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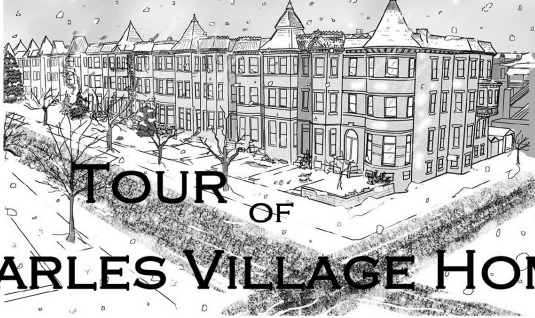
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Holiday 2014

DOT Studies St. Paul & N. Calvert as Two-Way Streets

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Will converting St. Paul and Calvert Streets into Two-Way Streets make them twice as fun? Urban planners and local advocacy groups say *Yes!*

On October 28 at SS. Philip & James Church, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) held a public meeting to discuss Two-Way Traffic Conversion on St. Paul and Calvert Streets. DOT will study whether to turn Calvert and Saint Paul Streets from parallel one-way streets into two 2-way streets.

Baltimore has done some small scale conversions in the past that have gone smoothly. In 2005, Lombard and Pratt streets were converted to two-way traffic for a section starting at Broadway and ending at Patterson Park. On the west side, Lombard has an additional two-way section from Fulton Avenue to Penn Street, near the University of Maryland Baltimore campus.

And though it may come as a surprise to motorists who live in perpetual fear of getting stuck in traffic, urban planners and local advocacy groups have long advocated for two-way traffic along the North/South corridors in the area covered by the new DOT study. Though previously studied for two-way, Charles Street has been left off the table for the new study. The idea to make Charles Street two-way dates back to (at least) the 1980s when Stanton Eckstut, a New York architect was hired by Baltimore City to create a plan for reinvigorating the thoroughfare. Along with other ideas, he suggested a two-way conversion. As late as July, 7, 2003, Eckstut was still a proponent of the idea when he told the Baltimore Sun, "I think Charles Street should be a place you go to, not through."

In a nutshell, that's the argument for two-way streets. While some argue that the faster moving one-way streets also allow for efficient transportation into an urban area and not just out, there is no denying that one way streets came to the fore in the early 60s when the thinking was that cities

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Winter Solstice in the Dell

Sunday, December 21 from 7 to 9 pm.

**Enjoy live music by open fires. Roasting marshmallows & candy for all ages.
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CVCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 PM

January 28, 7:00 PM

SS. Philip & James Church Hall

2801 N. Charles Street. Enter downstairs.

See the Agenda on page 2.

CVCA Board Meetings

Wednesdays, November 19, December 17 & January 21

Charles Village Community Benefits District Office

2434 St. Paul Street

Go to www.charlesvillage.net for info

HPCI Partners and JHU Kick Off Charles Village Retail District Plan Study

What do we want to buy? Who do we want to buy it from? What mix of stores, restaurants and service providers can make purchasing in Charles Village an easy decision for us locals and a draw for customers from outside the neighborhood? What street-level ambience should we create to make shopping Charles Village a great experience for all concerned—including the merchants?

Those are some of the questions we're asking in a new study of the Charles Village Retail District—a collaboration between the community and the Johns Hopkins University.

The questions are timely ones. Construction of a new mixed-use project slated to start next spring on university land at the southwest corner of St. Paul and 33rd Streets offers an opportunity to build on the retail district's development successes to date. It also makes sense to assess the opportunities now. Charles Street reconstruction is wrapping up and discussion are under way about other possible transportation improvements, including the possible conversion back to two-way traffic of St. Paul and Calvert Streets (see article above).

Johns Hopkins recognizes that its health and well-being is inextricably tied to the physical, social and economic well-being of its neighbors. That's why it is a sponsor of and a participant in the Homewood Community Partners Initiative (HPCI). JHU also appreciates that a successful Charles Village Retail District is good not only for the neighborhood, but also

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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

At the CVCA Annual Meeting and bountiful pot luck supper on Tuesday, September 23, we honored the three major volunteers who make Charles Village communications really sing and available to ever-growing audiences. As the Designer/Editor of *The Charles Villager*, I am deeply appreciative of their outstanding dedication:

- ▶ **RON TANNER** for creating and serving as webmaster for www.charlesvillage.net. For six years Ron has packed the website with relevant Charles Village information and announcements in addition to an incredible archive that includes *The Charles Villager* PDFs back to 2004.
- ▶ **JENNIFER ERICKSON** for creating and editing the *CVCA Weekly E-Newsletter* to deliver the latest timely announcements of meetings, special events and information each week—usually on Thursday. At www.charlesvillage.net, scroll down on the left to *Sign Up For Civic Association News*. It's a simple form to get the latest and best info.
- ▶ **RICH WALTHER** for building a highly efficient distribution network of more than 35 volunteers to deliver *The Charles Villager* door-to-door and to businesses. Upon delivery from the printer, Rich kicks into high gear to deliver right-size bundles of papers to his dedicated corps—ASAP.

