

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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Community Planning Kicks Off for Waverly Commons

Most Charles Villagers know the public parking lot at the corner of 32nd and Barclay Streets as the location of the Waverly Farmers Market each Saturday morning. They may not know that over the past year a traffic circle and an expansion of the Waverly Branch Library have been proposed for the 33rd Street side of the lot.

Proposals for improvements to the 33rd Street median have been presented to the Waverly Main Street Design Review Committee. Nearby buildings on the east side of Brentwood Street have been demolished, leaving a possible development parcel. Finally, there has been some discussion that the parking lot itself could be reconfigured to create more green space while still parking the same number of cars.

There is also a desire to see 32nd Street, in addition to 33rd Street, become a second commercial cross street in the Greenmount Avenue corridor. 32nd Street offers wide sidewalks and low traffic volumes on the west side of Greenmount Avenue, but the pedestrian-friendly environment changes as you travel east towards Waverly Ace Hardware and the Giant supermarket.

Baltimore's new comprehensive plan calls for commercial strips to broaden into nodes. Perhaps improvements along 32nd and 33rd Streets can make this a reality in Waverly.

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Volunteers Raise Firehouse No. 31 Renovation Funds

Volunteer efforts are raising funds to return our firefighters and medics to Firehouse No. 31 at 3123 Greenmount Avenue. Saturday bake sales, fund-raising at the Waverly Farmers Market and Waverly Giant, other community, foundation and institutional contributions have already exceeded \$13,000. The Campaign's goal is \$20,000 for furnishings and supplies required to reopen the Firehouse by May.

Assisting the fundraising campaign, City Council Representative Mary Pat Clarke states, "the entire community has come forth in support of our Campaign to Restore Waverly Firehouse 31. From bake sales and new year's eve parties to individual donations, we have raised almost all we need to restore our firefighters and medics to their home in our midst on Greenmount Avenue. With just a little more help, we will be celebrating Home Sweet Home and a restored feeling of safety and security.

Firehouse, continued on page 8



This corner of Greenmount Avenue and 32nd Street, circa 1940, pictured in Waverly: A Baltimore Neighborhood by Brian Harrington in the section entitled Waverly: The Depression & WWII, thrived as a center of Waverly's Main Street. (From the collection of the Maryland Historical Society.) Community planning for Waverly Commons will look at reviving 32nd Street as a commercial cross street.

Barclay/Midway/Old Goucher Redevelopment Moves Ahead

The Baltimore Housing Department selected Telesis Corporation to develop hundreds of units of rental and homeowner occupied housing. Telesis expects to close on the construction financing for the first 72-unit rental project and begin construction soon.

This first phase includes:

- ▶ New construction of 19 units in the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Barclay Street
- ▶ Renovation of Homewood House at 2200 Homewood Avenue into 29 units
- ▶ Renovation of 24 scattered site units in the 2200 block of N. Calvert, 300 and 400 blocks of E. 22nd, 300 block of E. 21st, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Barclay and the 2100 block of Guilford.

On January 14, Telesis learned that it was awarded \$4.7 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP2) funds through the Healthy Neighborhoods Consortium application for Barclay/Old Goucher. This funding will enable the project to move forward with the first phase of homeownership housing. Work is expected to begin in the 2200 and 2300 blocks of N. Calvert and commence by the end of the year.

Telesis has begun the planning process for a second phase of rental housing project focused on the 300 and 400 blocks of E. 20th Street and is expected to include approximately 72 more units of rental housing, the creation of a park at the corner of Barclay and E. 20th and a large community space.

Other vacant houses on Calvert Street and Guilford Avenue are under consideration for future homeownership opportunities.

The Barclay, Midway, and Old Goucher Coalition (BMOG) is the community steering committee for the Barclay redevelopment project. The BMOG coalition has also worked to move the Parole and Probation facility from the state owned building at 2100 Guilford Avenue.

The BMOG's yahoo group—http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coalition_bmog/message/1496 contains background information about the coalition and its members. The Coalition meets at 6 PM on the second Monday of each month at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2301 Guilford Avenue.

For questions and additional information about the Telesis projects, contact Catherine Stokes, Telesis Corporation Project Manager, at 718.369.1675 or cstokes@telesisny.com.



CVCA MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 7 PM

**SS. Philip & James, Parish Hall, Downstairs
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Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 21, May 19, June 16

**Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
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CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter

Jennifer Erickson, CVCA President

The last remnants of Snowmageddon 2010 are finally melting from my backyard lawn and buds are starting to form on my rose bushes. It seems so long ago that the snow was paralyzing the City in so many ways. The many reports of the inevitable issues (cars towed, lack of plowing/shoveling and trash/recycle pick-up delays) were offset by the many reports of neighbors helping neighbors.

