

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

Baltimore, Maryland

Holiday 2013

Snowflake Tour Recalls Renovation Trials & Successes

Soon, it will be the season of holiday house tours. And no tour is more festive and delightful than our own Snowflake Tour of Charles Village Homes on Sunday, December 15 from Noon to 4 PM. You will see a wide array of lovely houses— from the largest to the smallest, Victorian coquettes to Edwardian dandies, bow-fronts to porch-fronts decorated for the holidays.

The Tour attracts admiring visitors not only from our metro area but as far as Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. A common question from these visitors is, "What's it like living in these old houses?" My answer is usually simple, "It's a blast living in a Charles Village house!" But, if you're serious to know more, there's plenty more to explain.

The first time I drove down Saint Paul Street and gaped at its grand canyon of pumpkin-colored brick row houses, I thought, "How lovely these are! Too bad I'll never be able to afford any of them!" Little did I know that some years later, I would buy one of these houses *as is*— a condemned property that had been home to a notorious fraternity.

As my experience illustrates, Charles Village has long been a neighborhood of opportunity for the motivated home-owner who is willing to invest sweat equity. This is not to say that Charles Village has been a neglected neighborhood. Rather, old houses and large old houses especially make more demands than some homeowners can handle physically and can also be overwhelming for young homeowners. In either case, the result is the same— a great *Renovation Success*, continued on page 8



CVCA MEETINGS

General Meetings

Wednesday, 7 PM

November 20

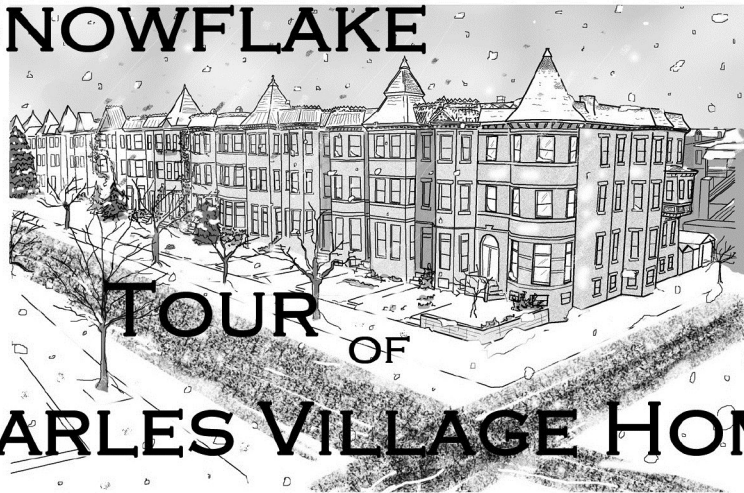
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SS. Philip & James Church
Hall, 2801 N. Charles Street

CVCA Board Meetings
Wednesdays, November 20,
December 18, January 15
Charles Village Community
Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

www.charlesvillage.net

THE SNOWFLAKE TOUR OF CHARLES VILLAGE HOMES



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at website

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Enjoy live music by open fires
Hot drinks & snacks for sale
Marshmallows for roasting

Saturday, December 21
7 to 9 pm

sponsored by the Friends of Wyman Park Dell
www.WymanParkDell.org

Retrofit Baltimore Focuses on Rowhouse Energy Efficiency

Historic Charles Village rowhouses contain many rich and unique architectural elements that are not replicated in the homes built today. These homes were built to last and are one of the most prominent symbols of Baltimore. But they are missing one crucial element that is a key concern for today's homeowner— energy efficiency.

Our brick rowhomes contain little or no insulation. Unsealed air leaks result in drafty rooms that are too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. One of the most effective ways to make your Charles Village home more comfortable and save money on your utility bills is to have an energy retrofit performed. An energy retrofit ensures that your house is properly air sealed and insulated so that the air you are paying to heat or cool is not leaking, causing you to waste money and energy.

The first step of the energy retrofit process is to have a Home Energy Assessment performed by a certified home performance contractor. Finding the right contractor can be a daunting task. Retrofit Baltimore, a project of the non-profit Civic Works, can lead you through the process and connect you with a screened and vetted contractor to perform a Home Energy Assessment on your home.

During the energy assessment, the approved building analyst will perform a series of diagnostic tests:

- ▶ Locate where your home is losing the most energy.
- ▶ Determine the effectiveness of your current insulation.
- ▶ Check for natural gas leaks.

After the assessment is complete, the building analyst will compile a report detailing the best opportunities for energy upgrades in your home. From there, the building analyst can help you choose the most cost-effective improvements and can schedule the desired retrofit installations.

The best thing about the energy-retrofit installations is that they are not readily visible and will not affect the aesthetics of your historic home. You won't be able to see the *Retrofit Baltimore*, continued on page 8

CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Charles Village Civic Association represents the interests of residents in working with businesses, institutions, and government to preserve, enhance, and promote the quality of living in the historic neighborhood of Charles Village in Baltimore City.

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President's Letter

Sandy Sparks, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

After 25 years (1986–88), I am happily back as CVCA President. As a Charles Village resident since 1966 (only two years away in Bolton Hill), I often say— *Much changes yet much remains the same*. All those years I continued my involvement with CVCA and am proud of the association's many achievements to make Charles Village a great place to live, work, study, shop and play. It's fun to hear WYPR-FM88.1 routinely broadcast the temperature in Charles Village— also a great place for businesses.

On September 25, I was on the Yangtze and missed the CVCA Annual Meeting. Annual awards are always the highlight of this festive evening. The following people received kudos:

JOHN FINK, CVCA Treasurer— Dedicated his professional accounting expertise to oversee CVCA funds since 2000. After 14 years, John Fink passed the baton from his Painted Ladies porch to next door neighbor. Jeff Noll, whom John has prepped well..

ADAM BAKER, SS Philip & James Church— Always prepared to open the Parish Hall, assisting with set-up and clean up for all CVCA General and Special meetings.

DEMETRIUS MALLISHAM, Mayor's Office— Recognized for keeping CVCA well-informed of upcoming City Council bills that are of interest to Charles Village.