This is an exciting time in Charles Village, as the long-awaited Purple Circulator arrives and Charles Street Reconstruction Project nears completion. We will see the great benefits of a pedestrian-friendly streetscape at our front door. Timing is everything! Johns Hopkins University is kicking off a Charles Village Retail & Transportation Study as the 3200 St. Paul Street development site takes shape. At the Charles Village General Meeting on November 19 (see box below), learn the latest project plans. The meeting is also a great opportunity to engage with the Charles Village Retail & Transportation Master Plan—Retail 101. To close the meeting, our CVCA Representatives on the Charles Village Community Benefits District Board will welcome your input to the survey for CVCBD's programs, which drive the FY2015 budget planning process through the spring for final approval by the City Board of Estimates.

Save The Date...

Saturday, January 10

Charles Village Retail & Transportation Study COMMUNITY CHARETTE

Public meeting to review and provide comments on conceptual streetscape and sidewalk designs, placemaking image boards and alternative street and traffic flow concepts.

Once again, Charles Village offers lots of Holiday activities. Check out the nearby Craft Markets. Discover the four promoted in these pages. See Jennifer Burdick's ARTS IN THE VILLAGE page for special holiday performances for all ages. Sunday afternoon, December 21, enjoy festive conviviality with neighbors and visitors on the SNOWFLAKE TOUR OF CHARLES VILLAGE HOMES. Ron Tanner and Jennifer Erickson work hard to assemble a tour of beautiful interiors with lots of holiday treats along the way. That evening wander over to the Solstice Celebration in Wyman Park Dell to relax over open pit fires and live Celtic music. Hot chocolate, cider and John Shield's cookies from Gertrude's are for sale to benefit the Friends of Wyman Park Dell.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season. Happy New Year. — *Sandy Sparks*

CVCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 to 8:30 PM

SS. Philip & James Church Hall
2801 N. Charles Street. Enter downstairs.

AGENDA

- 6:15 Doors open. Meet friends & neighbors.
- 6:30 Update on 3200 St Paul Street Project. The Development Team
- 7:30 Charles Village Retail & Transportation Master Plan—Retail 101. Heather Arnold, Streetsense
- 8:15 Planning for FY2015 CVCBD Programs Jennifer Erickson, John Fink
- 8:30 Meeting adjourns.

CVCA Board Monthly Meeting follows.



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FWPD Celebrates 30 Years

The Celebration on October 26 recognized the many volunteers and board members of the Friends of Wyman Park Dell (FWPD), a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the revitalization, maintenance and seasonal programming of this 100-year old City park. City Council Representative Mary Pat Clarke and City Council President Young's Representative, Regina Boyce, presented official City Council of Baltimore Resolutions to FWPD President Kara McKinley Kunst and the key volunteers associated with each of the honored projects. In addition, the FWPD gave those volunteers framed full-color prints of Ryan Patterson's 2014 Dell Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Thank You Celebration art (above).—*Sandy Sparks*

Wyman Park Dell Celebration Highlights Many Projects

Sunday, October 26, was a beautiful day in Wyman Park Dell—not only the weather but also the wonderful celebration of the playground, the lending library, and the Jack Hill Remembrance. Jack would have loved all the new additions to the Dell.

The 29th Street Slope Jack Hill (1945–2003) Memorial Woodland Plantings, honors FWPD President Jack Hill's dedication to the Dell and his favorite place for dog walking. Jack's brothers and their families joined me for this long-awaited memorial.

From age 12, Jack lived on Maryland Avenue and for all our married life in the family house until he died in July, 2003. Jack and I spent hours each day in the park—walking our dogs, getting to know many people and their dogs, and bird watching.

I have such fond memories of Jack over vats of lemonade, ice tea and especially flipping burgers. He always was there in the background to assist with preparing food and drinks. His love of cooking was legendary, and we certainly had a lot of fun during these occasions. He never said no to anyone if they let him cook. However, the cleanup was always my responsibility. It was a good partnership.

The celebration made me think of the people who have helped in the Dell throughout the last 40 years. I want to thank them publicly—Mary Leder, Kent Waters, Pam Kelly, Emily Thayer, Conrad Crispino, Suzanne Rexing, Sheila Rees, Sandy Sparks, Sarah Fawcett-Lee, David and Marcia Holden, Mark Martindale, Becca Davis and Tom Valente, Susan McCarty, Angela Smith, David Bobart, the Betas and Elliott wherever you may be. All are special to me and I thank them for their love of Wyman Park Dell.

—*Betty Hill*



Just in time for the October 26 Celebration, Ryan Patterson installed this VLP Little Free Library, constructed by Andy Thomas and Rich Walther, and painted by artist, Katie Pumphrey. VLP contributors John & Beverly Fink, Jeff & Lesley Knoll, Ed Hargadon & Val Kuciauskas, Jim Casey & Evelyn Cannon made the Little Free Library a great addition to the Union Monument Plateau.

Thanks to Many Volunteers

Wyman Park Dell volunteers received recognition:

- ▶ Recognizing corps of maintenance volunteers for 10 Years. Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at JHU and Dave Bobart
- ▶ Recognizing the Village Learning Place's 10 years of activities for families and children during the Charles Village Festival weekend. Liesje Gantert
- ▶ Recognizing the Union Monument Plateau Master Plan and construction of the new playground. Tom McGiloway and Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks, Bill Vondrasek. Additional funding from FWPD and the Charles Village Civic Fund, John McLane
- ▶ Recognizing the installation of the permanent outdoor ping pong table. Tom McGiloway. Major funding from Ping Pong Baltimore

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♦ Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27, 8 am

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Friday, December 19, 6:15 pm

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- ♦ Children's Mass 4 p.m.
- ♦ Pre-Mass Concert 11:30 p.m.
- ♦ Traditional Midnight Mass