Our website has some beautiful pictures of Charles Village sent in by our neighbors to mark this unprecedented occasion. I encourage others to do the same—limit 5 per email please—by utilizing the e-mail function@www.charlesvillage.net.

Charles Village and surrounding areas are abuzz with a lot of activity. This Spring issue highlights just how much. The front page articles on Waverly Commons community planning and the Barclay/Midway/Old Goucher re-development along with the 25th Street Station (Anderson Honda) redevelopment are high on people's radar.

At the March 24 General Meeting, Baltimore City's new Council President Bernard "Jack" Young (Charles Village's own former District 12 Councilman) and new District 12 Councilman Carl Stokes were guest speakers. In addition, our Land Use Committee gave an update on its ongoing activities surrounding the 25th Street Station (Anderson Honda) development, and the Anderson Development Team presented its revised plan with a lively community Q&A.

The CVCA wants and needs your input as it continues to work within and coordinates with representatives from other community associations to determine a common strategy for responding to the 25th Street Station proposal. The CVCA encourages all residents to provide input/comments/feedback concerning the development by contacting Matthew Compton at compton.m@gmail.com. All of your comments and concerns will be noted and carefully considered by the CVCA's Land Use Committee before any recommendations to the CVCA Board are made. Please visit the www.charlesvillage.net to review project history and continuing updates.

Many of you are taking notice of the new businesses coming to north Charles Village. Verizon GoWireless, Moxie's Hair Salon, Charm City Cupcakes and the return of Dominion Ice Cream are now open. Maxie's Pizza Bar & Grille, Ledo's Pizza & Pasta and Sandella's Flat Bread Café are under construction and will open in April or May. Charles Village is happening—and it's no wonder The American Planning Association recognized Charles Village as one of America's Ten Great Places.

My previous letter highlighted the strong need for volunteers for the many good activities going on in

Charles Village. For example, the Charles Village community is still looking for a new Rep/Co-Reps for the Charles Village Area 12 Residential Parking Permit program to replace Bonnie Bessor. Please visit the website for details.

While at the website, you can also:

- ▶ sign up for the e-mail notification of Charles Village activities and happenings
- ▶ sign up to become a CVCA member
- ▶ get latest updates on the 25th Street Station development
- ▶ purchase the Charles Village Tom Chalkley poster and cookbook, *Charles Village Cooks: A Taste of The Village*
- ▶ see past issues of *The Charles Villager*
- ▶ look up other much needed resources

We need your help and want to hear from you. As always, please contact me at my new e-mail address, cvcapresident@charlesvillage.net.

Jennifer Erickson, CVCA President

Updates— Village Parents School Daze Urban Education Discussion Series

April 26, 7 p.m. at Barclay School. Let's Hear From the Kids— The Inside Scoop on Baltimore City High Schools
Students from Baltimore City College High School, Baltimore School for the Arts and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and a Johns Hopkins University Baltimore Scholar
May 17, 7 p.m. at Margaret Brent Elementary School. Project-Based, Thematic Curriculum— What Is It and What Does It Mean for Your Child?

Dr. Jackie Waters-Scofield, Principal of Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School; Karen DeCamp, Director of Neighborhood Programs, Greater Homewood Community Corp.; Bobbi Macdonald, President and Founder, City Neighbors Charter School; Dr. Peter Renert-Ariev, Associate Professor, Loyola University Maryland School of Education
DATE CHANGE— June 15, 7 p.m. at Margaret Brent Elementary School. Read Between the Lines— Early Literacy Programs

Susan Lattimore, Reading Intervention Specialist, Project Early I.D. in Baltimore City Public Schools; Dr. Jennifer Gallo-Fox, Assistant Professor, Literacy Education, Loyola University Maryland School of Education; and Dr. Muriel Berkeley, President, Baltimore Curriculum Project (invited)

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Village Chat

Dawna Cobb

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It's close to 70 degrees and sunny outside. Pansies are in the whiskey barrel and my cellar and garage are a bit cleaner as my husband, Paul, just made a trip to the Sisson Street sanitation yard. Usable stuff is sitting in the alley waiting to be adopted by new owners. Was it a mere four weeks ago that we had more than 40 inches of snow on the ground? Whenever people complained about the weather this winter, I knew that spring would seem more glorious than ever! And so it is. The plants in my garden are now standing taller. Day lily, tulip and yarrow shoots are poking through the ground in my alley garden. Buds are fuller on the trees. The magnolias are blooming at the BMA! With all of this promise in the air, it seems like old news to write about the back-to-back blizzards. Yet there are stories to tell, snow shoveling heroes to recognize and fond memories of the enforced time off for many of us.