PETER DUVAL, GARY LETTERON, KIRSCH JONES, MATEUSZ ROASANSKI, MAUREEN DAILY, Tree Steward Volunteers— Over the last ten years, planting more than 150 street trees and removing concrete to create about 150 tree wells to expand the tree canopy in Greater Charles Village. Stalwart leaders from day one, Peter and Gary credit a lot of help from the City Department of Recreation & Parks, Forestry Division and Tree Baltimore for their success.

MR. TERRY DIROMA AND MRS. ABIY KUMBI, Owners, Seena Liquor Store, 25th & N. Charles Street (originally at St. Paul & 25th Street.)— Following advice of the CVCA Land Use Committee to rid of the bullet proof glass and improved interior and exterior lighting to realize a significant increase in business from the community. The owners now say they are better off for having worked in partnership with the community. Seena Liquors is an excellent example of a local business with a liquor license, signing a Good Neighbor Agreement.

Connect to Neighbors with Nextdoor

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

People are using Nextdoor to:

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

Nextdoor's Mission is to spread a sense of community through the neighborhood. Nextdoor is geography/address driven. To join NEXTDOOR visit: **www.nextdoor.com/**

A continuing volunteer effort in Charles Village since 1992, Neighborhood Walkers On Patrol is expanding. One patrol works to address prostitution in the blocks around and about 21st Street. A patrol walks at mid-night every 2nd and 4th Saturday. The group meets at 2434 St. Street (CVCBD office) at 11:50 p.m. and walks for about an hour, accompanied Officer O'Donnell of the Northern District Police Department. While the patrol group tracks license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles, Officer O'Donnell will encourage those working the street to go home. He also conducts field interviews of suspicious persons in the area. The group will also track the number of vehicles and persons loitering at the gas station at 21st and N. Charles. You are invited to come out and be a part of the solution. Sharon Guida coordinates this midnight walk. She also reports that a walk from 4 a.m. (yes!) to 7:30 a.m. is being planned. This walk is intended to address reported harassment by prostitutes of residents waiting at bus stops or walking/biking to work early in the morning. Please see the expanding list of Neighborhood Walker on Patrol Groups below.

To see Charles Village at its holiday best, do not miss the Snowflake Tour of Homes on Sunday afternoon, December 15. I welcome you to my house on the tour.

On Saturday, December 21, join the Friends of Wyman Park Dell to celebrate the Winter Solstice and experience our nearby park in its winter glory!

Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol Groups 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 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 Improvement Association 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.

Next Walkers Patrol Training— November 21
6 pm at CVCBD offices, 2434 St. Paul Street. Lead by Officers Gibson and O'Donnell.

To signup for walks, attend the training and obtain more information, please contact Sharon Guida at Sharon@charlesvillage.org OR 410.235.4411, extension 5. Also, if you and your neighbor want to start a walking patrol, contact Sharon who can provide training, flyers and answer questions.

Margaret Brent & Barclay Schools Inside & Out Shine with \$1.6 Million Upgrades

There is exciting news about our neighborhood public schools! Margaret Brent Elementary and Barclay Elementary/Middle School underwent \$1.6 million in upgrades over the summer. Johns Hopkins University contributed half of the funding for the renovations and the other half was matched by Baltimore City Public Schools. As a result, bathrooms, cafeterias, entrances and lobbies at both schools were totally made over. Heating and air conditioning systems were repaired and new windows and doors were added.

Recently, the gym at Margaret Brent was also renovated thanks to another gift from the family of Baltimore native and Memphis Grizzlies guard Josh Selby. In addition, Barclay now has improved handicapped access and a renovated, more efficient kitchen. New doors and a security system were installed at the former City Department of Recreation & Parks' Barclay Rec Center, attached to the school, and now operated by Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) as the 29th Street Community Center.

When the renovations were completed, there was a ribbon cutting event at Margaret Brent and many of our local officials attended including City Council Representatives Mary Pat Clarke and Carl Stokes, State Delegates Maggie McIntosh and Mary Washington and Johns Hopkins University President, Ron Daniels and interim CEO of city schools Tisha Edwards. The officials had many nice things to say about our schools and celebrated the partnership between city schools and Johns Hopkins.

Both Edwards and Daniels also commended GHCC, which has served as a non-profit partner to local public schools in north Baltimore for more than 20 years. GHCC helped coordinate this entire major renovation effort for both schools.

The buildings really do look great with colorful new spaces. My kids love the new look at the Barclay School, and I'm glad that the wonderful physical space reflects all of the great things happening inside. There are still things on my wish list for the schools and the burst of energy behind this renovation give me the confidence that it's all achievable.

Look for announcements for winter/spring open houses at both schools. Follow our progress at www.greatschoolscharlesvillage.org and Like us on Facebook!
—Stephanie Sterling, *The Village Parents*

GREATER HOMEWOOD COMMUNITY CORPORATION

29th Street Community Center 300 East 29th Street 1st Annual

Community Potluck of Thanks Tuesday, November 19 from 6 to 8pm

Come celebrate the end of the year.
Enjoy an evening of fall program showcases!

Bring a potluck dish: Abell residents— salads, Harwood residents— beverages, Charles Village residents— desserts & All other neighborhood residents— canned goods for holiday donation to neighborhood families.
RSVP Eventbrite at <https://the29thstreetcommunitycenter.eventbrite.com>
OR Hannah Gardi at [hgardi@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:hgard@greaterhomewood.org) or 443.213.0394

With the help of community partners, GHCC transformed this long underutilized building (closed in 2011) into a vibrant community center. Re-named the 29th Street Community Center, the building officially re-opened this summer and offers programming for ALL AGES including art, sports, music, robotics, dance and parent-child playgroups.

We always need volunteers! Each week more and more kids are enrolling in programs— computer lab, games and homework help, arts and crafts, jump roping club, and open gym! Hours of volunteer service are Monday through Thursday, 2:30–8 pm. Saturdays, 10 am–2 pm. We are flexible to work around your schedule! Contact Hannah (above).

