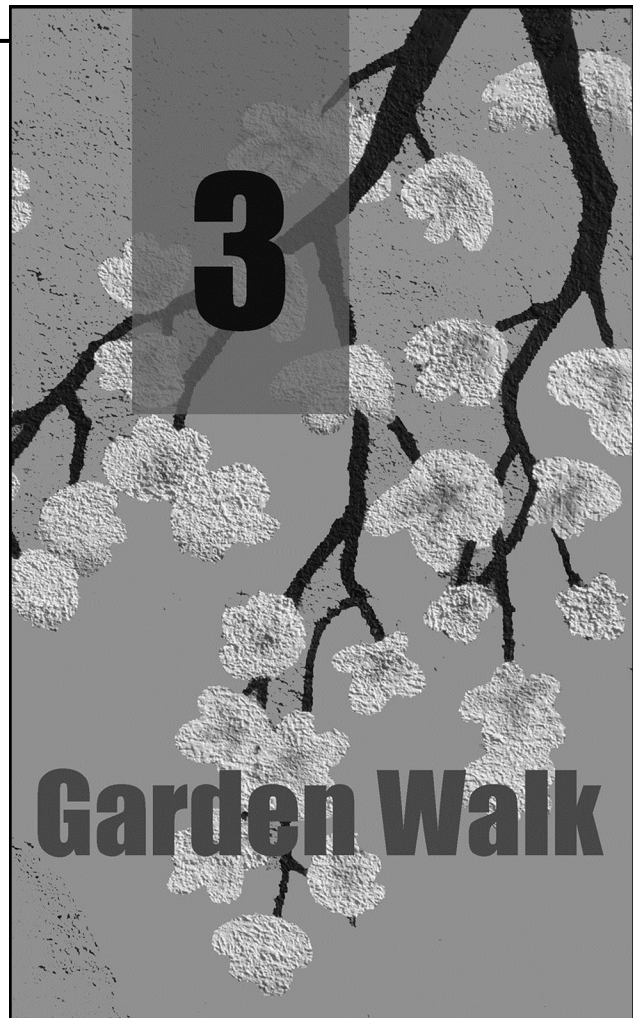
Miguel De La Cuadra, 3100 block Guilford Avenue, winner of *Baltimore's Best Small Garden* by the 2013 Baltimore Sun Garden Contest, will be on the Garden Walk, June 1. As Miguel and his family are moving to Hawaii, this will be our last chance to see the winning garden for some years to come! Transformed from a minimal backyard garden with concrete walkway to a complete overhaul with solid paver walkway, patio and retaining wall, the garden now features a Koi and goldfish pond. A raised bed and retaining wall is softened by a Japanese maple, trailing perennials and annuals. In the main garden area a line of Arborvitae provides a backdrop and during the winter allow for festive lighting for the holidays. During the spring season, a display of tulips, bleeding hearts and peonies provides a burst of bold yet harmonious display of color. This then transitions to a grand display of oriental lilies paired with some red roses as well as clematis and climbing roses. Spiderwort and annuals provide additional color for any breaks as Astilbe and Hostas bloom alongside two hydrangea bushes with a front border of happy returns and picture hat daylilies. Also see the neighboring fence planted with clematis and softened annuals in our potted containers for seasonal color.

## Advance & Day-Of Garden Walk '14 Ticket Sales

In advance, purchase Garden Walk tickets on Saturdays, May 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Waverly Farmers Market for \$15. When you purchase an advance ticket, you will receive a voucher to redeem at the Charles Village Festival Garden Walk Booth for the brochure with map of the self-guided tour. The brochure serves as the official ticket and will be available the day of the tour, June 1, beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets are also available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) for \$15. until midnight May 31. On May 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 1 until 2 p.m. you can purchase tickets for \$20. at the Charles Village Festival. Tickets must be redeemed and brochures must be claimed at the festival booth prior to 2 p.m. on June 1. All purchased tickets are nonrefundable.

—Jeanne Knight, Garden Walk Chair

*Brightly-colored banners, designed by Susan Walther, (photo above) will welcome Garden Walk '14 attendees to each of the featured gardens north of 29th Street on June 1. See Miguel De La Cuadra's award-winning Guilford Avenue garden pictured opposite.*



## LIVE, FREE Music All Weekend Long...

### Festival '14 Main Stage Live Music

#### Saturday, June 1

- 11:30–12:30 The US Navy Band, Country Current**— Country  
**1–2:30 Sentimental Journey**— 18 piece Big Band  
**3–4:30 The Brian Koogen Quartet**— Jazz  
**5–6:30 Barley Juice Un-Plugged** — Irish  
**7–9 Technicolor Motor Home**— 10-piece Steely Dan Tribute Band

#### Sunday, June 2

- 11–Noon Eliza Doering and The Penny Black**— Indie Rock  
**12:30–2 Lafayette Gilchrist featuring The New Volcano Horns** — Jazz  
**2:30–4 Jam Sandwich**— Classic Rock  
**4:30–6 The All Mighty Senators**— Urban Funk & Soul

### Music Workshop *Kids Rock Stage*

#### Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2

The Music Workshop presents kids bands all day between Main Stage acts.

For performers & times go to [www.charlesvillagefestival.net/events.html](http://www.charlesvillagefestival.net/events.html)

## Festival '14 Beer, Wine & Water Sales

One very popular concession at The Charles Village Festival is the Beer & Wine Booth. We serve beer— mostly kegs of microbrews— and varietal wines. The draft beer is served in 16-ounce cups for \$4/cup from taps. The wine is served in 6-ounce glasses from the bottle for \$3/glass. Also available is bottled water for \$1/bottle.

Generously contributing again are **Well's Discount Liquors, Eddie's Liquors, Max's on Broadway, Donna's Restaurant, Pinehurst Wine Shoppe, Dougherty's Pub, The Charles Village Schnapps Shop, The Charles Village Pub, The Wine Source, Peabody Heights Brewery (including Public Works Meal Ticket Wheat), Ledo's Pizza and Pasta, Joe Squared Maxie's Pizza Bar & Grille, and PJ's Pub**.

These generous contributors donate all the beer and wine to support the Festival and the four benefiting organizations— CVCA, Charles Village Recreation League, Friends of Wyman Park Dell and the Village Learning Place. Quench your thirst at the Festival to benefit these Charles Village organizations.

—Bob Welch & Pat Fink, Co-Chairs, Beer & Wine Booth

# THE Charles Villager

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## Love Where You Live Is Essential for A Great City

What makes a city great? What makes it a place that nurtures its residents and in turn weaves their skills, energy and savvy into the fabric of a more vibrant urban life?

The elements of a great city are easy to name, but not so easy to achieve.

- ▶ Safe streets
- ▶ Quality public schools
- ▶ Affordable housing
- ▶ Thriving businesses
- ▶ A healthy job market
- ▶ Widely diverse elements
- ▶ Sense of common purpose

The list could go on. These things don't just happen by themselves. Great cities have to be built—one neighborhood, one school, one business and one institution at a time.

At Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC), we are guided by the belief that loving where you live is essential and that the wellbeing of each city neighborhood depends on that of the others. So what does that look like?

**Safe streets** and secure neighborhoods are built by creating a strong sense of community and civic engagement. A good example is the local recreation centers. In 2011 when the City all but abandoned the long-underutilized Barclay Recreation Center, neighbors came together and advocated to keep the building open and fill it with engaging programs. GHCC spearheaded the transformation of the building. Now, the newly named 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center is a vibrant space where more than 300 people of all ages come together each week to learn and play.



*Great schools, great neighborhoods, great partners: afterschool French class taught by JHU students at Margaret Brent, one of GHCC's four Community Schools.*

The safest neighborhoods are organized neighborhoods. That's why GHCC offers residents the time-proven tools and strategies they need to improve their neighborhood quality of life and address citywide issues. You might remember the end of 2012, when a wave of violence swept up the Greenmount corridor, leaving five people shot and one 16-year-old dead. As a concerned community leapt into action, GHCC trained 16 Harwood residents to become block captains. These residents vowed to take action and be accountable for their neighborhood. A reinvigorated Harwood Community Association emerged and transformed Harwood—creating a local newsletter, improving the streets and sponsoring community building events—including the largest block party in the history of Harwood.

**Diverse, quality public education** is another key element of vibrant urban living because great neighborhoods need great neighborhood public schools. GHCC uses the nationally known *Community School* model to link schools with over 100 businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions to annually provide over \$1.5 million in resources, including academic and building improvements, extended learning opportunities and after-school programs. Long-time Charles Village residents Beverly Fink, Dorris McElroy and Jo Ann Robinson continue to volunteer year-after-year in our schools.

Margaret Brent and Barclay—both part of GHCC's Great Schools Charles Village initiative—are wonderful examples of how these resources are paying

off. In January, students at both schools returned to newly-renovated cafeterias, bathrooms, entryways with new glass doors, windows and bright new floor tiling throughout first floor hallways. GHCC helped leverage the \$1.6 million investment from Johns Hopkins University and Baltimore City Public Schools to pay for these renovations. As a leader in the Homewood Community Partners Initiative (HCPI) education agenda, GHCC is also working with partners, school staff and other stakeholders to complete a three-year strategic plan that moves both schools to become high-performing schools of choice. Already, Margaret Brent and Barclay are getting a second look by neighborhood families as enrollment continues to increase.

GHCC has learned that this kind of school improvement would not happen without the commitment of families and local residents to be stakeholders in their local public schools. Often times, that commitment is fuel for the grassroots power of successful education advocacy efforts as in the case for Waverly Elementary/Middle School. GHCC was instrumental in leading the advocacy efforts for the construction of this new school building—the first built in Baltimore City in decades. As a founding member and leader of the Baltimore Education Coalition (BEC), GHCC provides boots on the ground organizing capacity and mobilizes hundreds of parents and community members to advocate for fair funding for Baltimore City Schools.

*Love Is Essential, continued on page 5*

## CVCA Creates IT TAKES THE VILLAGE FUND for 26th Street Residents Displaced by Catastrophic Collapse of Streetscape



Charles Village—The Village, responded quickly to aid the displaced residents of E. 26th Street on April 30 by acknowledging the mutual mental anguish and inconvenience through no fault of their own. Announcement of the **It Takes The Village Fund for Displaced 26th Street Resident** resonated immediately. By Sunday May 4, I received generous checks ranging from \$25 to \$750 and many for \$100. The Old Goucher community came together for a potluck at Miller's Court with all contributions to the fund.

See the first donors list on the CHAT page 6. Learn more about the It Takes The Village Fund in my President's Letter on page 4.

The first weekend Richard D'Souza, Owner, Sweet 27 Restaurant & Café, 123–27 W. 27th Street, put out jars for cash donations and promoted 30% of restaurant proceeds through May 7 for It Takes The Village Fund. When Sharon Guida and I had dinner at Sweet 27 after the May 6 Land Use Committee Meeting, a visitor from San Juan Puerto Rico was delighted to give me \$100 contribution check. May 11, I received \$879 in donations from Richard's truly great efforts. Many thanks for giving to these displaced residents. —Sandy Sparks

*Samara looks on as Camille and Celia deliver \$23.50 and a delicious cookie from their bake sale on May 10 to Sandy Sparks, 2942 Guilford Avenue, for the It Takes the Village Fund for Displaced 26th Street Residents.*



### CVCA MEETINGS

#### General Meeting

**Wednesday, May 28 7 PM**  
**SS. Philip & James Church Hall**  
**2801 N. Charles Street**

#### CVCA Board Meetings

**Wednesdays, June 18,**  
**July 16 & August 20**  
**Charles Village Community**  
**Benefits District Office**  
**2434 St. Paul Street**

**[www.charlesvillage.net](http://www.charlesvillage.net)**

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## President's Letter

Sandy Sparks, CVCA President

The rest of the story... As CVCA President, I responded quickly to support our neighbors, the displaced residents— property owners, tenants, adults and children— of the Unit Block, E. 26th Street by announcing the **It Takes The Village Fund**. With better understanding of the limitations of non-profit fiscal sponsorship, on May 6, CVCA officially established a fiscal sponsorship with the Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC), a 501(c)(3) organization, because the IRS does not allow foundations to accept gifts for individuals— the express purpose of the fund.

**The It Takes the Village Fund** will accept fully-tax deductible donations for all 26th Street residents displaced as of April 30, the date of the CSX railway wall and streetscape collapse. The Fund's only requires that each displaced resident submit a Social Security number to GHCC in order to share equally in the monetary contributions received by the fund.

Turns out our GHCC fiscal sponsorship is serendipitous! The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) turns to GHCC for similar fiscal sponsorships that the BCF is restricted from handling. GHCC has created a restricted fund for check and cash contributions to **It Takes The Village Fund with For Displaced 26th Street Residents on the memo line**. I am returning all checks written to the Charles Village Community Foundation in order to be written payable to: It Takes The Village Fund. Do not write GHCC on the check. Thank you for following these directions. Please mail or deliver to: Sandy Sparks, CVCA President, 2942 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218. GHCC will send proper IRS thank you letters on CVCA letterhead to acknowledge your fully tax-deductible contributions for tax filings.

In addition, *The Charles Villager* will list all donors after May 11 in the next issues on the CHAT page. See the first list on page 6. On good faith, the first list includes donors whose early checks are not made now correctly made payable to: It Takes The Village Fund. We must return all incorrect checks and request that the donors send replacement checks written as directed above. It's important that all donors tend to this critical check payment detail. Until properly written checks are not able to be deposited.

Kudos to CVCA Treasurer Jeff Noll for creating a deposit work flow plan for all contributions, which Tyson Garith, GHCC Director of Partnerships and Business Services, will follow in the fiscal sponsorship process. CVCA Membership Secretary & E-Newsletter Editor, Jennifer Erickson has been stalwart in getting update e-messages out about the Fund in addition to offering great assistant to ready the first donor list on page 6. Sharon Guida continues to be stellar in getting corrected information and flyers out to the community. The highly successful efforts of Sweet 27 is testimony to Sharon's diligence. Thanks to all volunteers for the fund.