Snow stories. Jeff Millard, resident of the 2900 block St. Paul Street, had his snow blower repaired just in time for the heavy-duty snow-blowing after the second blizzard. I came back from Eddie's and saw what looked like someone in an astronaut suit blowing the snow off our 30th Street sidewalk. Sure enough it was Jeff. He cleared a lot of sidewalk in our square block—even the walk in front of the SAE fraternity house at the corner of St. Paul and 30th Street. With a little prodding from CVCA President, Jennifer Erickson, the young men of SAE borrowed Jeff's shovels to clear the sidewalk along 30th Street. East of St. Paul Street, the hardy folks on Vineyard Lane dug themselves out as soon as the first snow hit the ground and after the second blizzard when the wind stopped blowing. We in Charles Village were lucky to have Eddie's and Donna's stay open throughout both blizzards. Neighbors on the 3000 block Guilford, Bev Fink, Father Kevin Gillespie from Wheeler House, Gary Moore, Patti and John McLane, Val Kaciauskas and David Barnett dug out Patricia Owens. Patricia was prepared to pay big bucks to the first stranger with a shovel to

clear her car, but she was convinced that it could be done quickly, and agreed to provide her helpers with a pot of chicken soup. Another neighbor confronted her car with no shovel and didn't know where to begin. She was assisted by a very kind JHU student who helped to clear her car. My husband helped his share of JHU students dig out of their spaces on our block as well as other residents who moved their cars off of snow emergency routes onto the Charles Street carriage or service lane in front of our house. What a project it was digging them out. No snowplows go down these lanes, so it took a collective effort to shovel out the lane.

I know that Villagers across the neighborhood helped each other out, met people they hadn't known before and enjoyed the community of it all. Perhaps the most bizarre thing I saw were two guys carrying a kayak over to the park to go sledding! Eddie's Market owner, Jerry Gordon and his wife, Darlene, slept in their nearby office so the store could remain open. I walked over one day and took pictures (below) of the hardworking Eddie's crew. Donna's, which is staffed by Villagers and others who live nearby, fed neighbors hungry after hours of shoveling. A few of us gathered for dinner to share stories and bond over the experience—John and Beverly Fink, Eileen Canzian, Jim Casey and Evelyn Cannon.

There were downsides to the storms such as where to put your trash when the alleys were not passable. Those who subscribed to the CVCA listserv got an e-mail about placing trash in the front of houses for collection. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join if only to get timely and useful news. If you want to join the listserv, go to www.charlesvillage.net. Kudos to Ron Tanner who designs and maintains the site. I was recently trying to recruit some folks to live in the Village and it was great to send them to the CVCA website. It's time to get ready for the Charles Village Festival. Go to the exciting new website www.charlesvillagefestival.com.

New establishments around the Village. Dominion Ice Cream has moved to 3215 N. Charles Street at the corner of 33rd and Charles. If you have not tried gourmet ice cream with vegetables, you do not know what you are missing. Hats off to Donna Calloway for staying in Charles Village. <http://www.eatyourvegssicecream.com/>. Coming to 3105 St. Paul is Ledo Pizza & Pasta and at 31st and Charles, Maxie's Pizza, Bar & Grille.

I am sorry to report that a stalwart supporter of the neighborhood, Richard Burnham's Graphic Imaging, has to sell his property on 25th Street. Over 15 years Richard and his family supported Charles Village efforts in countless ways through his firm's printing services. Many Village projects benefited from the flyers, posters, invitations and generous in-kind donations from Graphic Imaging, not to mention Richard's volunteer service with various community organizations—Village Learning Place, CVCBD, CVCA and Old Goucher. Richard plans to continue working in Charles Village and we wish him strong support.

Congratulations to Villager, Geoffrey Becker, whose new novel *Hot Springs* received a rave review in the *New York Times Book Review* on February 14, 2010. Go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/14/books/review/Somerville-t.html?emc=eta1>. All I can say is that I ordered my copy right after reading it. Also in the news, but in a different way, was a story in *The Daily Record* about Dana Moore's participation in the Stoop Storytelling Series at Center

Stage. This inventive series is co-produced by Villager Laura Wexler. <http://www.stoopstorytelling.com/about>. Dana participated in a segment called *Across the Divide: Stories about Race in Baltimore*. She was one of 10 people who spoke to a sold-out mostly white audience about how race has affected their lives. Dana had misgivings about discussing such personal stories in public but through Laura's expert coaching and preparation, and despite being nervous, she told a series of anecdotes about how race has affected her life. The audience rewarded her courage with a hearty applause. Dana wanted to be sure that I mentioned how fantastic it was to work with Laura, who two days after the event, gave birth to her second child, a little boy. Congratulations Laura!

Congratulations also go to Carl Stokes on his appointment to the City Council, representing the southern area of Charles Village and Old Goucher. I got to know Carl when I was president of the Abell Improvement Association, and he first served on City Council. He was an effective and responsive council member who took time to tour the area and assist us with neighborhood issues.