To read more about GHCC's work and to donate, please visit www.greaterhomewood.org.

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Saturday, December 7, at 8pm
Shriver Hall Auditorium, All Concerts \$10 or Less
Free Pre-Concert Talk at 7pm

Featuring – Giuseppe Verdi: Requiem, JHU Choral Society, Goucher College Chorus, and Baltimore School for the Arts Chorus

For more information, visit www.jhu.edu/jhso

JHU MUSEUMS

Discount Shopping Days in the Museum Shops
Date: December 7 – December 15
Location: Homewood Museum/Evergreen Museum & Library

Members of the Homewood and Evergreen museums, and Johns Hopkins faculty, staff and students are invited to enjoy special discounts in the Homewood and Evergreen gift shops. Everyone with a valid Johns Hopkins ID receives a 10 percent discount on all merchandise, excluding consignment items; museum members receive a 20 percent discount.

Silhouettes for the Holidays

Date: December 7
Time: 12pm – 4pm
Location: Homewood Museum
Price: \$40 for two copies of one silhouette (includes museum admission)

Custom-made oval mats and rare frame styles will be available for sale on site. Advance registration for appointment time is strongly recommended. Register by calling 410-516-5589, or Homewoodmuseum@jhu.edu

Experience the magic scissors of historical artisan Lauren Munez (www.silhouettesbyhand.com), a master portraitist in the tradition of the silhouette artists of the 18th and 19th centuries, create a perfect gift for the holidays. One of the few remaining freehand-scissor artists still practicing in the Mid-Atlantic, Munez will create a traditional profile-portrait of your little (or big) ones to treasure forever-in just a few minutes.

During a recent bout of insomnia, I calculated that I have just completed my 16th year of writing *Village Chat*. This will be my 80th or 81st column! It's been a great run. The best part has been all of the people I have met along the way— mostly by e-mail, but not always. The other day I was at the corner of St. Paul and 30th Street waiting to cross and a young family joined me at the corner. **Erica, Zack, three-year old Thomas and baby brother Miles** all of Calvert Street were on their way back from Wyman Park Dell. It now occurs to me that I didn't get their last name. Oh well! We had a nice chat and then went our separate ways. Chance encounters like these in Charles Village are so pleasant.

On **Marathon Day**, I was at 30th and Guilford waiting for the leaders to come by. **Rebecca Bruce**, a resident of the 2900 block Guilford, and a bunch of other hearty neighbors were braving the drizzle to cheer on the runners. Sitting on the corner were a couple in lawn chairs. He was wearing a huge purple sombrero with a LSU logo on it. She was also dressed in LSU purple. They were friendly and we chatted it up for a bit. The Eye-of-the-Tiger folks, **Peggy O'Leary and Nate Sweeney**, were back for the 10th year cheering on the runners out of the back of their truck at the corner. Baltimore Marathon runners will tell you that the look forward to these folks because they are stationed at a very tough part of the course, at the top of the hill at mile 23.

Each year when the *City Paper's* Best of Baltimore edition arrives, I review it to see if anyone or any business from the Village gets a mention. Kudos to the **Ottobar, 2600 block Howard Street**, which won the Best Bar in Charles Village/Remington and Best Place to Hear Rock— also runner up for the Best Place to Hear Hip-Hop category. **Punjab Groceries and Halal Meat**, 345 E. 33rd Street, won Best International Junk Food. Try the tasty India's Magic Masala chips or Masala Munch. **Normal's Books and Records** was named Best Used Book store. **Georgia Soul Food**, a new place at 102 E. 25th Street, won the Dining Category's Best Welcome to the Neighborhood designation. *City Paper* writers report that they serve mashed potatoes "to die for." Nearby **Terra Cafe** at 25th and St. Paul won the Best Slow Food prize. Please patronize all these local businesses!

Other nearby City Paper notables... **Remington** was voted the Best-Up-And-Coming Neighborhood. **The Ambassador Dining Room** on 39th Street won Best Sunday Brunch Buffet. Best Bar Atmosphere kudos goes to **Harlan**, 400 W. 23rd Street. Harlan's makes you think you had stepped back in time to Paris in the 1930s with guitarists playing Django Reinhardt tunes and old fashioned cocktails. Harlan is also home to the Best Bartender, **Lane Harlan**, though she was

not there the night I stopped by. **The Dizz** won for Best Old Bay Wings and **Joe Squared** won for Best Pizza and Best Rum Bar. Looking for a terrific happy hour? Brews and Board Games Happy Hour, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the **Wind Up Space** on North Avenue, won Best Social Happy Hour. The **Beatnik Bar and Restaurant**, 2101 Maryland Avenue won for Best Change of Pace bar. **Club K** at the same address won for Best New Venue in the Nightlife category.

Reflexology, Reiki & Life Coaching are coming to Charles Village! **Jean Wehner**, who is certified and/or trained in all three disciplines, has opened an office at 3047 St. Paul Street under the Acupuncture awning across 31st Street from Donna's. Jean is no stranger to the Village. Jean has attended her fair share of Charles Village festivals, garden walks and holiday house tours. Her brother, **The Honorable Ed Hargadon, Circuit Court Judge**, is a long-time Charles Village resident.

Congratulations to **Jon and Meredith Hoffman** on the birth of **Ezra Theo Hoffman**. He was born last March and is little brother to big brother **Tavi**. The Hoffmans live on the 2700 block of St. Paul Street. I recently met **Gretchen Anderson**, a resident of the 2900 block of Guilford Avenue, who will soon give birth to child number two. Big sister, **Jane Van Italie**, and her dad **Matt Van Italie** are surely excited about that. On August 30, **Jennifer Burdick**, 2900 block St. Paul Street, became a grand mom to **Quinn Sage Pritchard**. Her Charles Village-raised daughter, **Kate Stephens**, and her husband **Gary Pritchard** are the proud parents who live in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Kudos to award-winning filmmaker and Maryland Avenue resident, **Steve Yeager** who recently received his Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) in film from UMBC. He also taught my 22-year old son, **Lucas Hulleberg**, a lot about film this summer. Lucas was Steve's assistant at the Young Filmmakers Workshop. Guilford Avenue's **Zack Thomas** is off to LaSalle College in Philadelphia. Seems just like yesterday my son was babysitting him! Good luck Zack!