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- ♦ Mass 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity, Mary Mother of God

- ♦ Thursday, Jan. 1st 12 Noon & 7 pm

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The Circle of Life in Charles Village..
Fran Pluciennik and Mike Simon, 2900 block of Guilford Avenue reported that their long-time neighbor on the 3000 block of Guilford, **Leslie Duvall**, died peacefully in her sleep in June. She was a career waitress whom they first met in the late 1960s at the old Mount Vernon Restaurant on Charles Street—now the home of Marie Louise Bistro. Upon closing of the Mount Vernon, Leslie moved to Chiapparelli's in Little Italy where she remained until shortly before her death. Her straightforward, honest and friendly manner endeared her during years of sidewalk chats. This same manner had many return diners requesting a seat at one of Leslie's tables.

Dana Peterson Moore reported that she has a new neighbor also on the 3000 block of Guilford! **David and Katie Marin's** daughter **Alana** was born October 9. She joins big brother **Andrew**. On October 3 residents of the 3200 block of Abell, **Jessica and Matt Fouse** welcomed a healthy baby girl **Jolene Liberty Fouse**.

Baltimore Running Festival
 Folks commented on nextdoor.com that they were not aware of the marathon and had trouble getting to work or otherwise out of the neighborhood. To avoid that problem next year, mark your calendars now for next year's marathon—**October 17**. Also, bookmark www.thebaltimoremarathon.com to see the route and road closures. Even better, sign-up for *CVCA Weekly E-Newsletter* at www.charlesvillage.net.

Abell Avenue residents **Paul and Carlene Moscott** recently displayed their art-work at School 33 Open Studio. Paul and Carlene's studio is located in Station North at the Cork Factory, which is on Guilford and Federal. Perhaps some of you were lucky enough to see their work.

3200 St. Paul Development.
 Hopkins recently released a drawing of the 12-story building proposed for the lot on St Paul Street between 32 and 33rd Streets. The building will include market-rate student apartments, a 162-car parking garage and a variety of retail outlets including a pharmacy. When the necessary approvals are obtained, construction is scheduled to begin in April 2015.

Charles Street Reconstruction
 Residents of Charles Street will be very happy when the project is done this winter. As a resident of the 2900 block of Charles Street who has endured the pounding, drilling and hammering, the end of the project could not come soon enough. To the south, the Maryland Film Festival, JHU and MICA development team renovating the **Parkway Theatre**, Charles & North Avenue, received a \$5 million gift from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. With this gift, 80 per cent of the \$17 million needed to complete the project has been raised. The theatre will have three screens, seats for 600 and a performance space. Students studying film at MICA and Hopkins will be across the street. This is an exciting development for Station North Arts District, Old Goucher and Charles Village neighbors.

Orioles fans and Guilford Avenue residents **Andy Thomas** and his daughter **Mackenzie** came with me to the first of the American League Division Series playoff games between the Orioles and the Tigers. It was a beautiful night weather-wise and even more beautiful because the Orioles won the game. We sat in the upper deck above right field and spent much of the game on our feet cheering and twirling the orange towels that all fans received upon entering Camden Yards. The Orioles brought much joy to our City this summer and too bad it ended without going to the World Series. Former Charles Villager, **Gren Whitman**, wrote a haiku for each game and posted them on Facebook.

Harwood News
 Thank you **Albert Glaze** for sending me news. The 3rd Annual Harwood Halloween was held at the 29th Street Community Center on October 25. That day, the 1st Annual Oktoberfest was held at the Peabody Heights Brewery to benefit the center. **Hannah Gardi**, Director, 29th Street Community Center, gave birth to a baby daughter, **Adalyn Rose** on was born on May 25. On Sunday, October 12, **Amanda Ruthven** and **Ryan Parnell** were married at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Amanda and Ryan are doing great work as the President and Vice-President/Treasurer respectfully of the Harwood Community Association. The Association meets regularly at the 29th Street Community Center. Congratulations to all!
 My correspondent from the Westside of

the Village, **Kate Tifford**, gave me a terrific report. Residents of the 2700 block of Howard Street are happy that a long vacant house at 2711 has been purchased by a couple that is moving to Baltimore from California. Kate, a native of Alabama says that "Smalltown rings true for Alabamians living in Charles Village." She was astonished to realize that a fellow that she went to grade school with, Joseph Weeks, lives on her block. Their hometown is Fairhope, Alabama, which has only 500 residents. In 2005, Kate became friends with West 29th Street residents **Matt Comer** and **Amy Quarles** when they met on the No. 11 bus. Alabamians all—Amy and Kate's great grandmothers are from the same county and have the same last name. Could they be cousins? Just maybe.

Kate also reports that the **Jesuit Volunteer Corp's Baltimore community, Arrupe House**, is now in its third year on Howard Street. This is the Jesuit Volunteers' fourth house in the area—first in the 2900 block of Guilford, then over on Frisby Street, then back to the 2600 block of Guilford and then finally over to Howard Street a few years ago. This year, their volunteer placements are at Public Justice Center, Beans & Bread, St. Vincent DePaul Church, Christo Rey High School and AIRS Interfaith Residential Services.