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Dawna Cobb photographed Eddie's deli staff (left to right) Kevin, Eugene, Myc'keeta, J'son, Kajsa and Chris, who were on duty despite the blizzards.

CVCBD Officers Elected for 2010

At its March 9 meeting, the CVCBD Board of Directors elected the following officers for 2010:

Ron Griffin, President
Derek Demaree, Vice President
Jeff Millard, Treasurer
Jennifer Erickson, Secretary
Jason Pyeron, At Large



CVCBD Reauthorization Process Begins

Dear Neighbors,

Every four years the City Council must reauthorize the Charles Village Benefits District Management Authority. As President of the volunteer board of directors, I ask you to join me in urging your member of the City Council to vote *YES* to reauthorize.

The Board is very proud of the staff's hard work and hope you are, too. The CVCBD Clean Team regularly cleans our streets and storm drains of leaves and debris, removes bulk trash and empties 85 street receptacles daily. In the year ending February 2010, the Clean Team removed 10,000 bags of fall leaves, 25,956 bags of trash, and 45.22 tons of bulk items. The District has never looked better. The Safety Team sponsors community safety workshops and the Neighborhood Walkers program, operates a victim assistance program and distributes an e-mail crime alert to residents of the District. Find more information about these and other benefits of the CVCBD www.charlesvillage.org.

There are many reasons why Charles Village is the best neighborhood in Baltimore, among them being the presence of the Benefits District. Please express your support by contacting your member of the City Council today through www.baltimorecity.gov. Please copy me on your emails or letters at reauthorizationyes@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your strong support! Ron Griffin



CVCBD uncovered fire hydrants and cleared cross walks at many corners in greater Charles Village. Additional staff and volunteers assisted this massive recovery from four feet of snow in early February.

CVCBD Staff Helps Dig Out Snow

After two historic snow storms in early February blanketed Charles Village with almost 4 feet of snow, the CVCBD was out in the neighborhoods helping residents recover. Full time and part-time staff, together with 6 volunteers from area half-way houses, cleared bus stops, uncovered trash cans, mail boxes, storm drains and fire hydrants, and cleared walkways around schools for the safety of our children. The total numbers are as follows:

Fire Hydrants uncovered: 58
Mail Boxes uncovered: 18
School Sidewalks cleared: 3
Storm Drains uncovered: 41
Corner Walkways at intersections cut and cleared for Pedestrians: 103
Grime Reports issued to 500+ residents: 4
Pot Holes identified and reported to City: 186
Bus stops uncovered: 8
Assistance to Individual Residents (mostly helping to uncover cars): 15

To perform this work, which had to be done 2 or 3 times because City's snow plows often re-covered areas previously cleared, some staff worked 8 hours a day 7 days a week, including the President's Day holiday. The total additional payroll expense for this extraordinary effort was about \$4,000.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

VLP Calendar

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2nd Wednesdays at the VLP — 7 to 9 pm

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May 12— *Harriet Tubman: Meet the Woman*, Gwendolyn Briley-Strand

Baltimore History Evenings — 3rd Thursdays, 7 to 9 pm until June

Returning for a second season, this lecture series for adults, presented in partnership with the Baltimore City Historical Society, features local historians and personalities exploring different aspects of our city's history.

April 15— *The Star-Spangled Banner and Beyond: Music in Baltimore c. 1812*, David Hildebrand

May 20— *Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City*, Antero Pietila

June— *From the Brothel to The Block: The Abolition of Prostitution in Baltimore during the Progressive Era*, Jayme Hill

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

Seniors are invited for free performances and presentations. Refreshments served.

April 13— *Your Heart & How It Works*, Luanne Arangio, Union Memorial Hosp.

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June 8— Stroke Prevention & Treatment, Luanne Arangio, Union Memorial Hosp.

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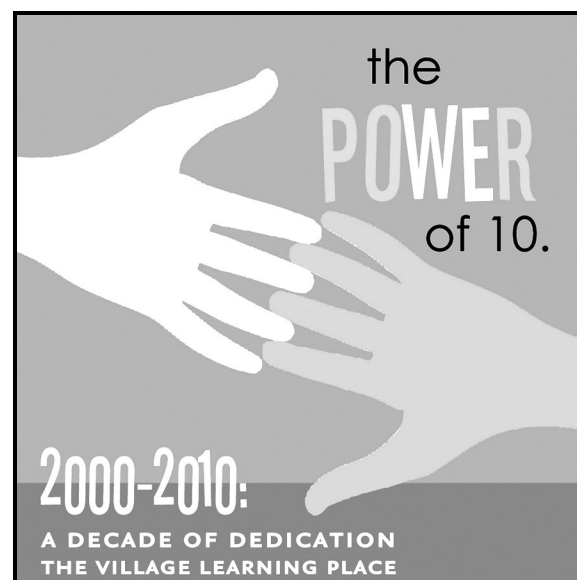
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A must see exhibition, *Cézanne and American Modernism*, demonstrates the influences on and strengths of American artists such as Alfred Stieglitz, Marsden Hartley and Max Weber. One of my favorite paintings in the exhibition, *Landscape—Two Rivers, 1917* is by Leon Kroll (1884–1974) and MICA faculty. This beautiful exhibit is sponsored by the Bank of America and will continue until May 23. From April 7–June 27, the BMA will feature the 2010 Baker Artist Awards which celebrates the creative contributions of Baltimore area artists of all disciplines.