VEEP is filming in the neighborhood again this fall. **Rory Flanagan and J.W. Radabaugh**, 2700 block N. Calvert Street residents, are beyond excit-

ed that their gorgeous house will be the set for both an indoor and outdoor scene. The weather played havoc with the first screen date. If you see those film trucks on N. Calvert Street in November, they may very well be filming at Rory and J.W.'s house.

Through the **Next Door listserv**, I heard from **Zack Berger**, a primary care doc at Hopkins. He and his wife, **Celeste Sollod**, have lived on the 2700 block N. Calvert Street for the past three years. Zack did what I wish more of my readers would do. He e-mailed me a little bit about himself and his wife. Zack has published a book, *Talking to Your Doctor*, explaining how to better communicate with your doctor, nurse, physician's assistant or other health care provider about your health matters. www.talkingtoyourdoctor.org. Celeste works as a bookkeeper while she studies to be a CPA, but before that she worked many years in the book publishing business. As a hobby, Celeste and Zack have published several translations of Dr. Seuss books, including *The Cat in the Hat* in Yiddish. www.yiddishcat.com. Who knew?? This is a big part of why I have loved writing *Village Chat* for so many years. Charles Village is home to so many fun, interesting, creative, intelligent, dynamic people.



Are you a Christmas/winter holiday junkie? Do you do up your place for the holidays? If so, we need you. Villagers are needed to participate in the 4th Annual Snowflake

Tour of Charles Village Homes on Sunday December 15. You decide how much of your home to share— a few rooms or first floor only and then open up your home to other old-house loving folks. This is another way to meet nice people and help raise money for the CVCA. I have been on the tour many times. It is a lot of fun and motivates you to decorate your house well in time for the holidays. If you have interest in showcasing your home and sharing its uniqueness and character of our neighborhood or know someone who might be interested, please contact Ron at RTanner@Loyola.edu. Volunteers are needed to help at the open homes. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Ron. Go to www.SnowflakeTour.info.

Holiday devotee Sandy Sparks will again open her Guilford Avenue home, and the dollhouse — a tour highlight, for the Holiday Snowflake Tour. She is having fun adding to her traditional

decorations with a surprise in store. Sandy just returned from a trip to China and Tibet that included a five-day cruise on the Yangtze River and the Three Gorges. The contradictions were perplexing... so many high rises, carefully landscaped highways with traffic jams, teeming crowds at landmark sites and everywhere— insufficient sanitary sewage systems. Sandy loved so much on the tour that she is having a hard time deciding what was her favorite place. On the Snowflake Tour, you can see a few things she brought back.

Open since June, the **29th Street Community Center**, 300 E. 29th Street, is already a neighborhood attraction. There are so many activities available for people of all ages. Most recently, the Center hosted the **Village Parents' Captive Pancake Breakfast**, during the Baltimore Marathon. Stephanie Cosgrove, one of the key organizers related this huge success, "We ran out of almost everything we bought— fantastic for the first year. We estimate that 150 people attended not counting children under three." Fifteen 6th–8th graders from Barclay and the Stadium School volunteered as servers for the event. Lots of Villagers, **Village Parents** members and other volunteers helped out. **Director Hannah Gardi, Chris Brown and Matthew Sercombe** (master chef) all played major roles in getting the pancake breakfast organized and executed. **Laura Scott** solicited donations and distributed flyers. **Meredith Chaiken** helped with marketing. Kitchen help included **Mark Courtney, Holly Taylor (JHU volunteer), Nick Corneliss, Teresa Terry, Kris Misage and Jennifer DiFrancesco**. Other helpers included **Mindy Powers, Odette Ramos and Beth Larry**. Money raised at the pancake breakfast, which is expected to become an annual event, will be donated to the Community Center.

Stephanie Cosgrove also updated me on other **Village Parents** activities. They are currently in the process of raising money for school uniforms for the second semester for both Barclay and Margaret Brent. If you are interested in donating to the uniform fund, the suggested donation is \$25/uniform. To make a donation, please contact Steph Cosgrove at cozgrovi-an@gmail.com or 443.759.5686. Village Parents sponsors Parents' Night Out every 4th Thursday at VLP from 7–9 pm. Babysitting, drinks and light snacks are provided.

Remember the Painted Ladies Contest applications are due December 2. Go to www.charlesvillage.org for the Contest Rules and Application.

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

Mayor's Fall Clean Up Covers 4 Sites

At Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake's Fall Clean Up on Saturday, October 26, the CVCBD Clean Team staffed posts at each of the four dumpster sites—Abell, Harwood, Old Goucher and Charles Village. CVCBD supported the neighborhood clean-ups and provided brooms, shovels, bags, and rakes for participants. Staff and volunteers assisted residents in their disposal of trash, refuse and household items too big to carry.

At each site staff handed out information on CVCBD services and encouraged residents to sign up for our Crime Alert and All The Dirt (formerly The Grime Alert) e-mail publications. Staff also made sure that each resident who participated signed up to receive a certificate for savings on their next Storm Water Tax Bill.

Fall Leaf Removal Begins November 12

On November 12, the CVCBD will start its annual Fall Leaf Removal Campaign to help residents remove leaves from public area sidewalks and gutters. CVCBD will hire three workers for 4 or 5 weeks to help regular staff with the campaign.