In addition to the displaced residents, many thanks go to the nearby neighbors impacted for all their sympathetic support and generosity to help as best they can. Many routines continue to be disrupted. This catastrophe proves Charles Village is a great place to live. *Love where you live is essential!*

## CVCA GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, May 28, 7 PM**  
**SS. Philip & James Church Hall, Downstairs**  
**2801 N. Charles Street**

**Learn about Transit Choices Initiative**  
**Purple Circulator Expands to University Parkway**  
**Community Updates**

***Meet your neighbors. Refreshments.***

## Be a Leader on Your Block

Learn how to access services from the City and the CVCBD. Be the communication link between your block and those whose job it is to help you make your block the best it can be. Attend Charles Village Block Leader monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday from 6–8 pm at 2434 St. Paul Street. Training and support provided by Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC). **The Next Block Leader Meeting is Thursday, May 22, 6 to 9 PM at the CVCBD Office, 2434 St. Paul Street.**

Sign up to be a Block Leader! Read Block Leader Updates at [www.charlesvillage.org](http://www.charlesvillage.org) home page/ tab for Staff and Services/Outreach. Or e-mail Sharon@charlesvillage.org. See Block Leader Updates at [www.charlesvillage.org](http://www.charlesvillage.org) tab for Staff and Services/ Outreach. To receive updates, e-mail Sharon@charlesvillage.org.

## 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.

### Charles Village Central/Harwood Walks

First Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at 26<sup>th</sup> & Charles Streets. Walk North, South and East. Expanding to more Wednesdays soon.

### Charles Village West Walks

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meet at 27<sup>th</sup> & 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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

*Suspended until Fall.* Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Meet at 31<sup>st</sup> & Charles Streets. Hosted by JHU Security.

### NEW— Harwood Walks

First walk on Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. Meet at southwest corner of 29th & Barclay. Walks will be held on second Wednesdays.

## Deliver THE CHARLES VILLAGER!

*The Charles Villager* newsletter needs a few more volunteers! If you can use a little exercise, 15 to 20 minutes, five times a year, please join our corps of 35 dedicated volunteers who deliver the paper door-to-door and in stacks to businesses.

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# GHCC Builds Vibrant, Healthy Neighborhoods, Strong Schools & Skilled Workforce

*Love Is Essential, continued on from page 1*

**Affordable housing** is integral to vibrant urban living. As the Healthy Neighborhoods administrator for central Baltimore, GHCC is the top loan producer of all 13 Healthy Neighborhoods organizations in the City. In this role, we highlight neighborhood assets through bus and walking tours, open houses, signature events, and widespread creative marketing efforts that are dedicated to promoting Charles Village and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Remington, for example, used to be a community that struggled with higher than average vacancy rates, crime and a host of other ills. Not many wanted to purchase a home there. In the 1990s, GHCC began neighborhood organizing efforts in Remington. With concentrated effort, GHCC worked to start the Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) in 2007 and launched a Healthy Neighborhoods program in 2008. Since then, GHCC helped generate roughly \$5 million in investment through purchase, refinance and renovation loans and block improvement projects. Remington is now considered one of Baltimore's best up-and-coming neighborhoods and a vibrant place to live and play.

**Thriving businesses** depend on neighborhood organizing efforts. As homeownership grows and vacant buildings are reoccupied, small businesses like WC Harlan on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, developers like Seawall (for whom GHCC secured the historic tax credits necessary to redevelop Miller's Court, 2601 Howard Street), and visionaries like the Single Carrot Theatre see a neighborhood's potential and choose to invest.

But what about those areas like Greenmount Avenue that still struggle to attract investment? GHCC is working with other local stakeholders to create a safe

and accessible gateway to the Greenmount commercial corridor called *Waverly Commons*. Thanks to a recent grant, Waverly Main Street will soon begin to initiate one element of this plan, which includes a pedestrian promenade and public plaza in the Waverly Farmers Market block.

**A healthy job market** relies on strong businesses, but in some neighborhoods where the unemployment rate is nearly 21%, we need more than job opportunities alone to get people employed. A key challenge in building and strengthening our city is connecting low-income residents to education and career pathways that offer a way out of poverty. Adults identified as hard-to-employ have an even greater uphill battle, as they face significant barriers to employment, including low literacy and math skills, lack of experience, lack of technical skills and credentials, criminal records and substance abuse/addiction. For these residents, job placement is difficult to attain because they do not meet the requirements that many local employers expect.

GHCC's Workforce Connections Program, which is part of our 25-year-old Adult Learning Center, provides substantive intake, career placement and retention services for the City's hardest to employ. Launched in April 2013, the program has enrolled more than 150 residents in educational, training, and barrier removal programs—65 of those residents have found jobs.

**Love where you live.** Now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of serving Baltimore, GHCC continues its role as a catalyst, resource, incubator, coalition-builder and innovator. Our achievements are the result of being creative, adaptable, flexible and responsive. But we could not do this work without people who love where they live—people like you.

Many of you have attended the annual GHCC Neighborhood Institute, enrolled in a block captain training, volunteered at the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center, donated or involved in other ways. We are so grateful, and hope that you will stay involved, engaged and committed to building and strengthening your vibrant urban community. To learn more about our programs, visit [www.greaterhomewood.org](http://www.greaterhomewood.org).

—Karen Stokes, Executive Director

## Support Greater Homewood. Donate Today to GHCC.

Baltimore needs nonprofit organizations like Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) and we need your support. GHCC is at a crucial point in our annual fundraising drive. Please consider making a donation to GHCC now. Even small investments yield great returns.

GHCC accepts cash, checks & money orders. Please make checks payable to Greater Homewood Community Corporation.

You also can donate online by visiting [www.greaterhomewood.org/give](http://www.greaterhomewood.org/give)

Send contributions to:  
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THANK YOU. Karen Stokes, GHCC

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- *The Charles Villager* newsletter
- *Charles Village Cooks: A Taste of The Village* cookbook



Now is the time for area businesses and non-profits...

## JOIN or RENEW Membership in CVCA!

### Non-Profit Members

Baltimore Branch NAACP  
Children of the World, Co-Op, Inc.  
Greater Homewood Community Corporation  
Franciscan Center

### CVCA Business Members

A+A Lead Paint Inspections  
Auto Stop Limited  
B1 Korean BBQ Restaurant  
Baltimorean Apartments  
Burs and Garrett Physical Therapy Association  
Dominion Ice Cream  
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As the Village Chat deadline neared, I did not have much news. The April 24 fire affecting four houses on the 2700 block of N. Calvert Street made major morning rush hour news with many streets closed. A few days later came news heard around the world—the catastrophic collapse of the E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street unit block edge, cars and granite wall onto the CSX train tracks. St. Paul Street resident, **Judge Evelyn Cannon**, was on her way to the CVS at 25<sup>th</sup> Street when she noticed all the cars parked along the wall at an angle. She called 911 and described the situation. She was standing nearby when it collapsed. Guilford Avenue's **Dana Peterson Moore** was driving up N. Charles Street as the disaster unfolded. The video made by 26<sup>th</sup> Street resident **Nick Ybarra-Reyes** went viral on the Internet. People from all around the world reached out to Baltimore friends to inquire about their safety.