Bring the kids on Sundays from 2–4 pm for fun, whether inspired by Cézanne or contemporary art.

The Walters Art Museum presents a rare opportunity to enjoy *Japanese Cloisonné Enamels* from the Stephen W. Fisher Collection. The exhibition features over 130 objects including vases, boxes and trays worked in gold, silver and dazzling colored enamels. Thru June 13. Don't forget to see *Mummified*. The University of Maryland performed a CAT scan of the



See at the *Cézanne and American Modernism* at the BMA.
Marsden Hartley. *Mont Saint Victoire, 1927*. Private
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museum's mummy for a virtual autopsy. For more on these exhibits and other special programs at the Walters, visit www.thewalters.org

Everyman Theater, 1727 North Charles Street, continues the season with the eternal *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder in collaboration with the Baltimore School for the Arts. Return again to Grover's Corner and relive this classic. Runs to April 18. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

Center Stage continues the season with August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. Set in 1927, Chicago and the Jazz Age is in full swing. The third decade of the 20th Century is infused with the Blues, both internally and externally. April 7 thru May 9. Also at Center Stage will be a Festival of Three International Plays done in Concert Readings: *East of Berlin* by Hannah Moscovitch. *Benedictus* by Motti Lerner. *Seven Jewish Children* by Caryl Churchill. *Only We Who Guard the Mystery Shall Be Unhappy* by Tony Kushner and *after the quake* by Haruki Murakami from April 8–25. This year's schedule has been varied, innovative and original. Center Stage will again offer **Family Night Out**. This special includes tix and dinner for only \$10—the next date is the Thursday, April 22, dinner at 5:30 pm, show at 7 pm. There is something for everyone...and affordable. 410.332.0033 and www.centerstage.org

The Single Carrot Theatre, 120 W. North Avenue, will stage *Crumble Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake*, by Sheila Callahan—a dark exploration of adolescence. April 28–May 23. Tix 443.844.9253 or singlecarrot.com.

The Strand Theater Company, 1823 N. Charles Street, will present *The Mai* by Marina Carr. Can an accomplished, beautiful woman win back the heart of her departed husband by building a fairytale castle? April 16–May 9. strandtheatercompany.org.

Vagabond Players, 806 South Broadway, Fells Point, continues with Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. A warm coming of age comedy set in 1937 Brooklyn seaside. April 16–May 16. Call 410.563.9135 for tickets or information.

Down at **Spotlighters**, 817 St. Paul Street, a new musical—*Bingo* opens April 23–May 23. Splashy, zippy and outrageously funny. spotlighters.org.

The **Baltimore Shakespeare Festival** will open *Hamlet* April 12–23. This encore production from last summer should not be missed. 410.366.8596 or www.baltimoreshakespeare.org.

Fells Point Corner Theatre is running *Eleemosynary* by Lee Blessing, which probes the subtle and often perilous relationships between three women. Thru April 11. www.fpct.org or 410.276.7837.

Theatre Project recently hosted the Sandglass Theater in *Bad Weather Ballads*. Through puppets and original music this magical production tells the story of the stages of life through metaphors of northern rural experience. Next in the schedule: *Crumbs: a possibly true story*. The second in a trilogy of autobiographical plays by Al Letson. May 10–23. 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

Pro Musica Rara will complete its season at Towson University Center for the Arts on Sunday, April 25 at 3:30 pm with a *Viennese Matinee*: Mozart, Haydn and Salieri.

Shriver Hall Concert Series will present two concerts in April: **Alisa Weilerstein**, Cello and **Inon Barnatan**, Piano on Sunday April 11 at 5:30 pm. And the **Hagen Quartet** on Sunday, April 25 at 5:30 pm. Tix: 410.516.7164 or shrivierconcerts.org

The Baltimore Folk Music Society offers **American Square and Contra Dancing** at 8 pm every Wednesday at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul Street. This is a great way to have fun and get a little exercise as well. Visit www.bfms.org or call 410.366.0808

Finally, for a weekly update on all that's worthwhile in the arts and culture scene, subscribe to the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance listserv at <http://www.baltimoreculture.org> or go to BaltimoreFunGuide.com or fun-saver@baltimorefunguide.com

Please e-mail info about new art venues and productions to Jennifer Burdick at jennifer.burdick@verizon.net or call 410.467.5462.