Parks & People Foundation Awards Grant for Vineyard Lane Garden

The Parks and People Foundation has awarded \$1,000 to the Vineyard Lane Garden Volunteers to continue their work on the Reading Garden at 3014-16 Vineyard Lane. For many years, this large vacant lot was a convenient spot for illegal dumping of trash, abandoned vehicles and illicit activities. The Volunteers, in cooperation with The Book Thing on Vineyard Lane, are transforming the lot into an urban garden with a gravel walkway and park benches. The grant from Parks and People will allow the volunteers to complete the garden in preparation for spring flower planting next year. The Benefits District helped to write the grant application to



Progress at the Vineyard Land Garden, which just won a Parks & People Foundation Grant, shows the walkway and planting areas partially framed out by volunteers.

Governor's Office Awards Cameras Grant

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) awarded \$23,764 for two more surveillance cameras as part of the CVCBD's Public Safety Surveillance Project for the Greater Charles Village Area. Earlier the Abell Foundation funded eight cameras.

The Public Safety Surveillance Project involves installing state of the art night-vision surveillance cameras in designated high crime areas. These 10 new cameras supplement the 40 existing CitiWatch cameras in the District. Working in cooperation with CitiWatch, the Northern District Police Department and Johns Hopkins University, the CVCBD's ten public area cameras will be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will provide real-time video that will meet court standards for evidence, improve public safety by discouraging robberies, assaults, burglaries, larceny and other crimes.

The CVCBD Program Manager will oversee the project for an in-kind contribution of about \$4,000. Tele Tector of Maryland will install the cameras and CitiWatch will maintain the cameras and monitor them 24/7. This in-kind contribution is estimated at \$2,000 annually. Installation of the 10 new cameras started the week of October 21 and should be completed by the end of December.



CVCBD Election officials, seated left to right, Jennifer Burdick, Charlie Kelly, Emil Volchek and Dawna Cobb, talk with Sharon Guida as she registers for the Quad Rep Elections on October 8 in the SS. Philip & James Parish Hall.

2014 CVCBD Quad Reps Elected

On October 8, the CVCBD held its annual elections for the four Quad representatives. The following residents were elected:

Quad 1 **SANDRA COLES**

Quad 3 **MATT HERMAN**

Quad 2 **FRANK RICHARDSON**

Quad 4 **KIRSCH JONES**

All four are current Quad Representatives and will return to the CVCBD Board for another year, beginning January 2014. If you have suggestions, questions or complaints about Benefits District services or want to volunteer for an activity, contact your Quad Representative at the following e-mail addresses:

Quad1@charlesvillage.org

Quad3@charlesvillage.org

Quad2@charlesvillage.org

Quad4@charlesvillage.org

Abell Grant Funds 8-Month JHU Sociology Department Study of CVCBD Services

The Abell Foundation has awarded \$29,500 to the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University to conduct an 8-month study of safety and sanitation services provided by CVCBD.

Led by Dr. Daniel Pasciuti and Rafee Al-Mansur, the team of researchers will collect and analyze data from two sources:

- ▶ The City of Baltimore and the CVCBD data, regarding safety (crime statistics) and sanitation (tons of trash collected)
- ▶ Resident sample interviews, using protocols developed by the researchers

The purpose of the study is to provide answers to the question, "What are the actual and the perceived impacts on the quality of life for residents of the supplemental safety and sanitation service programs conducted by CVCBD?" At the end of the study in May 2014, Pasciuti and Al-Mansur will prepare a report that presents and interprets the data. Ultimately, the study will provide a guide for the CVCBD Board and staff to improve and/or redirect operations within the district to better fulfill the quality of life needs of the community.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

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Help Publish VLP's LINK Student Authors

Shining and calling me like you're real bring the fame I have always dreamed of,
—Sonia, 13 year old LINK Leaders Program

Sonia's dream of fame became a reality when she sat down to sign copies of her published stories and poems. Sonia spent the past year developing her creative writing skills, fine-tuning her editing skills and learning all about the publishing process. She was surrounded by friends, family and community members— all there to celebrate her and her fellow students' hard work.

Last year, Sonia was one of the students in the VLP's LINK (Let's Invest in Neighborhood Kids) Program. She participated in a unique enrichment project led by Baltimore's Poetry in Community. The three-part course teaches LINK students the creative writing process— how to edit their work and their peers' work, and, finally, how to prepare the work to be published. The course culminates in the production of an anthology of the students' work, which is celebrated with a spring book launch event.

Designed to fit into curricula focusing on increased literacy, the course is designed to guide these young men and women in the development of their professional and creative portfolios. The portfolios will help them in their next phase of education and hopefully well beyond.

Charles Villager Shirley Brewer, local poet and long-time educator, taught in the program and says, "In exploring who they are and their place in the world, the students can figure out their identities and what contributions they want to make."

Poetry in Community agreed to continue working with 15 middle school and high school students as part of the VLP's LINK Leaders Program. Support is needed to help purchase supplies and cover costs of instructors and printing. How can you help? Donate through GIVECorps today at <http://bit.ly/16Lw8Of> or send a contribution to VLP, 2521 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Help ensure we can help more students like Sonia realize their dreams.

- ▶ \$15 covers the cost of program supplies for one student.
- ▶ \$50 helps print 10 copies of the student-published book of stories and poems.
- ▶ \$100 covers one writing workshop taught by local authors and poets.

Support this project and your name will be listed in the 2014 student publication

—Nhandi Singleton, VLP Development and Communications Coordinator

VLP Calendar

2nd Wednesdays at the VLP — 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm

Features performances, lectures, cultural enrichment and the opportunity to converse with like-minded neighbors.

December 11— Musical performance featuring **Camerata Musica**

January 8— **Ron Tanner**, author, *From Animal House to Our House— A Love Story*, will discuss restoring homes in Charles Village (see his front page article)

February 12— **Chicken Legs**, a Black History Month lecture led by Maryland Humanities Council

Senior Tea Series— 2nd Tuesday, 11am to Noon

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

Parent's Night Out— December 10, 7pm

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

Tots Tuesday Storytimes— 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Join us for stories, crafts, and songs! For toddlers and pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers.