Memories of Mandalay
 A year ago on returning from China and Tibet, a 10-day Viking Cruise on the Irrawaddy River through the center of Burma, now Myanmar, beckoned **Sandy Sparks**. Sandy quickly reserved the tour, which began and ended in Bangkok, to visit with **YeMon Myint** and his wife **Soe Soe** in Yangon. Both are doctors and JHPHI doctoral candidates, who enjoyed staying at Sandy's. Ye Mon was here for Christmas and also the winter of 2010 with ten snows. Waking to the sunrise on the river on a was peaceful and marked along the way with glistening gold and white stupas and temples. The wooden cruise boat would tie up to the river edge by rope set to a driven stake or tree—no infrastructure available. Sandy enjoyed walking through five villages to see Burmese life up close. Rare solar panels were the only evidence of 21st Century life. Along the Irrawaddy edge, women pounded their laundry on stones. E-mailed was hopeless—a downside on return home.

Ariela Marni Walsh is now a Certified Visual Lead Paint Inspector awaiting State accreditation. Her mom, **Judy Berlin**, says she is following in her father's footsteps. Ariela grew up on the 3000 block of Barclay Street and was our trusty babysitter for many years. One time she babysat for us while we went to an Orioles game. This was before cell phones, so I left her our row and seat number at Camden Yards. At one point during the game, I hear an usher calling my name. She told me that my babysitter had called Camden Yards, that everything was ok, but I needed to call home. I ran to a pay-phone and called the house to learn that one of my sons had been stung by a bee and was crying for his mom. The enterprising Ariela responded by calling Camden Yards and convincing them to find me, which incredibly, they did!

Villagers On The Road
 My sister and I were part of a small group that hiked and walked for 8 days through small villages and towns of northern Spain, including a day on the El Camino de Santiago or the Way of St. James, a network of paths in France and Northern Spain that lead to the Compustela de Santiago where St. James is believed to be buried. Walking is a wonderful way to experience such a beautiful place. We were introduced to pintxos—like tapas and Tkakolina wine, we walked through lush green country side where the ring of a sheep's bell and the wind were the only sounds for miles. San Sebastian and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao were other highlights. If you are looking for a terrific trip organizing, I highly recommend VBT, earlier known as Vermont Bike Tours. VBT offers small group bike and walking trips all around the world. **Donna Keck**, 30th Street, went on the VBT bike trip to Vietnam last year and had a wonderful experience. I am already planning my next trip, just not sure where. Check out vbt.com.

My new solar panels generated more electricity than I used this last billing period. If anyone is considering installing solar panels, let me know, as I would be happy to share my experience with you.

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City Council Representative Mary Pat Clarke (left) celebrated the successful first year of the 29th Street Community Center at the First Annual Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 25. Retiring CVCBD President and Quad 4 Representative, Kirsch Jones and Denese Gaughan enjoyed the craft brews and German foods at the sold-out event. Cheers to Mary Pat Clarke for her major role in transforming of the former City Recreation Center into a strong partnership with the adjoining Barclay Elementary/Middle School.

Join a Nearby Neighborhood Walkers Group for a Safer Neighborhood

Walk with Northern District Police's Charles Village Foot Patrol Officer, William O'Donnell, or porch sit and contact walkers by cellphone.

Harwood Walks

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

Charles Village Central Walks

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

Charles Village West Walks

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

Abell Walks

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

Old Goucher Anti-Prostitution Walks

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

Charles Village North Walks

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

Contact Tony Brown, CVCBD Director of Safety for more information about each group of walkers: tony@charlesvillage.org.

2014 CVCBD Quad Reps Elected

On October 14, the CVCBD held its annual elections for the four Quad representatives. The following residents were elected:

Quad 1 **SANDRA COLES**
Quad 2 **FRANK RICHARDSON**

Quad 3 **JIM CASEY**
Quad 4 **NICK SHERIDAN**

Sandra Coles and Frank Richardson are current quad representatives, while Jim Casey and Nick Sheridan will be new to the Board, beginning January 2015.



Anthony Brown, new CVCBD Director of Safety Services

Tony Brown, New CVCBD CVCBD Director of Safety

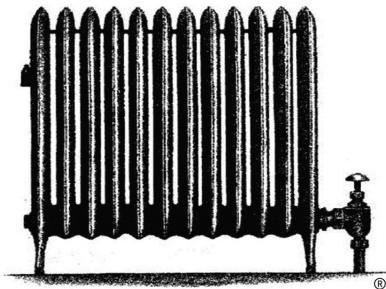
Anthony Brown joined the CVCBD October 20 to oversee the operation and development of our Safety Services program. For the past two years, Tony has been a Vice President with the Abacus Corporation responsible for security operations. He served for almost 30 years in the Baltimore Police Department, retiring in 2012, as a Major Commanding Officer responsible for special events city-wide. Please contact Tony with any of your concerns about safety at 410.235.4411 or email tony@charlesvillage.org.

Fall Leaf Removal Begins November 17

On November 17, the CVCBD will start its annual Fall Leaf Removal Campaign to help residents with the speedy removal of leaves from public area sidewalks and gutters. Four additional workers will help regular staff for four to five weeks.