Young Audiences of Maryland— Arts for Learning Celebrates 60 Years

In 1950, Nina Collier was so impressed with how engaged students were with a private performance in her Baltimore home by famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin that she arranged 22 chamber music concerts for local schools to take place that year. Since then, Young Audiences has spread throughout the country and is now in 24 states with 31 chapters. Young Audiences (YA) has recently moved to the Miller's Court Building in Charles Village. Bravo and Cheers for another 60 years!!!

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Submit Gardens & Plants for Garden Walk

The Garden Walk Committee is looking for backyard gardens to feature on the Garden Walk, Sunday, June 5, 11 am to 4 pm. We know that many gardens are limping after our fifty inches of snow, but this is no reason to not be a part of the Garden Walk. My garden has lots of string holding up plants, but it will be ready for the Garden Walk. To submit your garden, please contact Valdone Kuciauskas, valdone@comcast.net or Beverly Fink, bvrlyfink@yahoo.com.

To highlight the importance of community involvement with local public schools, we will feature Barclay School gardens with a plant sale reminiscent of the Barclay Brent Education Corporation (BBEC)-sponsored spring garden walks and plant sales in the 1980s and 90s, Master Gardeners to answer questions, and lemonade for sale. If you have plants to thin from your garden, please consider donating to the plant sale. Proceeds will benefit the Barclay School Garden Club. Contact Ann Leonard, annhleonard@comcast.net or Beverly Fink, bvrlyfink@yahoo.com. —Beverly Fink

Water Barclay School Gardens & Trees

The Barclay School is looking for volunteers to water the school ground gardens and trees over the summer. If interested, please contact Vanessa Schaefer at 433.324.3918 or vschaefer@greaterhomewood.org. —Beverly Fink

Comment on Anderson Redevelopment

Land Use Committee has designated Matthew Compton, Alexandra Hoffman and Sandy Sparks to sit on the developer's task force to ensure community input is provided throughout the design process for the **25th & Howard Streets Redevelopment on the Anderson Automotive Site**. Send comments and concerns to Matthew Compton at compton.m@gmail.com.

Firehouse, continued from page 1

Because of health and housing code violations, Engine 31 and Medic 3 units were relocated in June 2009 to other firehouses. \$500,00 (General Obligation Bond Funds) in City-funded renovations are underway to upgrade electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems, replace the roof, replace all windows and construct a new kitchen, ladies' locker room and dorm.

The Campaign to Restore Waverly Firehouse No. 31 will replace and add to previous furnishings and also provide paint and materials required for the volunteer effort to finish up this City's rehabilitation project.

Greater Homewood Community Corporation is the 501(c)(3) non-profit fiscal agent for this fund. Please make tax-deductible contributions payable to GHCC/Firehouse #31 and mail to: Greater Homewood Community Corporation, 3503 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, or join our Facebook Cause Page and donate online at <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/412187>.

—Patricia Taylor,
Campaign to Restore Waverly Firehouse #31, taylor_1215@yahoo.com or ptaylor@umm.edu



Don't miss the opening ceremonies beginning at 11 am on Saturday, May 1 for the grand opening of the just-completed Vollmer Center at the Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue. An enticing array of events throughout May will welcome new and old visitors to this 207-acre park which has had major improvements and renovations in the past two years. Visit www.cylburnassociation.org for a complete calendar of events.



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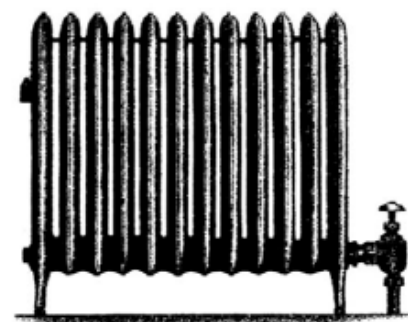
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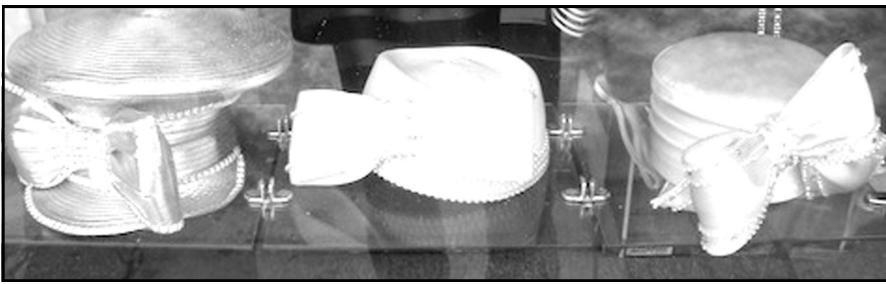
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With so many independent projects and possibilities in such a small area, Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) submitted a proposal to the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to request assistance in creating a comprehensive plan for the area. NDC has agreed to help the community with the planning process and an initial meeting between the community representative and the design team was scheduled for mid-February. Unfortunately, three feet of snow caused postponement until March 16.