Mother Goose on the Loose— Every Friday, 10:45 to 11:30am

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

Baltimore History Evenings— 3rd Thursdays, January to June, 7pm

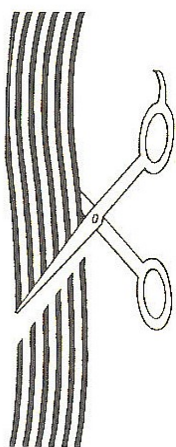
Series presented by The Baltimore City Historical Society. Free.

January 16— **Remington: The History of a Baltimore Neighborhood**

Author Kathleen Ambrose, Remington resident, will discuss her new book which draws on oral history, printed resources, old photographs, her own photographs and a lot of walking in this old and rapidly-changing Baltimore neighborhood.

February 20— **Insiders and Outsiders: Baltimore Jews in the 1920s and 1930s** presentation by Deborah R. Weiner, Former Research Historian, Jewish Museum of Maryland, now working on a book on Baltimore Jewish history.

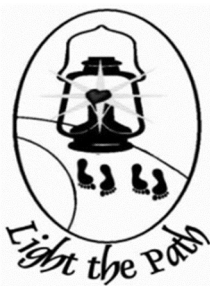
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The Baltimore Museum of Art

During renovations, the entrance and gift shop are now on the BMA's west side. See page 10. Don't miss **Morris Louis Unveiled**, collection of paintings, drawings, and prints that illuminate unknown aspects of Morris Louis. Henri Matisse, Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock are also included. Thru February 9.

Also see Matisse's **Marguerite: Model Daughter**, featuring drawings, sculpture and paintings of the artist's daughter Marguerite. A delight to see new pieces from the BMA collections. Thru January 19.

Check out the two new photography exhibits in the Contemporary Wing, **Front Room: An-My Le** her photographs of war and the military invite viewers to look closely at the effects of war but allow the viewer to draw their own conclusions. **Black Box: Gerard Byrne**. In **Case Study: Loch Ness**, Byrne plays with the idea that the personal beliefs of the viewer can be as powerful as the reality captured by the picture.

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

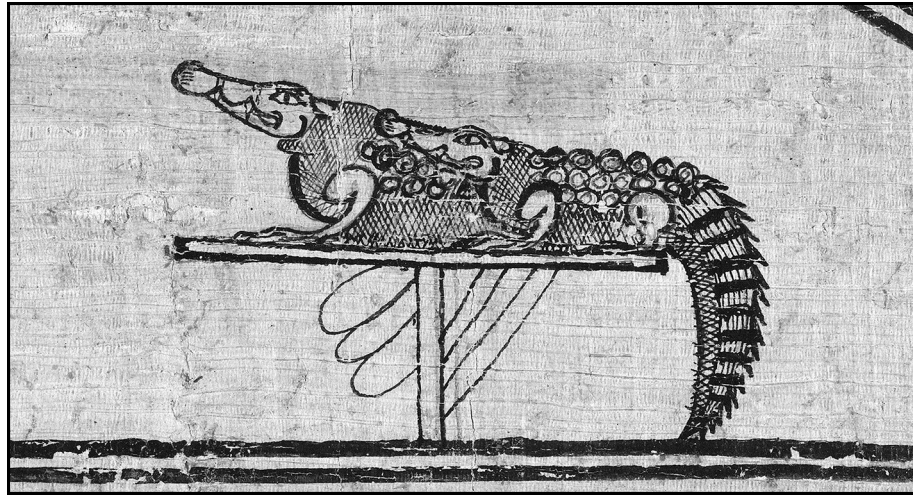
The BMA is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General information: 443.573.1700 or visit www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum

Jacob Lawrence's Genesis Series

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

Egypt's Mysterious Book of the Faiyum is an exhibit of the exquisitely illustrated papyrus from Greco-Roman Egypt. One of the most intriguing an-



Egypt's Mysterious Book of the Faiyum exhibition features papyrus from Greco-Roman Egypt with this detail from the *Egyptian, Roman Period, ca. 14-15 CE (?)*, ink on papyrus, Walters Art Museum.

cient representations of a place ever found. For the first time in over 150 years, major sections of the text separated between the Walters Art Museum and the Morgan Library & Museum are reunited. Through January 5. Fee. **Drop-in Art Activities for Families** are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am–3 pm. The November theme is Egyptian Mysteries and December is Marvelous Music. There will be special activities over Thanksgiving and Winter break periods. The Walters is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 410.547.9000 or visit www.thewalters.org

MICA

Painted Screens of Baltimore and Beyond. December 13– March 16 in the Fox Building, 1303 West Mount Royal Avenue. Meet the screen painters at 2 pm on Sunday, December 15 in Falvey Hall of the Brown Center. While you are there, check out the MICA Art Market, December 11– December 14.

American Visionary Art Museum 800 Key Highway. AVAM's newest exhibi-

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Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert Street, Paula Vogel's **A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration**. The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright spins a musical tale of hope and forgiveness. November 19 – December 22. 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org. Congratulations for the PBS Arts Fall Festival Special **A Raisin in the Sun Revisited: the Raisin Cycle** at Center Stage.

Stoop Storytelling Series

Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert Street. Cocktails & live music, 7 p.m. Show, 8 pm. **Thanks, but no thanks: Stories about the delights and disasters of gifts**. Live music by The Belvedere. Monday, December 16.