At this year's Mayor's Fall Clean Up on Saturday morning, October 25, the CVCBD Clean Team staffed posts at each of the four dumpster sites—Abell, Harwood, Old Goucher and Charles Village. The staff provides brooms, shovels, bags and rakes for participants, and assisted residents in their disposal of trash, refuse and household items too big to carry. At each site staff handed out information on the CVCBD services and encouraged residents to sign up for our Crime Alert and *All The Dirt* (formerly *The Grime Alert*) publications. —David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

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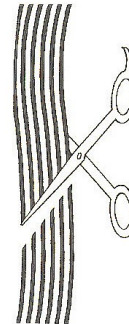
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| Friday | 10 am– 6 pm |
| Saturday | 10 am– 4 pm |
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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

VLP Calendar

VLP Fundraiser at Ledo Pizza – Thursday, November 6 from Noon to 8pm
When you present the flyer, 20 percent of proceeds will be donated to the Village Learning Place. Find the flyer at www.villagelearningplace.org.

Children's Clothing & Book Swap— Saturday, November 8 from 2 to 5 pm at the 29th Street Community Center, 300 E. 29th Street

The VLP and 29th Street Community Center are partnering for this new, neighborhood event. A \$10 donation allows you to participate in the swap. For more information and to register, visit clothingswapvlp.eventbrite.com.

WINTER WONDER: Open House & Trimming Party— Saturday, December 6th from 3 to 5 pm

Join us for a community celebration of the winter holidays! Volunteers and staff will ready the VLP library for the festivities of the season by decorating the Victorian library with hand-made decorations. Children's activities, too.

2nd Wednesdays at the VLP— 2nd Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm

This series features performances, lectures, cultural enrichment and the opportunity to converse with like-minded neighbors and friends each month.

November 12— *Holiday Artisan Market*

December 10— *Camerata Musica* musical performance

January 14— *The Search for Earth 2.0* featuring Jason Kalirai, Space Telescope Institute

February 11— *Ella Shields: The Woman Behind the Man*, a theatrical performance by Harriet Lynn.

Senior Tea— 2nd Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon

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

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

Toddlers & preschoolers, parents & caregivers, join us for stories, crafts and songs!

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

For caregivers with children from birth to 36 months.

Parents Night Out— Join the VLP and the Village Parents to socialize with other community parents. Light refreshments and childcare is provided.

November 20, 7 to 9pm December 11, 7 to 9pm— Cookie Exchange

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

Each monthly presentation focuses on an aspect of Baltimorean History.

January 15— *The Great Railroad Strike of 1877: Baltimore Workers and the first National Strike*

February 19— *Baltimore's Deaf Heritage*

March 19— *Eliza Anderson and The Observer: A Pioneering Woman in Early 19th-Century Baltimore*

Holiday Wish List for VLP Library

Please consider making a donation to the VLP library this holiday season!

Check out these links to VLP's full Amazon Wish List for program materials: <http://amzn.to/1FEIsD> and new library books: <http://amzn.to/1t9iegA>

- ▶ Classroom Book Sets (20 copies each)
- ▶ The Bat Boy & His Violin by Gavin Curtis
- ▶ *Cool Melons -- Turn to Frogs!* by Matthew Gollub
- ▶ *Hoops* by Robert Burleigh
- ▶ *Harlem* by Walter Dean Myers
- ▶ *One Frog too Many* by Mercer & Marianna Meyer
- ▶ *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
- ▶ Melissa & Doug wooden puzzles (assortment)
- ▶ Magnifying glasses – need 20
- ▶ Magnet Discover Set or Rare Earth Magnets – need 5
- ▶ Play dollars/coins
- ▶ Uno or other card games
- ▶ Personal 8x10 white boards – need 20
- ▶ Puppets (book/fairytale characters; assorted)
- ▶ Bristle blocks set
- ▶ Magna tiles set
- ▶ Playground balls, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls
- ▶ Hula hoops
- ▶ Jump ropes
- ▶ Double Dutch jump ropes
- ▶ Bingo games (ex. Sight Word Bingo, Addition Bingo, etc.)

Thank you for your generous support for the VLP. —Liesje Gantert

Save the Dates!

Spaghetti Disco— Saturday, February 28
Read Between the Wines, Saturday, April 18

Your favorite neighborhood fundraiser, **Spaghetti Disco**, returns on **Saturday, February 28 from 5:30 to 11pm, at SS. Philip & James Church Hall**. Start dusting off your dancing shoes, because it'll be time to boogie before you know it!

On **Saturday, April 18 from 7 to 11pm**, we will kick off National Library Week at the Village Learning Place's annual fundraiser, **Read Between the Wines**. There will be a live and silent auction, dinner, and a soothing live jazz band in our lovely garden.

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The Baltimore Museum of Art

The grand reopening of the Historic Entrance and the American Wing on November 23 will reveal new lighting, herringbone floors, a new palette of colors for the walls and many other improvements to bring forth John Russell Pope's magnificent neoclassical architecture and the perfect setting for the BMA's masterpieces of American art. The East Wing will also reopen with a new Gift Shop. Bring the kids to the BMA on Sundays from 2–5 pm. The Museum is free (some special exhibitions require a fee). General Information: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum

From Rye to Raphael: The Walters Story. Begun as the private passion of two men, William T. Walters (1819–1894) and his son Henry (1848–1931), built a collection of staggering depth and scope, assembling more than 20,000 items—the majority of the art objects that constitute the Walters Art Museum today. This reinstallation of the permanent collection explores their lives, times, tastes, and legacy.