Held at the freshly painted Huntingdon Baptist Church, 31st Street and Barclay, this meeting was an opportunity for community members to walk the plan area with the design team during the first week of daylight savings time. Everyone was able to see just how compact the study area is and how complex the traffic patterns are with Merryman Lane at a strong diagonal through this study area.

The NDC consultants have strong traffic planning backgrounds but are also well versed in the Complete Streets concept of creating streets that work

for bikes, cars, pedestrians, and transit at the same time.

A representative of the Waverly Farmers Market also expressed intense interest in the planning process. He expressed a concern that the present market day configuration makes it difficult to access the part of the lot not used for the market. The market also would like to add electric power to the area, which would not only benefit the market but would also make the parking lot a much more flexible public space.

The consultants are already starting work on preliminary design alternatives. As soon as these alternatives are prepared, the public will be invited to comment and offer more input. The planning process is expected to take about six months.

For more information about the Waverly Commons study, please contact Peter Duvall at pwduvall@yahoo.com.
—Peter Duvall

Note— Reggie Parker, CVCA Board Member, reginaldpd1@verizon.net is participating in the process on behalf of the Charles Village Land Use Committee.

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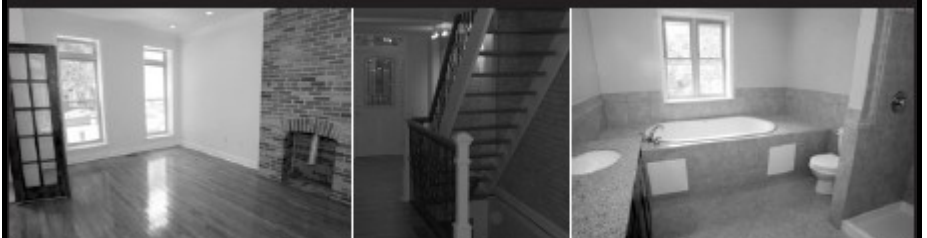


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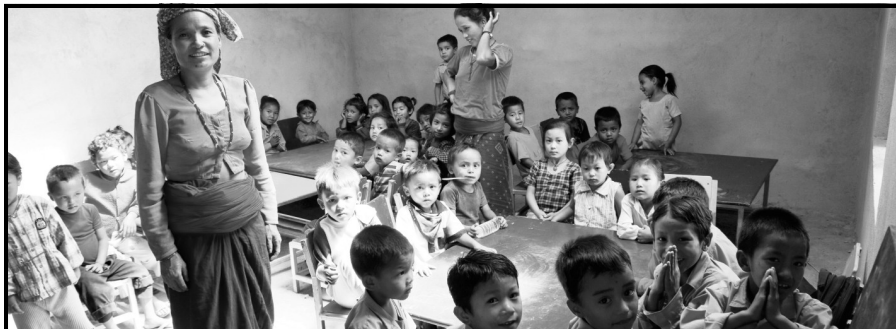
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Learn More Waverly Village History on April 3 at Library

FROM *The Colonel's Corner* by Bill Bryan, North Baltimore Home News, 22 Feb 1935: **Do You Remember—**

- ▶ The old toll gate at Gilmore Lane and Greenmount Avenue and the gatekeepers, David Mumma, William Eton, T. Schoefield and T. S. Bonsal?
- ▶ The engine house, opposite H. C. Huff's store? The small hand-engine, manned by a volunteer crew, was always decorated with a bouquet placed there by ladies of the village, when it dashed out on a fire-fighting trip. Capt. John Dillehunt, who lived on Eleventh Street, now 30th Street, was in charge.
- ▶ The double-decked horse-cars for high-minded and well-balanced passengers ran to Towson, while the one-horse car ran down Waverly Avenue, now 31st Street, when it could? Frequently the car would bog down in sand or mud and the passengers would have to get out and push.

FROM Waverly Main Street History Promotions Committee, cyberspace:

- ▶ Do you enjoy learning about our history? Be part of shaping what we select to remember. See that our history is rediscovered and celebrated rather than lost!

▶ What do you believe we need to remember? Join us as we search through old records and files, sorting out and weeding through yellow pages from our collective past!

The Waverly Main Street History Committee is gathering Saturday, April 3, from Noon to 2 pm at the Enoch Pratt Free Library Waverly Branch Library.