Second Stoop: The All-Audience Show The Windup Space, 12 W. North Avenue. Doors open, 7:30 p.m. Show, 8 pm. Put your name in the hat to tell a 3-minute story on the theme. **Guilty!** Stay afterward for Black Lodge Karaoke! Thursday, November 21. Tickets at www.stoopstorytelling.com or 410.332.0033

Everyman Theater, 315 W. Fayette Street. The next production is a winner of six 2010 Tony Awards including Best Play. John Logan's **Red** sends you into the vivid and visceral mind of abstract expressionist Mark Rothko. Through December 1. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory **Season of Magic and Mayhem: The Tempest**. The Great Hall Theater at St. Mary's 3900 Roland Avenue. Through November 17. Tix: 410.921.WILL (9455) or TheShakespeareFactory.com

Spotlighters Theater, 817 St. Paul Street. Stephen Sondheim's **Into the Woods**. A fairy tale or reality? Or maybe both? November 22–December 22 Tix: 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org

Single Carrot Theatre, 1727 North Charles Street. **Worst Case Scenario**, a great sketch show— a World Premiere. December 4–21. 443.844.9253 or www.boxoffice@singlecarrot.com

Baltimore Arena Players, 801 McCulloh Street. **Waiting to be Invited** by S.M. Shephard-Massat. A compelling study of the courage of four African-American women, who are going to have afternoon tea at a here to fore segregated store lunch counter. The play explores the relationships between the women. November 29–December 8. Bring the children to **Scrooge: The Musical**, a Youtheatre Production. Based on the classic Dicken's story, *A Christmas Carol*, this musical, with all of the favorite characters Tiny Tim,

Bob Cratchit, the 3 Ghosts and of course, Scrooge, conveys the meaning of Christmas. December 13–15. Tickets: 410.728.6500 or www.arenaplayersinc.com.

Shriver Hall Concert Series

Nelson Freire on the Piano on Sunday, November 17, 5:30 pm. Miro Quartet and Shai Wosner on Piano on December 15, 5:30 pm. Tix 410.516.7164 or visit www.shriverconcerts.org

The Baltimore Concert Opera

Vincenzo Bellini's beautiful **Norma**. In the ballroom of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mt. Vernon Place on Friday, November 22 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 24 at 3 pm. Tix: 443.445.0226 or www.baltimoreconcertopera.com

Community Concerts at Second

Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street. Alon Goldstein on the piano. November 24, 3:30 pm. Free.

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra, JHU Choral Society, Goucher Chorus, and the Baltimore School for the Arts Chorus

Giuseppe Verdi's **Requiem**, Shriver Hall on the JHU Homewood Campus. Saturday, December 8 at 8 pm. 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso

The Bach Concert Series

J.S. Bach's **Cantata 75: Die Elenden sollen essen**. Christ Lutheran Church, Inner harbor, 701 South Charles Street. December 1 at 4 pm. Free. 7th Annual Bachfest Fundraiser follows at 6 pm. Tix BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262.

Lyric Opera Baltimore

Favorite Opera Arias and Christmas Songs. The concert will feature Jessica Hanel Satava, soprano, Jeffrey Grayson Gates, baritone, James Harp, piano, and William Griggsby on the organ. First Church of Christ, Scientist. 102 W. University Parkway. Sunday, December 8 at 5 pm. Free and open to the public.

Christmas with Choral Arts

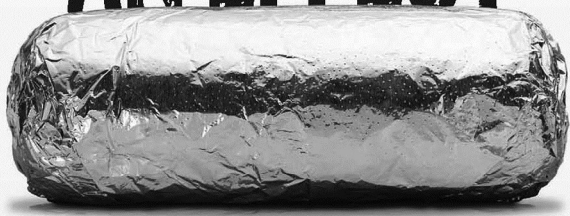
Join Tom Hall for this holiday tradition. Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street. Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 pm. Tix: 410.523.7070 or www.baltimorechoralarts.org.

Concert Artists of Baltimore at the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mt. Vernon Place. Christmas Cheer, Saturday, December 14, 1 pm or Sunday, December 15, 2:30 pm. Call soon at 410.625.3525....this concerts sells out.

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market for a relatively reasonable price. But let's be clear. You don't have to be a DIY wizard to own and renovate a Charles Village home. Are Charles Village houses high maintenance? Only if they have been neglected for decades or seriously damaged as mine was.

When I asked Mariann and Jeff Millard, who have lived on St. Paul Street since 2005 if their house required work from the start, Mariann said, "Ugh. Every floor, especially the first floor, which needed a major renovation." The house still had effects of being three apartments even though the Millards bought the house as a single-family residence. That's part of the opportunity equation. Many Charles Village homeowners will tell a similar tale.

Jennifer and Brad Erickson can itemize renovation work on their Saint Paul house in phases that included 38 doors dipped/refinished; all radiators cleaned/repainted and repaired where necessary and A/C installation. Phase III wall/ceiling/hallway painting took about 4 years to finish since Jennifer and Brad did the painting work themselves. Jennifer said. Prepping was the worst/least fun yet most important part."

Dawna Cobb, has lived with her family on N. Charles Street since 1998, says, "The hardest thing was living without a kitchen for 11 weeks while it was being re-done and having three teenage boys to feed!"

Plenty can go wrong in an old house, as Ron Griffith and Shaun Carrick can attest. "Stripping woodwork and accidentally setting the chemicals on fire and watching the flames race down the second floor hallway was the worst," says Ron of their N. Calvert Street renovation. "Completing the stripping and refinishing of the woodwork in the house was a real cause for celebration."

When Dawna Cobb mentions the initial reasons she and her husband Paul Hulleberg were attracted to Charles Village, she seems to speak for most homeowners in the neighborhood—"the architectural details both inside and out along with the location."

You couldn't be more centrally located than Charles Village. You're "away from downtown," Mariann Millard points out, "but with a connection to an established neighborhood." It's city life without too much of the city hassle. Anybody who enjoys living in Charles Village will tell you that a primary asset of the Village's urbanity is its diversity: we have interesting people—and all kinds of people -- doing interesting things here.

Our First Christmas in the Frat House

Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM

Johns Hopkins Barnes & Noble

RON TANNER will perform this comic monologue, based on his Stoop Stories performance last year, and accompanied by a eye-popping before/after slide show of the wrecked St. Paul Street frat house, that he and his wife JILL EICHER restored. See their restored house on the Snowflake Tour.

Peter Duvall, who has lived here for 27 years and now inhabits his fifth house, says, "I wanted to live here since the first time that I drove through Charles Village. That day I got a good look when I was stuck in Memorial Stadium traffic."