From Pen To Press: Experimentation and Innovation in the Age of Print focuses on the moment of invention and of tension, when old and new, hand-made and mechanical, and parchment and paper coexisted in creating the printed page. Drop-in Art Activities for Families are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The Museum is free (some special exhibitions require a fee). General Information: 410.547.9000 or visit www.thewalters.org

MICA

Brown Center, 1301 W. Mt Royal Ave. Art Market features illustrations, paintings, prints, posters, sculptures, mosaics, stationery, T-shirts, ceramics, jewelry, textiles, book arts, toys, and wrapping paper designed and created by 300 MICA students, alumni, faculty and staff. December 11 & 12, 11 am to 7 pm, December 13, 10 am to 6 pm

Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert Street

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. You've seen the movie, now see this classic Frank Capra story brought to the stage. November 18–December 21. **One Night in Miami** by Kemp Powers. On February 25, 1964, Cassius Clay celebrates his win as heavyweight boxing title with activist Malcolm X, singer Sam Cooke and football player Jim Brown. Imagine what might have happened in that hotel room! January 14–February 8. Tix: 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org.

Single Carrot Theater, 2600 Howard

References To Salvador Dali Make Me Hot by José Rivera. When Gabriela awakens to find her husband Benito has returned from a military tour, their lust and frustration reach a Second Stoop: Neighbors, boiling point, sending the couple down a corkscrewing slide of marital strife, sexual tension, and hostility. Rivera's story



See this porcelain sculpture in the Walters exhibit, **From Rye to Raphael: The Walters Story.** One of 15 figures that sculptor Agathon Léonard modeled for a table centerpiece in 1900, this dancer is dressed in light fabrics in a style intended to recall Greek attire of the 3rd Century BC.

weaves in language poetic and grounded, sensual and sardonic against the sweltering backdrop of a barren summer wasteland. January 7–February 8. Tix: 443.844.9253 or singlecarrot.com.

Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, 7 S. Calvert Street

Dicken's A Christmas Carol. Set in 19th Century Baltimore, Scrooge will delight young and old in this grand historic building. November 29–December 23. Tix: 410.244.8570 or www.chesapeakeshakespeare.com.

Everyman Theater, 315 W. Fayette Street. **Deathtrap** by Ira Levin, the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway. December 10–January 11. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

Baltimore Arena Players, 801 McCulloh Street

The AMEN Corner by James Baldwin. The play addresses the role of church in an African-American family and the effects of a poverty born of racial prejudice. Baldwin opens the questions about family and religion. November 14–30. YOUTHEATRE Christmas Production of **The Snow Queen**, a musical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's enduring tale of faith, devotion and the magic of friendship. For the family. December 12–14. 410.728.6500 or www.arenaplayersinc.com.

The Stoop Storytelling Series

Centerstage, 700 N. Calvert Street, **Holidrama! Part Deux.** Live music by Caleb Stine and the Brakemen. Cocktails and live music, 7 pm. Show, 8 pm. Monday, December 15. Get tickets at stoopstorytelling.com or 410.332.0033. **Second Stoop: Neighbors.** Windup Space, 12 N. Avenue. An all-audience show about the joys, challenges, and just plain weirdness of living near other people. Thursday, January 8. Pay at the door.

The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory

The Comedy of Errors. Performances at the Great Hall Theater at St. Mary's, 3900 Roland Avenue and at Boordy Vineyards. November 7 thru December 21. Tix: TheShakespeareFactory.com or 410.921.9455 (WILL)

Spotlighters Theater, 817 St. Paul **The Man Who Came to Dinner** by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. November 21–December 21. Tix: 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org

Theatre Project, 45 W. Preston Street **Child's Play**, SONAR new music ensemble. November 21 & 23. **The Odyssey** adapted and performed by Charlie Bethel. December 4–14. **Caroline, or Change**, book and lyrics by Tony Kushner. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Stillpointe Theatre Initiative, December 18–January 4; and **Fortune's Child** by Mark Scharf, an Actors' Equity Members Project. January 8–18. 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

Vagabond Players

806 S. Broadway in Fells Point. The Baltimore premiere of Ira Levin's **Interlock.** The author of *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Stepford Wives* and *Death-Trap* creates a powerful and haunting psychological drama of romantic obsession and betrayal. January 9–February 8. Call 410.563.9135 or www.vagabondplayers.org

Fells Point Corner Theatre, 251 Ann **Seminar** by Theresa Rebeck. Teaching great writing proves a treacherous business for both tutor and students in this smart, darkly funny comedy about a literary lion and the young writers he eats for breakfast at his private seminars. November 14–December 7. Tix: www.fpct.org or 410.276.7837

Baltimore Choral Arts

Sing-Along Messiah in Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College. Friday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. Join Music Director Tom Hall as he conducts the Chorus, Orchestra, and audience in choruses of Handel's *Messiah*. **Christmas for Kids.** Santa and Pepito the Clown will add to the fun. Kraushaar Auditorium, Saturday, December 20 at 11 am. 410.523.7070 www.baltimorechoralarts.org

Shriver Hall Concert Series

JHU Homewood Campus **Soprano Danielle de Niese** with **Cameron Stowe**, piano. Described as "Opera's coolest soprano," *The New York Times*. Sunday, November 16. **Cellist Steven Isserlis**, joins Canadian pianist **Connie Shih** for a program of

Beethoven, Schumann and Britten. December 7. Both concerts begin at 5:30 pm. For tickets call 410.516.7164 or visit www.shriverconcerts.org

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra Shriver Hall, JHU Homewood Campus. Concert of new and old favorites including the *Mendelssohn Concerto for Violin* with Amy Beth Horman. The *Overture to Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet* and the *Symphonic Dances* from Bernstein's *West Side Story*. Saturday, December 6 at 8 pm.