Our collective hearts go out to our 26<sup>th</sup> Street neighbors. While no one was physically hurt, the displaced residents suffered an emotionally traumatizing event. Some folks lost their cars and all have had to leave their homes for an undetermined time. I saw on the news that one person who lost his car was told by his insurance company that they would not cover the loss as an act of God. Let's hope the company re-thinks this decision. People stopped by the site to watch the cranes crush and lift cars off the train tracks. Crowds continued to gather for days after the collapse and rebuilding now underway.

Within a day of the street collapse, Charles Villagers came together with Delegate **Mary Washington** and City Councilman **Carl Stokes** to organize support and assistance for our displaced neighbors. **Delegates Kurt Anderson and Maggie McIntosh** have also been involved. I immediately began compiling a list of people in Charles Village and beyond who had offered spare rooms in their homes or could foster pets and shared the list with any displaced 26<sup>th</sup> Street resident who inquired. As the person who collected the names of people offering their homes to complete strangers, I can say with certainty that ours is a caring and generous community. Quickly, **CVCA President, Sandy Sparks** responded by setting up a dedicated fund for fully tax-deductible contributions. Now it's official! It Takes The Village Fund for displaced 26th Street residents. See page 3 and the acknowledgement of early fund contributors opposite.

Our hearts go out to **Richard Burnham**, the owner of **Graphics Imaging**, next to the Jones Falls in Woodberry, which was completely destroyed by floodwaters that same rain-drenched day, April 30. Richard reports that they sustained 3 feet of water and mud inside the business in Woodberry and 7 feet on the exterior. and lost everything. There is no insurance for his type of devastation. -- and so far there is no disaster funding available.

Richard, whose family business was for many years on 25<sup>th</sup> Street, is a great friend and supporter of Charles Village. To help Richard and his family, visit the online fundraising site, Give Forward, which allows friends and family to give. Go to: [www.giveforward.com](http://www.giveforward.com). Login—Graphic Imaging—to decide on how much you wish to donate.

The fire on the 2700 block N. Calvert Street forced residents **Spud Henderson and Stephanie Repko** out of their home. Lucky for them a friend who was staying with them was up late reading when he heard a loud pop. He looked out the back window where the sound came from and saw that the back of the house on fire! He quickly alerted Stephanie and Spud. They with one of Stephanie and Spud's cats safely made it out of the house. Their second cat was later found safe in the basement. Spud said that the Red Cross has been incredible, putting them up in nice hotels and otherwise being very supportive. Spud seemed to be taking all of this in stride. He and Stephanie hope to rent a place in Charles Village while they rehab their house.

And then early morning walkers saw four deer running down Guilford Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. April was a really crazy month in Charles Village.

**Guilford Avenue resident Jeanne Knight** wrote to say that **Bruce McCurnin**, her neighbor at 2505 Guilford Avenue, passed away on March 4. Until retiring after 38 years, Bruce was a physical education teacher with the city schools. His beautifully composed planters in the front yard were an asset to the neighborhood. Bruce was their unofficial block watch while he was on the porch smoking his cigars. Condolences to his wife Linda and family.

**Robert Edward Maddox** passed away on April 7. Formerly of the 2500 block of Guilford Avenue, he was the father of **Dylan Maddox** and former husband of **Kathy Pinto**. Our condolences go out to Kathy and Dylan, current residents of the 2500 block of Guilford.

**Francis Pluciennik and Michael Simon**, 2900 Guilford Avenue residents, celebrated their wedding at the

Mitchell Court House on May 2 with a champagne luncheon catered by Oakenshaw's **Mary Gill** and table bouquets by **Local Color Flowers** on Brentwood at neighbor **Sandy Sparks'** home. Sandy baked the three-tier wedding cake. Present and former Charles Village guests included **Jan and Gil French, Meg and Richard Chisolm, Anne Griffith and Dorothy Sutton**.

**Abell residents Tim and Janet Kahoe** reported they are really busy filming in Maryland and Texas for Janet's video production company, Stonebridge Communications. They attended the National Association of Broadcasters conference (NAB) in Las Vegas and relaxed on the Colorado River in the Black Canyon where they canoed in to camp. Hot springs nestled in the canyon made the campsite extra special. **Guilford Avenue resident, Connie Sanabria**, a French teacher at City College High School, wants to make sure her students have the materials and skills they need to succeed not only in her classroom and outside as well. As 21st century teens, they primarily experience the world through screens. Education must adapt to elevate their use of technology for learning rather than just socializing or entertainment. She uses a projector and laptop while teaching French, but the class would benefit from a classroom iPad to enhance the creativity and student interactivity. With an iPad, her students can annotate, share, and explain work via PowerPoint and language-learning apps to improve fluency skills. Connie needs funds to integrate more technology into her classroom. She has created a project request at [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org): An iPad For Classroom Engagement. Connie promises donors awesome photos once the project is completed and heartfelt thanks. Donate to Connie at [www.donorschoose.org/mllesanabria](http://www.donorschoose.org/mllesanabria).

A recent *Sun* article about the short-sighted proposal to cut the International Baccalaureate program at City College High School. Parents are organizing to protect the IB program, which has produced many accomplished young people including several from our very own backyard. **Gary Marcus**, son of Abell resident, **Marilyn Marcus**, and a professor psychology at New York

University. On Sunday, April 6, The New York Times published Gary's essay *Eight (No Nine!) Problems with Big Data*. He is the author of the forthcoming book *The Future of the Brain*. One of Gary's closest friends, **Thomas Keck**, grew up on E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Thomas is the Michael O. Sawyer Chair of Constitutional Law and Politics, Chair of the Department of Political Science at Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and an expert on the U.S. Supreme Court. His mom, **Donna Poggi Keck**, still lives on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. **Celia Neustadt**, a more recent graduate, returned to Baltimore after college to found a non-profit that works with young people to create a safer environment at the Inner Harbor. Brother **David**, also a City grad is at Harvard. Their parents **Beth Pepper and Mark Neustadt** live in the 2700 block St. Paul Street. These are just a few of the many accomplished people who benefited from their City College education. Let's rally to support this outstanding IB program at City College.

**Caitlin Harbold**, who grew up on the 3200 block of Abell Avenue, is engaged to Drew Hutcheon, 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps. Drew is stationed in Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. Caitlin is working as a wedding planner in Palm Springs and is hoping to use her connections to pull off a great wedding next May in Palm Springs. Her mom, **Jenny Harbold**, has lived on Abell Avenue for 30 years. Caitlin and my oldest son were born days apart at Union Memorial Hospital 26 years ago! There was a mini baby boom going on in the Village back just as now. 12 Charles Village babies were born in May 2012! Most celebrated together May 4 at the Abell Open Space. **Odette Ramos** mother of **Teresa**, born May 18, 2012, sent this adorable factoid. Dad is **John Spurrier**.