Brad Erickson fell in love with the Village when he was a Hopkins student in the 1980s. He and his wife Jennifer bought their St. Paul Street house in 1998. Jennifer says, "The house felt like home as soon as we walked through the front door despite the obvious renovation work and deep cleaning needed." Like Jill and me when we bought our then-wreck of a house, Jennifer and Brad now know "we were extremely naive about all of the work necessary. We were totally excited."

I have decided that you need that kind of excitement to take on an old house that's in poor repair. It's the kind of excitement first-time parents enjoy—they have no idea what they're about to get into. And that's just as well. Says Sue Webb of the time she and her husband, John, first saw their new old house on St. Paul Street, "I was so excited that I can't remember if I had any doubts. A large part of the attraction was that the antique furniture that I had collected was made for these houses with high ceilings. I loved the shape of the rooms and being in the city."

Ron Griffith sums it up when he says, "Our house was historic and possessed unique architectural features. It was also affordable and centrally located to all of Baltimore. We had no doubts."

"I have lived here so long," Dawn Cobb observes, "that I forget the impact that this house has on people who see it for the first time." Usually, visitors are impressed beyond words because, if you live in a modern house, you might be unprepared for the high ceilings of our grand 100-year-old Charles Street house with its charming fireplace mantels, decorative columns, elaborately turned staircase balusters, parquet floors and elegant oak paneling.

Which brings us back to the Snowflake Tour and the grand and cozy sights you may see decked out for the holidays. No celebration is a better testament to the joy of living in Charles Village. For more details, go to www.snowflaketour.info.

—Ron Tanner, Chair, Charles Village Snowflake Tour



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The newly renovated Contemporary Wing has attracted a record number of visitors since its November 2012 reopening. In addition to presenting one of the most extensive collections of late works by Andy Warhol in the U.S., the BMA's schedule of changing exhibitions, programs, and artworks ensures that there is always something new to experience when you visit. Highlights this fall include stunning large-scale paintings by Baltimore-born artist Morris Louis who created what the *Wall Street Journal* describes as *some of the most enigmatic, unabashedly beautiful paintings in the history of abstraction*...

A Front Room Gallery exhibition of powerful color photographs by Vietnamese-born American artist An-My Lê celebrates the unseen life of the American military amidst dramatic landscapes around the world. The Black Box Gallery is showing a wryly humorous film and photographs about people's beliefs in the Loch Ness Monster by Irish artist Gerard Byrne. The nearby Cone Collection galleries feature an exhibition of more than 40 rarely seen portraits by Henri Matisse of his only daughter Marguerite. Created over the course of 45 years, these affectionate prints, drawings, and paintings reveal more about the personal life of this great artist.

Entering the BMA is very different during this phase of the renovation. Our new temporary Visitor Entrance is located on the west side of the building adjacent to the Contemporary Wing. A tented vestibule will lead you to a beautiful space that has been used at various times in the Museum's history as a Print Room, Members Room, and café. En route to the galleries is the BMA Pop-Up Shop—two rooms with an abundance of unique jewelry, scarves, books, toys, household items and much more. Gertrude's Restaurant is also open and continues to be a delicious option for hosting a holiday party or just having a nice meal.

I am looking forward to celebrating the next renovation milestone with you in November 2014, when we reopen the historic Merrick Entrance and invite everyone to discover an exciting new presentation of our American art collection in the renovated Dorothy McIlvain Scott American Wing. We will also reopen a greatly improved Zamoiski Entrance, East Lobby and BMA Shop next fall. Spring 2015 will bring the completion of the final phase of the project with a greatly expanded

Wurtzbarger African Art Gallery and two galleries for Asian art. In addition an exciting new learning and creativity center will include an interactive exhibition gallery, art-making spaces and more.

In closing, I want to thank you—our Charles Village neighbors—for your patience during the two years of extensive renovation. I hope to see you often during the holidays and during our 100th anniversary in 2014.

—Doreen Bolger, Director, The Baltimore Museum of Art



Retrofit Baltimore, continued from page 1

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See reservoir history at www.mdhs.org/underbelly/2013/01/17/conduit-druid-lake-and-the-wall-of-mud-1863-1871/

Great community pressure has prevailed with the October 24 presentation of this plan for the Druid Hill Park Reservoir (1863–71) and surrounding parkland to comply with the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR/US EPA). The January 2006 Rule requires all existing open finished drinking water storage facilities be covered or have supplemental treatment to achieve specified water quality standards. Developed with the Department of Recreation and Parks, the extensively revised project now includes installing two precast, pre-stressed water storage tanks (400–550 feet in diameter) underground (left) in the western end of the original lake as a lawn for gathering; connecting to existing water transmission mains; providing facilities to treat the water entering and exiting the tanks; restoring the existing fountain in Druid Reservoir; restoring/rebuilding the existing stone wall and ornamental iron fencing within project limits; adding park amenities such as an amphitheater, row boating facility; and, widening the walk/bike path along Druid Hill Drive.

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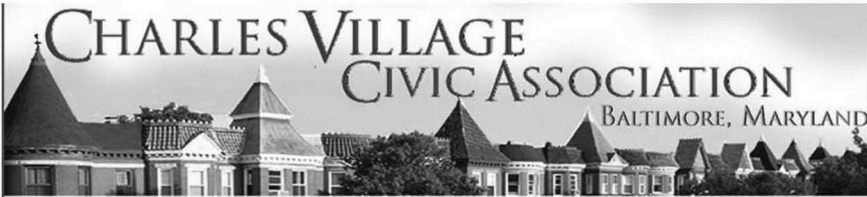


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Jennifer Erickson, CVCA Membership Chair

EVENTS & UPDATES

Snowflake Tour of Charles Village Homes

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We also need volunteers to help with the Tour including helping at the Homewood House Museum. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Ron. Visit the website: <http://www.SnowflakeTour.info>

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Please make the check payable to: CVCA and send with completed Membership Form to: Jennifer Erickson, Membership Secretary, 3034 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. For questions, please e-mail: membership@charlesvillage.net. Thank you.

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Community Potluck of Thanks
Tuesday, November 19, 6 to 8pm



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