Chamber Concerts

Bunting-Meyerhoff Interfaith Center, 3509 N. Charles Street. Mozart, Gershwin and Britten Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm. 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso

The Baltimore Concert Opera

Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, Ballroom, 11 W. Mt. Vernon Place. Giuseppe Verdi's beloved *La Traviata*. Friday, November 21 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 23 at 3 pm. Tickets: 443.445.0226 or www.baltimoreconcertopera.com

Community Concerts at Second

Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street. Peabody graduate and rising star pianist, **Michael Sheppard** performs live recording session with works by Poulenc, Schumann and Granados. Also his composition, *Invitation to Travel*. Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 pm. Free. Information on the series: www.communityconcertsatsecond.org

Bach Concert Series

Christ Lutheran, 701 S. Charles. J.S. Bach's *Cantata 112: Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt* and Handel, *Water Music Suite #1*. Sunday, January 4 at 4 pm. Tickets: BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262

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City DOT Studies Two-Way Conversion from University Parkway to Downtown

Two-Way Study, continued from page 1

would function mainly as a workspace and the goal was to get people into work, and back to the suburbs, as quickly as possible, without stopping anywhere in between. Though, according to John Norquist, a former Milwaukee Mayor and early advocate for two-way conversion, the origin of one-way traffic grids is even more disturbing. In a *USA Today* piece from December 20, 2006, he opined, "the boom in one-way streets began with the Cold War in the 1950s, when cities planned quick routes out of town for evacuation in case of nuclear attack."

But whatever the reasons for creating one-way streets to get out of town, most organizations dedicated to making Baltimore City a place you wouldn't ever want to leave are excited by the prospect of the DOT's new study. In October, the Mount Vernon Belvedere Association held a general membership meeting to discuss the study. The Central Baltimore Partnership also devoted a Partners Meeting to the topic. More than a decade ago, the Midtown Community Benefits District's *Midtown Community Plan*, 2000, made this flat statement: "all streets within neighborhoods should be two-way."

Our partner Jubilee Baltimore Inc., an organization that develops both market rate and affordable housing and works with various communities as a "one-stop shop for better neighborhoods," has also been a forceful advocate. Its President, Charlie Duff, in a commentary in the *Baltimore Sun*, wrote, "Two-way streets calm traffic. They are safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. They limit noise pollution and positively impact property values. They eventually reduce travel distance while bringing attention to local businesses. Finally, they go hand in hand with the fantastic movement of revitalization that many urban neighborhoods are currently witnessing after decades of disinvestment."

At the Central Baltimore Partnership, we agree with the mainstream of the development and urban planning communities that two-way thoroughfares are an integral part of developing strong communities as part of an overarching strategy known as "complete streets." As defined by neighborhood advocacy organization Smart Growth America—complete streets are "designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities."

This is important stuff. So, though we are still in the process of creating a formal position with our partners about the conversion of St. Paul and Calvert Streets, we

devoted a public CBP Partners Meeting to the subject. Guest Speaker Sallye Perlin, Senior Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, a multinational engineering and design firm, and Bolton Hill resident, made a presentation on the benefits of two-way conversion, citing:

- ▶ Enhanced pedestrian safety and comfort
- ▶ Improved navigation and accessibility
- ▶ Increased access to businesses and economic development
- ▶ Reduced car speeds and greater pedestrian and bike mode-share
- ▶ Increased property values
- ▶ Reduced pollution
- ▶ Decreased Vehicle Miles Traveled
- ▶ Crime reduction

See the full presentation on the CBP website link <http://www.centralbaltimore.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Exploring-Two-way-Traffic-Conversions-in-Central-Baltimore-from-the-Partners-Meeting-Oct1.pdf>.

With those goals in mind, several urban areas have made the switch in recent years. CBP has compiled a list of 20 cities with 100,000+ population that have taken the plunge. The cities encompass every geographical region in the U.S. and include every type of urban area from New York to Tampa.

But of all the cities on the list, none has had more dramatic results than Louisville, Kentucky. According to University of Louisville Professor, John Gilderbloom, who supervised a study, "two streets (Brook and First) that were converted nearly three years ago from multi-lane freeway-like to slow and sane streets for everyone," writing in the *Louisville Courier Journal*, March 26, 2014. "The results were stunning... with a significant reduction in crime, accidents and an increase in property values, business profits, bike and pedestrian traffic. Million dollars spent on outside consultants never predicted this. The neighborhood is being reborn. Property improvements on the two-way streets have nearly doubled."

One can only wish the same for St. Paul and Calvert Streets. If you were not able to make the DOT meetings or CBP's Partners meeting, please consider contacting your community association and/or councilperson for more information or to share your position. Go to www.centralbaltimore.org if you're interested in participating in the CBP Corridor Study Working Group.

—Joseph B. McNeely, Executive Director, Central Baltimore Partnership

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Jo Ann Robinson, Chair, 29th Street Community Center Advisory Council, salutes the great success of the community center's first year at the Oktoberfest held at the Peabody Heights Brewery with Charles Villagers and Center supporters, John Fink and John Spurrier.