Kudos to **John Spurrier** and the newly formed **CVCA Events Committee** for leading the effort to re-invent the decade-ago Third Fridays when bands played in front of Eddie's Market with the service drive closed to seat the audience. Co-sponsored with the Village Parents, the evening gathering from 5:30 to 8 p.m. is moving to the courtyard between Eddie's and Freshii. Well-known as **DJ Redlocks** at the Spaghetti Disco and during the fall Baltimore Marathon on Guilford Avenue, John will d-j the new Third Fridays. See page 12 for details.

**Maya Kosak and her family** are hosting a CSA pick-up for their friends' farm on the **2700 block of Guilford**. Go to [Littlegunpowderfarm.com](http://Littlegunpowderfarm.com). People can also sign up for a monthly or bi-monthly share of the flowers Maya grows nearby at Hillen Homestead - [facebook.com/hillenhomestead](http://facebook.com/hillenhomestead).

Please send Charles Village news and personal notes for CHAT to: [dawnacobb@gmail.com](mailto:dawnacobb@gmail.com) or 2943 N. Charles Street, Baltimore 21218.

## IT TAKES THE VILLAGE FUND

**Memo line: For Displaced 26th Street Residents**

**Mail/deliver to: Sandy Sparks, 2942 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218**

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CVCA Clean Team staff Howard Williams and Shawn Carter load resident's trash into dumpster on Maryland Avenue during the Mayor's Spring Clean Up, April 26.



## How To Call 311 or 911 Effectively

The Benefits District provides supplemental sanitation and safety services to those provided by the City of Baltimore. To ensure that the City has the first opportunity to address the issue or concern and to hold the City accountable, residents and business owners should *call the City first* before contacting CVCBD.

**Call 311 for All NON-Emergency situations to request City Services.** A non-emergency situation would include not only trash issues below but also situations such as uplifted sidewalks, burned out street lights and fallen tree limbs.

**Call 911 for All Emergency situations requiring IMMEDIATE attention from a City service such as police, fire or ambulance.** An emergency situation would include not only the safety issues listed below but also situations such as a traffic accident, smell of gas, or a person in need of *immediate* medical attention.

**311 TRASH ISSUES**— If you observe a trash issue on your block, you should call 311 or go to [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) to access 311 online, and report in as few words as possible. Trash issues include:

- ▶ Illegal dumping. Dumping of trash by someone not related to the property owner whose address is closest to the dumping site
- ▶ Furniture, mattresses or other bulk trash items dumped in alley
- ▶ Trash cans without lids
- ▶ Trash cans left in alley before or after trash day (trash cans should not be in alley before 6 pm the night before and after 8 pm on trash day)
- ▶ Dirty alley— major trash and debris in alley
- ▶ Graffiti

In these situations call 311 and give the operator the address and location of the offense. Be careful not to give your address unless you make it clear that a third party unknown to you dumped illegally behind or in front of your house. Otherwise, you will receive a citation. Providing photos is important. You can give your name and address or use your Crime Watch number. Record the date and time of your contact with 311, exactly what you told the operator, and what the operator told you, and the Complaint Number. If after two 311 complaints, the problem is still unresolved, contact Matt Bradby, CVCBD Program Manager, at [matt@charlesvillage.org](mailto:matt@charlesvillage.org) with all of the information and ask for assistance from the CVCBD Sanitation Team.

**911 SAFETY ISSUES**— If you observe a safety issue on your block, you should call 911, report it there in as few words as possible. Safety issues include:

- ▶ Crime in progress
- ▶ Suspicious person peering in windows or knocking on doors
- ▶ Suspicious drug activity
- ▶ Noise disturbance
- ▶ Nuisance house

In these situations call 911 and give the operator the address and location of the offense. Provide a description of persons and vehicles involved, and the direction in which they were walking or driving. You can give your name and address or use your Crime Watch number. Record the date and time, what you reported and what the operator told you, whether any police responded, the names and badge numbers of police officers and what they told you. If the issue persists continue to call 911, ask neighbors to call 911. Repeat this procedure above for every 911 call made. Then contact Matt Bradby, CVCBD Program Manager, at [matt@charlesvillage.org](mailto:matt@charlesvillage.org) with all of the information and ask for assistance from the Benefits District Safety Team. —David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

## Committee Focuses on Nuisance Houses

The CVCA Land Use Committee includes a Nuisance House Committee that tracks and works to remediate serious problems in coordination with the Northern District Police. Recently, Northern District Police Officer Gibson clarified how to deal with persistent problems, "If you would like a police report of the incident to build a Nuisance House case, you must ask to speak to the officer responding to the 911 call and explain your need for a written police report because you are working with the CVCA Nuisance House Committee to build a Nuisance House case. If the police officer refuses to give you a police report number, get his or her name and badge number, call 911 again, ask to speak to the police officer's supervisor, and repeat your request and explanation to the supervisor. If you are using your Crime Watch number because you prefer to remain anonymous, the police officer will not come to your door and the Nuisance House Committee will try to obtain a report using the Community Relations Office of the Northern District after the fact." —Sharon Guida, Chair, CVCA Land Use Committee

## Mayor's Spring Clean Up with CVCBD

On Saturday, April 26, CVCBD staff joined the annual Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's Mayor Spring Clean Up 2014. This event allowed residents throughout the city to discard trash from their homes, join with their neighbors in organizing neighborhood cleanups and community cleanup projects. Abell, Charles Village, Harwood and Old Goucher residents joined in tree well cleaning projects, cleaning neighborhood parks, alleyways and in cleaning abandoned properties. The CVCBD Clean Team staffed each of the four dumpster locations and assisted residents to dump their trash and bring bulk trash to the dumpster from their vehicles.

## Annual National Night Out Sites Set for Tuesday Evening, August 5

Once again, the CVCBD will support each Community and Business Association's National Night Out activities. Last year the communities of Harwood, Charles Village and Old Goucher joined 37.8 million people in 16,124 communities nationwide to host events that were well attended and generated a lot of interest in crime prevention initiatives. On August 5, the Charles Village Civic Association's location returns to the north lawn of SS. Philip & James Church at 2801 N Charles Street. The Old Goucher Community Association's Night Out event is set again for the Calvert Street Park at 22<sup>nd</sup> & Calvert Streets.

## CVCBD Reauthorizing Process Continues

By law every four years the Baltimore City Council is required to review the performance of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and to decide whether or not to reauthorize it for 4 more years of operation.

In February, the process began with introduction of **City Council Bill #14-0324/Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority**. The Council then referred the issue to the Baltimore Planning Commission and then the Urban Affairs and Aging Committee for public hearings on the CVCBD's performance in the last 4 years.

Residents are encouraged to write letters in advance of the public hearings and also testify. Both the Planning Commission and City Council Committee on Urban Affairs submit reports summarizing their finding to City Council. The Committee on Urban Affairs meets on May 15, 4 PM at City Hall, City Council chambers. Finally, City Council votes on reauthorization. This legislative process will be completed by June.