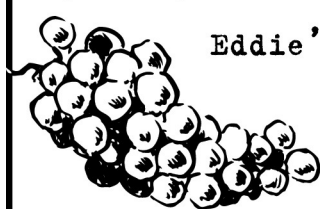
Hear from special guest and former resident of Barclay Street, Vernice Turner, who will talk about about growing up here when we slept hot summer nights out on the grass along 33rd Street Boulevard.

Ms. Turner wrote, "I am a product of two families who shared a rich history in that community. Both maternal and fraternal families lived in Waverly in 1900. I was quite surprised their names appeared on the early census living in the neighborhood. This sparked my interest even more to dig deeper and find out why they settled in Waverly. My paternal grandfather worked at the old Wyman Mansion as a caretaker. He and his family lived on the grounds until around 1930 when the grounds were donated to Johns Hopkins University."

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Every year on the first weekend of June, we celebrate the Charles Village Festival, an event that reminds us of how wonderful a neighborhood we live in. I am very honored to serve as this year's Festival Chairman. Many thanks to Rory Flanagan for his last six years organizing the Festival and for all his continuing help and guidance.

A special thanks also goes to our neighbors who put together all of the activities for the weekend, and the four community organizations involved with the Festival— Charles Village Civic Association, Charles Village Recreational League, Friends of Wyman Park Dell and Village Learning Place. I look forward to having a fun, safe, and successful 2010 Charles Village Festival.

—John McLane

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The Charles Village Civic Association (CVCA) informs neighbors through our newsletter, *The Charles Villager*, and listserv messages. Through its membership and committees, CVCA supports activities like the annual Charles Village Festival to build a sense of community and improve our quality of life. 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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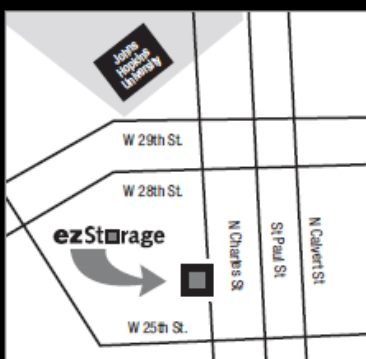
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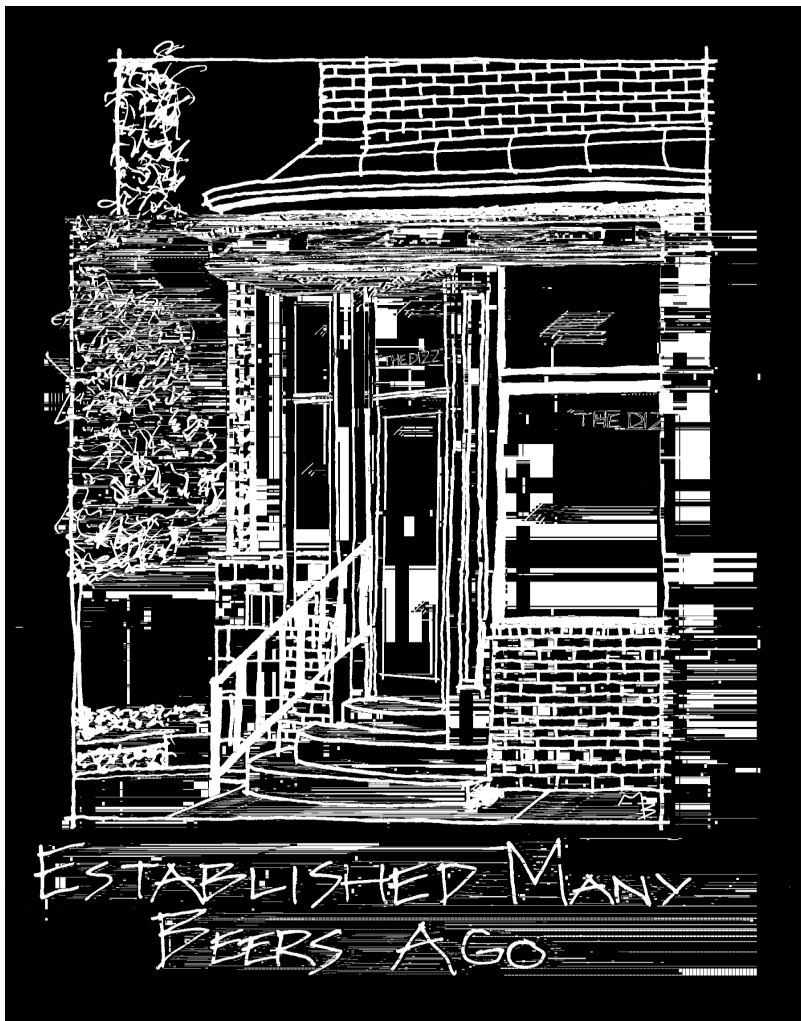
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