250 at Ocktoberfest for 29th Street Center

GHCC's first annual Oktoberfest was a tremendous success! With over 250 people in attendance—many told us they had an absolute blast. The Ocktoberfest on October 25 at the Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th Street, helped raise awareness of the 29th Street Community Center and its integral role in building and strengthening vibrant urban communities. We were delighted to raise just over \$16,000. Proceeds will support general operations and provide hundreds of residents with quality, low-cost and free enrichment programs over the coming year.

Retail Study, continued from page 1

for its own students, faculty and staff—and thus for its own success in admissions and the employment market.

So Johns Hopkins, in consultation with the community, engaged Streetsense, a retail real estate consulting firm from Bethesda, and VHB Inc., a national transportation consultant with an office in Silver Spring, to help us answer the questions we face.

The two firms will develop a comprehensive retail and streetscape/placemaking strategy for the retail district. Among their "deliverables" will be specific retail and architectural recommendations for key properties owned by Johns Hopkins, for the 3200 St. Paul site leased by JHU to a developer, and for adjacent properties and nearby blocks. They will also produce conceptual drawings for a proposed streetscape design.

Streetsense has extensive experience with urban, retail-oriented, university environments that will aid in providing guidance on how to create an even more exciting and diverse retail district. Streetsense and VHB will inventory the current retail mix and available space, assess area architecture, conduct a market analysis, and collect and analyze transportation data. They will look at possible merchandising strategies, transportation concepts, retail placemaking and street designs. The scope of their Charles Village Retail District study covers St. Paul Street, from 31st Street to 34th Street, and 33rd from St. Paul to Charles Street.

"Johns Hopkins is investing in this process because we believe that a thriving Charles Village Retail District will serve both the community and campus," said Jennifer Mielke, JHU Director of Community Affairs. "It will be a catalyst for investment and development that maintains and strengthens the essential characteristics of this wonderful neighborhood."

A project management committee is overseeing the process and will conclude in spring 2015. The committee includes Johns Hopkins representatives; HCPI stakeholders including community leaders, locally serving nonprofits, business and property owners and a representative of Medstar Union Memorial Hospital.

The first community/public discussion of the project and the process under way will be November 19 at the CVCA General meeting, complementing the 3200 St. Paul site project update beforehand. Do not miss this opportunity to offer your thoughts for this retail study.

—Dennis O'Shea, Executive Director of Media Relations, Johns Hopkins University

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Science & Engineering Curriculum Engages Barclay & Dallas Nicholas School Students

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Hands-on STEM curriculum and materials are provided to teachers, who receive one-on-one coaching from a STEM educational expert, have opportunities to participate in peer observations, professional learning communities and STEM academies in both Physical Science and Earth and Space Science. Teachers are rewarded for their participation in the academies and professional learning communities. Several Barclay Elementary/Middle School teachers took full advantage of these opportunities last year.

SABES leverages the expertise of JHU faculty, graduate and undergraduate students while partnering with Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) and the afterschool provider, Child First Authority. The partners identify STEM experts to serve as volunteers from higher education, the business community, and local community museums. In addition to strengthening STEM expertise within City Schools with this corps of volunteers, SABES engages afterschool facilitators, who sometimes are teachers from the schools, to assist with the project.

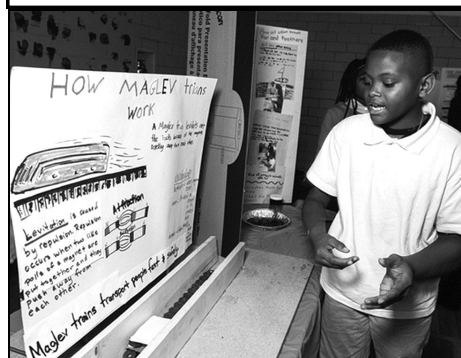
The JHU faculty and students act as mentors to the 3rd–5th Graders on their engineering design projects after school, providing real life models of college students and STEM experts. After school projects

STEM Recognition Event

29th Street Community Center

Thursday, November 20, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Please contact Hannah Gardi at
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for more information or to RSVP.



Photos by Philip Laubner

At a fall STEM Recognition event, Barclay 4th Grader passionately describes how a Mag Lev Train works from Ms. Garcia's class project. Below, a Newton's Cradle demonstration by the Maryland Science Center fascinates Barclay School families.

meet two days a week for 2 hours a day. The kids learn the engineering design process through NPASS2 and Engineering Adventures curriculum and build rockets, balloon powered cars, bridges, clocks and tops. Once the students learn the engineering design process, they get to look at the needs in the community and come up with their own project.

Last year, the 4th graders at Barclay School decided that trash in the streets was a problem. They took apart different models of vacuum cleaners to see how they worked. They also met with a City DPW employee who maintains the street sweepers to learn about that equipment. Finally, they created a prototype of a vacuum cleaner to pickup trash.

STEM Recognition events bring the community together for hands-on STEM engagement activities that are accessible and engaging. The Recognition events also offer a forum for students to share their STEM projects with each other, their families and their community. During the STEM events, students showcase the projects that they are completing during the afterschool program or in-school and interactive demonstrations are offered by community partners. Last year, the Maryland Science Center led activities at both the fall and spring events to provide families and community members an opportunity to explore and learn together.

Next year, SABES will add Margaret Brent and its afterschool provider, Village Learning Place to the STEM program. For more information on the growing STEM Achievement in Baltimore Elementary Schools and to volunteer at a GHCC partner school, please contact Kelly Oglesbee at 443-863-8671.

—Christine Newman, Assistant Dean, JHU Whiting School of Engineering Programs



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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.

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