CVCBD has received more than 50 letters of support from residents, businesses, property owners and institutions in the Charles Village Community Benefits District. There is still time for you to participate in the reauthorization process. Please submit your letters with Reference: City Council Bill #14-0324/Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority to:

- ▶ Mr. Thomas Stosur, Director of Planning: [tom.stosur@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:tom.stosur@baltimorecity.gov)
- ▶ The Honorable Sharon Middleton, Chair, City Council Committee on Urban Affairs and Aging: [sharon.middleton@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:sharon.middleton@baltimorecity.gov)
- ▶ The Honorable Mary Pat Clarke, City Council Representative, District 14: [marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov)
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- ▶ The Honorable Bernard (Jack) Young, City Council President: [councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov)

Please e-mail a copy of your letter to: David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director, at [davidhill@charlesvillage.org](mailto:davidhill@charlesvillage.org) or mail to: 2434 St Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Many thanks for your timely and strong letters of support.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

## HCPI Awards \$258,000 for Twelve Community Spruce-Up Grants

On April 29 at Miller's Court, the Central Baltimore Partnership (CBP) announced 12 winners of the Homewood Community Partners Initiative's (HCPI) Community Spruce-Up Grant Program at an awards reception held at Miller's Court in the Remington community. The five-year HCPI Community Spruce-Up Grant program provides capital improvement grants to groups, individuals and associations in these neighborhoods—Abell, Barclay, Charles North, Charles Village, Greenmount West, Harwood, Oakenshawe, Old Goucher, Remington, Wyman Park and Waverly Main Street. Grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for projects with a total cost of approximately \$15,000 to \$50,000.

The Spruce-Up Grants are meant to bolster the four pillars of the HCPI agenda. The improvement of: (1) quality of life, (2) housing, (3) public education, and (4) retail options. Promoting these elements through capital projects, has turned the Central Baltimore area into an appealing destination for housing, investment and leisure.

Awardees received a total of \$258,000 in grants courtesy of the program's three sponsors: Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative in the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development and the Robert W. Deutsch Foundation. Total spending for winning projects will equal \$671,000. Remaining capital is coming from matching funds and in-kind services—a considerable portion of which can also be traced back to the Central Baltimore Partnership and its partner organizations.

HCPI Chair, Fred Lazarus IV, President of MICA, noted. "The HCPI Spruce-Up projects have been great for the communities involved. Not just because of what they've done, but because they've motivated

people to think about what could be done! That's an ongoing process that will yield results long after these projects have been completed."

### Winning HCPI Grant Projects

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Street Community Plaza

Seawall Development will expand on the tire shop redevelopment by realigning the intersection of W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street & N. Howard Street, eliminating the dangerous sweep onto 26<sup>th</sup> Street. This realignment allows the reclamation of a large public space for the development of a plaza with landscaping, furnishings, game tables and interactive features to create a gateway to Remington with a signature sculpture—R.

#### Barclay Street Pedestrian Lighting

Harwood Community Association aims to promote Barclay Street as a safe, attractive and distinctive pedestrian pathway unifying the Harwood and Abell communities by installing outdoor porch light fixtures along the sides of homes along Barclay Street to provide a safely lit pathway for pedestrian traffic. The lighting will also help bridge the connection to the 29th Street Community Center, Barclay School, Waverly Farmers Market, Waverly Branch Library, library and businesses in Waverly Main Street.

#### Bold, Beautiful and Brilliant Barclay Initiative

The BMOG Coalition, with support from GHCC, aims to improve the aesthetics and ambiance of the Barclay neighborhood by cleaning and transforming unattended lots with foliage and gardens; using artistic measures to bring new life to vacant and boarded buildings; planting trees, addressing illegal dumping and litter with education, regular clean-ups and installation of trash receptacles.

#### Harwood Neighborhood Signage

Four mosaic bulletin boards will be installed at highly visible locations throughout the neighborhood, adding to Harwood's growing reputation as a neighborhood of mosaics. This project will increase access to information about events at the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center and throughout the neighborhood.

#### Huntingdon Ave. Viaduct Path Improvements

Remington resident Nellie Power and partners will improve the safety, accessibility and aesthetics of the viaduct path as a connector between Wyman Park and Remington, creating a more user-friendly connection to the park.

#### Margaret Brent School Playground Improvements

The playground along N. Calvert Street is a heavily used space by school and neighborhood children. The Margaret Brent Family School Council, with support from GHCC, will transform the existing playground with new surfacing and equipment.

#### New Greenmount West: Gateway

The Clean and Green Team of the New Greenmount West Community Association will build on efforts to maintain and invigorate the public spaces in the community. They will create strong focal points at gateways to the community at Brentwood Commons and Federal/Calvert Park. Improvements include landscaping, a statement sculpture at Brentwood Commons and bold signage at the Federal/Calvert Park.

#### Old Goucher Tree Canopy Restoration

Building on the efforts of community members to enhance the public spaces, the Old Goucher Community Association, in partnership with Baltimore Tree Trust, will inventory existing trees and plant or replace trees throughout the neighborhood, focusing on the east-west streets.

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### St. Paul Street Park

As the focal point of the Charles North Community, Phase 2 of park improvements will include solar lighting installation, boulders for seating and aesthetics and other elements to increase interest in and positive use of this open space by the community..

### Waverly Commons: Phase 1

Phase 1 of the Waverly Commons Project will improve the parking lot, best known for the Waverly Farmers Market, at Barclay and 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets to better serve the residential and business communities by establishing the lot as a flex space for the Market and other special events. Plans include increased accessibility, new signage and the addition of storm water drainage and landscaping.

### Wyman Park Dell: Southern Park Project

The Wyman Park Dell is a 16-acre landmark park-bounded by 29<sup>th</sup> and N. Howard Streets on the west side. This project will enhance gateways to the park and include the installation of a sign at the southwestern entrance to the park identical to the one in the center of the park along the playground walk along with trash/recycling receptacles and landscaping. These changes will also address safety concerns of the pedestrian walkways.

### Ynot Lot

The 11,000 square-foot lot at the NW corner of Charles Street & North Avenue has become the YNOT Lot. Station North Arts and Entertainment, Inc. is converting the once blighted lot into an outdoor event space with rotating performance exhibitions and a large-scale mural to connect with and leverage nearby revitalization work.

—K. Reni Lawal, HCPI Community Spruce-Up Program Manager

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All proceeds benefit Baltimore Green Map & production of BGM's new Jones Falls Trail Map



Sunday, June 8

This annual bike ride through Baltimore's parks and neighborhoods offers a close-up view of regional parks like Carroll, Patterson, Clifton and Druid Hill, as well as some quietly tucked away gems. All rides start and end in Carroll Park. Participants choose from 4 routes: 14 miles (the family ride on the Gwynn's Falls Trail), 25 miles, 35 miles, or a metric century (64 miles). Ends with a picnic.

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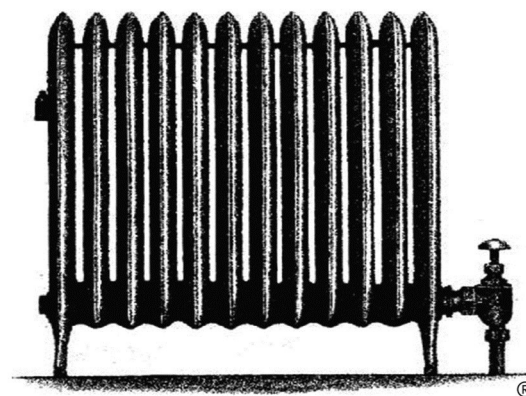
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## VLP Calendar

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at the VLP— 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*May 14— Rafael Alvarez*, local author, will read from his new book, *Tales from the Holy Land*, and answer questions. Please join us for a stimulating and humorous evening of literary delights.

*June 11—* Local historian, **Michael Moore**, will present on Maritime East Coast Archive Records.

### Baltimore History Evenings at the VLP— Third Thursdays, 7 to 9 pm

The monthly series of presentations and discussions is presented in partnership with the Baltimore City Historical Society.

### May 15— Annual Grace Darin Lecture. *Baltimore's Historic Places: Now What?* led by Johns Hopkins, Executive Director, Baltimore Heritage

*The cash-strapped City of Baltimore owns nationally important historic structures such as the Peale Museum, the Shot Tower, and the H. L. Mencken House. What will be the fate of these irreplaceable treasures?*

The Grace Darin Memorial Lecture supports the great work and programs of the Village Learning Place. A donation of \$10.00 is requested at the door.

*June 19— Tinged with Hostility: Competing Agendas and Social Justice Reform in Baltimore, 1930–1950*, led by **David Terry**

### Parent's Night Out— May 22, 7 pm

Join the Village Parents and the VLP as we take a break to socialize with other community parents. Light refreshments and childcare provided.

### Senior Tea— 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon

Seniors are invited for free performances and presentations. Coffee, tea and refreshments served.

### Tots Tuesdays— 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 10:45 to 11:30 am

Join us for this award-winning, world renowned storytime! Geared toward children between 0 and 3 years old.



2013 Link students learn about gardening at the VLP.

### LINK End-of-Year Celebration— Thursday, May 22 from 5-7pm

Families, friends, and students are invited for a celebration featuring dinner, student showcase, and carnival games. Dinner and activities in the cafeteria and on the basketball courts of Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School. Rain or shine.

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### Annual Fundraising Event, April 12

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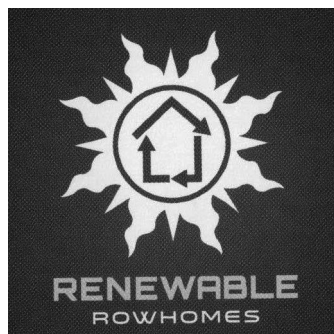
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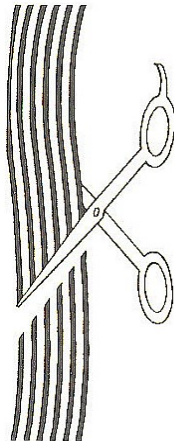
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## The Baltimore Museum of Art

While several galleries in the museum are under renovation, visit one of the masterworks that you perhaps having enjoyed for a while. Two of the top 10 most popular pieces are *Pink Tulip* by Georgia O'Keeffe and *Woman of the Mango* by Paul Gauguin. What a difference in approach! Also, be sure to visit the returned Renoir, *On the Shore of the Seine*, included in the special exhibit on the visionary Baltimore collector Saidie May.

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

**May—Celebrate the Great Outdoors** Outside, weather permitting  
May 18, Invent an Imaginary Landscape

May 25, Object Lesson: The Cone Sisters' Flowers

## JUNE—On the Move

June 1, Construct a Fanciful Cart

June 8, Build a Big Ship

June 15, Create a Circus Ride

June 22, Make an Art Car

June 29, Object Lesson: Max Pechstein's The Circus

## JULY—Textures

July 6, Make a Mixed Media Mosaic

July 13, Assemble a Wearable Sculpture

July 20, Explore the Textures of Water

July 27, Object Lesson: Felix Gonzalez-Torres' Untitled (Water)

## AUGUST—Contemporary Explorations

August 3, Fold a Flip Book

August 10, Make a Masterpiece in Black and White

August 17, Create a Colorful Collage

August 24, Make a Bold Self-Portrait

August 31, Object Lesson: David Smith's *Dida Gondola*

New this summer—Family Art Classes on Saturdays, 2–3:30 pm, for Museum Members only

June 14, Art on the High Seas

July 12, Masterful Mosaics

August 9, Artful Collages

These classes are another good reason to become a member

## No Jazz in the Sculpture Garden

Because of renovations, the Joseph Meyerhoff Auditorium cannot be used as a backup refuge from extreme weath-

er conditions. The traditional jazz concerts in the sculpture garden are cancelled for this summer.

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or visit [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org).

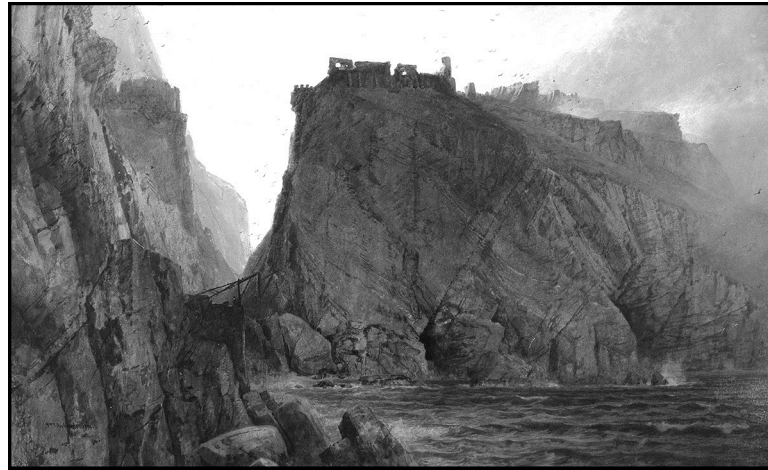
## The Walters Art Museum

*American Artists Abroad*—a rare opportunity see works on paper by John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, John LaFarge and others. This exhibition celebrates the completion of a grant-funded project, sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, to catalogue and photograph more than 600 American paintings, drawings and portrait miniatures for the Walters Art Museum's Artworks website, making them freely accessible.

**Sondheim Artscape Prize 2014 Finalists Exhibition.** June 21–August 17.

**Drop-in Art Activities for Families** are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The May theme is **Architectural Elements**, June is **Escape to India**, July is **Contemporary Kids**, and the summer wraps up in August with **A Horse, of Course**.

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 410.547.9000 or visit [www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)



William Trost Richards (American, 1833–1905). *Tintagel on the Cornish Coast*, 1879. See this drawing in the *Americans Artists Abroad* exhibit, which celebrates the completion of a grant-funded project, sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, to catalogue and photograph The Walters permanent collection for accessibility to all online.

**Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture**, 830 E. Pratt Street. See the special exhibition, *Interweaving Traditions: Bookbinding Across Cultures: Books as Art Objects by Refugee Youth*. Through June 1.

**Single Carrot Theatre**, 2600 N. Howard. *The Apocalypse Comes at 6PM* by Georgi Gospodinov. A beautiful series of interwoven stories about the nature of humanity in transition. June 11–29. Tickets & Info: 443.844.9253 or [singlecarrot.com](http://singlecarrot.com).

**The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory** presents **2014: A Season of Malice and Misadventure**. *Much Ado About Nothing* July 18–August 15 and *Measure for Measure* from August 1–24. Tix at [TheShakespeareFactory.com](http://TheShakespeareFactory.com) or call 410.921.WILL (9455).

**Center Stage**, 700 N. Calvert Street. Don't miss the season end with *Wild With Happy* by Colman Domingo—a heartwarming adventure through love and loss. May 28–June 29. Tix: 410.332.0033 or [www.centerstage.org](http://www.centerstage.org).

**Everyman Theater**, 315 W. Fayette Street. The final production is *Tribes* by Ina Raine. This Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play is the hysterical and touching coming-of-age story about the struggle for self-identity and what it truly means to be understood. May 28–

June 22. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or [www.everymantheatre.org](http://www.everymantheatre.org).

**Spotlighters Theater**, 817 St. Paul Street. The season ends with *Edward II* by Christopher Marlowe. The play illustrates the romance between Edward and his beloved Gaveston with surprising candor and reveals that not even the Crown is safe against the crushing intolerance of Church and State. May 30–June 22. Tix: 410.752.1225 or at [www.spotlighters.org](http://www.spotlighters.org).

**Vagabond Players**, 806 S. Broadway in Fells Point, completes the season with *The Exonerated* by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen. This award-winning drama intertwines the true stories of six death row inmates who are proven innocent before they are executed. June 6–July 6. Call 410.563.9135 or [www.vagabondplayers.org](http://www.vagabondplayers.org)

**Fells Point Corner Theatre**, 251 S. Ann Street in Fells Point, concludes with Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*.

Through June 1. This Tony Award winning play weaves a confrontation between mediocrity and genius. Tix: [www.fpct.org](http://www.fpct.org) or call 410.276.7837.

**Baltimore Arena Players**, 801 McCulloh Street. The next production is *Mahalia: The Gospel Songstress*. This play covers the career of Mahalia Jackson and her journey with much about her life that will be new to you. Through June 8. Tix: 410.728.6500 or [www.arenaplayersinc.com](http://www.arenaplayersinc.com).

**The Bach Concert Series at Christ Lutheran Church**, 701 S. Charles Street. *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major* by J.S. Bach with the Bach In Baltimore Choir & Orchestra and T. Herbert Dimmock, Conductor. Marcy Richardson, Sopran, Jennifer Blades, Alto. June 1 at 4 pm (ticket required). Tix [BachinBaltimore.org](http://BachinBaltimore.org) or 410.941.9262.

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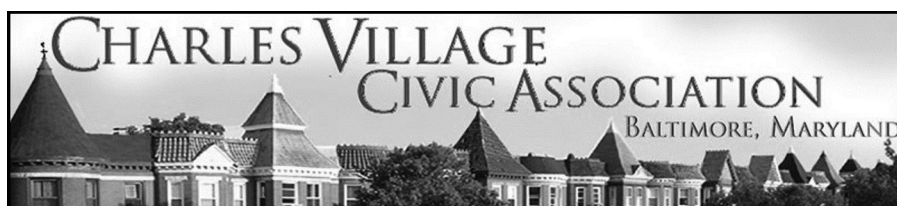
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--Jennifer Erickson, CVCA Membership Chair & E-Newsletter Editor



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We make our voices known on planning, zoning, liquor, traffic and other issues affecting the neighborhood. We help prevent crime and build community through the Neighborhood Walkers in partnership with the Charles Village Community Benefits District. We beautify the neighborhood by organizing clean-ups and plantings. We support strong schools and recreation activities for our children and youth.

### CVCA Membership Benefits

Benefits include voting rights at CVCA's General and Town Meetings, invitations to special events, e-mail news and business discounts.

### CVCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Emotions tend to run high. In the moments before the starting call at 9 a.m., physical and mental energy builds among the racers— giggles, concerns about shoes, final slurps of milk and mouthfuls of raisins. Then, they're off. Occasionally, the kids jostle because of their limited ability to maintain personal space not to gain advantage. When runners go down with skinned knees or elbows, other racers stop to assist, say "sorry" and offer a hug. A downed racer will often brush tears aside and find the inner strength to get back on the course. Cheers erupt as the young racers enter the final stretch— some powering through, some being carried— to burst through the finish line.

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### Signature

*Signature of parent or guardian required if participant is under 18 years of age.*

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## CV Festival 5K Race & 1K Kids' Fun Run on Saturday, May 31

The Charles Village Recreational League, Johns Hopkins University and Union Memorial Hospital are pleased to sponsor the return of the Charles Village Festival 5K Race and 1K Kids' Fun Run on Saturday morning, May 31.

Started more than 20 years ago by Charles Village parents, the Charles Village Recreation League (CVRL) is an all-volunteer organization that provides recreational sports for school-aged children and youth in Baltimore with an emphasis on fun, skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. The League focuses on recreation for children 4–14 years old and currently offers clinic and travel soccer in both fall and spring and a small basketball program in the winter. For information, visit [charlesvillagerec.org](http://charlesvillagerec.org).  
—John Fink & Ed Hargadon, Chairs, Charles Village Festival 5K Race & 1K Kids' Run

### 1K Kids' Fun Run, May 31

Free 1K Fun Run for children 12 & under. Ribbons to all finishers.

### 1K Kids' Fun Run Start Time: 9:00 AM

Register on site in front of the White Hall Gym on JHU Homewood Campus. Enter from W. University Parkway on the south side of Homewood Field. Participants will be directed to the starting point of the 1K Fun Run on the JHU campus. For information about the 1K Kids' Fun Run, contact John Fink at [CVFestival5kguy@yahoo.com](mailto:CVFestival5kguy@yahoo.com).

## 5K Race on Saturday, May 31 Register by May 29 at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

### Starting Point & Registration:

In front of the Newton White Athletic Center on JHU Homewood Campus. Enter from W. University Parkway on the south side of Homewood Field. Park on nearby streets.  
**5K Race Start Time: 8:30 AM**

**Course:** This loop course starts and finishes by the Newton White Athletic Center with a course through the JHU campus and along lovely, shaded San Martin Drive.

**Awards:** Top three male and female finishers Age Group Awards: 15 and under, 15–19, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60+  
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### 5K Race Registration & Packet Pickup:

Registration & Packet pickup will be held Friday, May 30 from Noon to 6 PM at the Falls Road Running Store, 6247 Falls Road, Baltimore 21209, and on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7 AM in front of the White Hall Gym on the JHU Homewood Campus.

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