

# THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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## Painted Ladies Contest Honors Ilchester Avenue Block



On Sunday February 19, Painted Ladies Contest 2011 winners gathered at Dawna Cobb's house for a reception. Pictured are Ilchester Avenue winners from the left top row, Cheryl Clayborne, Andrew Paterno, Cynthia Eggleston, Gary Letteron; bottom row, Sabrina Branch, Valmaree Williams, Veronica Lunn. The Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative transformed ten houses in the 300 block of Ilchester Avenue as seen above.

Charles Village recently concluded its latest Painted Ladies Contest with a roster of winners from all over the neighborhood. In categories covering everything from *Best Facelift* to *Best Trim* to *Best Showpiece* to *Best Video*, and cash awards from \$100 to \$1,000, the contest was an aesthetic and community success. See the complete list of winners on page 9.

The event dates back to 1997, when Dawna Cobb, Linda Rivelis, Steven Rivelis and I organized the first Painted Ladies Contest. We took the name from the famous Victorian homes in San Francisco, dubbed *Painted Ladies*, and wanted Charles Villagers to spruce up their houses—specifically to replace the ubiquitous brown paint with varied colors.

The contest was such a hit that it continued annually until 2004, inspiring hundreds of people to paint their houses regardless of whether they entered the competition or not. Slowly, Charles Village was transformed. Residents loved it, realtors loved it, feature writers loved it. Over the years, the competition thrived with help from various foundations. After a hiatus, and thanks to a grant from the Charles Village Community Foundation, the contest resumed in 2011.

ACE Hardware, our local Waverly store, offered participants a 10 percent discount on paint. Greater Homewood Community Corporation added a new incentive in partnership with the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative. GHCC provided financial support for home improvement on specific blocks, which meant that residents could pool their efforts to paint not just one house—but a whole row—thus beautifying their entire street.

In the 300 block of Ilchester, ten families got together and spiffed up their homes. In the essay that accompanied his before-and-after pictures, Andrew DeLuca of 327 Ilchester wrote that his house was painted grey, and that “didn’t reflect the spirit of our block.” He and his wife chose bright colors. “We have a 15-month-old daughter who is sunny, so we went with gold, bright blue, and spring green.”

Cheryl Clayborne of 323 Ilchester said that she had been nervous in choosing new colors of beige, rust, and brown—Thanksgiving colors she called them. Her neighbors told her they found the color scheme “calming and soothing.”

The Lunn family at 328 Ilchester had a sobering reason to paint their house. “In December of 1997,” wrote Veronica Lunn, “our family went through a traumatic experience of losing two

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## Zipcar Expands to Barclay & 33rd

Zipcar Baltimore announced they are expanding their presence in Charles Village, providing Baltimore members with increased access to the world’s leading car sharing network. Recently, two Zipcars were added on Barclay Street south of E. 33rd Street. This site joins the Zipcar vehicles currently located at the intersections of E. 33rd and St. Paul Streets, E. 29th and Lovegrove Street, and at JHU.

The new on-street locations provide added levels of convenience for Zipcar members in the area and nearby residents. Nearly 85 percent of respondents to a recent Zipcar survey of Baltimore members said that they consider the availability of on-street parking to be a factor in the decision to join Zipcar.

With these new on-street spots, Zipcar now offers more than 25 car-sharing vehicles in Charles Village, providing a convenient alternative to car ownership and bringing the cost-savings and environmental benefits of car sharing to the residents and businesses in the neighborhood.

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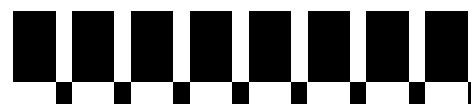


### CVCA MEETINGS

**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 30**  
**7 PM**  
**SS. Philip & James**  
**Church Hall**  
**2801 N. Charles Street.**  
**Enter downstairs.**

**CVCA Board Meetings**  
**Wednesdays, April 18**  
**May 16, June 20**  
**Charles Village Community**  
**Benefits District Office**  
**2434 St. Paul Street**

**Go to**  
**www.charlesvillage.net**  
**for info.**  
**Join CVCA. See page 11.**



## Festival '12 June 2 & 3 VOLUNTEERS Welcome to the Fun!

Want to set out signs, cheer runners, or hand out refreshments at the 5K Run on the JHU Homewood Campus? Promote the life in the Village at the CVCA booth? Assist with kids’ activities expanding to the lower Wyman Dell? Serve at the beer tent? Sell tickets to the Garden Walk? Help for short 2- or 3-hour shifts over the weekend?

From set-up to take-down, we invite you to share the work and fun. Contact **Susan Walther at 240.687.7995 or bmoreathome@hotmail.com** by May 25 to let her know the times and any special skills you’d like to share. Sue is coordinating with each of the Festival activities and matching volunteers to best suit their special talents!





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## President's Letter

Patricia McLane, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

Let's just hope that spring sticks around a bit and doesn't abandon us for the oppressive heat of the summer in May. I am encouraging everyone to take advantage of this unseasonable weather and fully engage in some spring cleaning—cleaning up the front and back yards.

Once you've taken care of your own yard, look around for neighbors who need some help. If you live next to an elderly neighbor, offer to mow their lawn or help with the weeding. If your neighbors are JHU students, educate them on the benefits of keeping up with yard work, and being responsible for trash that accumulates in bins. Maybe you are interested in participating in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden Walk set for Sunday, June 3 from 11 am to 4 pm. This year the gardens north of 29<sup>th</sup> Street will be featured. Please check [www.charlesvillagefestival.com](http://www.charlesvillagefestival.com) for more information.

For some of us, spring cleaning means opening the house windows, sweeping out the cobwebs and removing a winter's worth of clutter. Edit your closets. Are there clothes that don't fit anymore or are out of style? Edit your DVDs and CDs. Are there movies you're sick of watching or music that was never really your type? If you're like me, you will be editing your kitchen cabinets. John and I have every gadget known to man. John loves to cook, which means the only gifts he tends to get are kitchen gear, and there are only so many wooden spoons, peelers, and strawberry hullers one couple needs! Maybe as a result of all this editing, you find some junk that could be your neighbor's treasure. Consider participating in the Second Annual Junk Hunt in Charles Village, hosted by the Village Parents. This year the Hunt is set for May 12. See the back page for details. Also, check out their website at [www.villageparents.wordpress.com](http://www.villageparents.wordpress.com).

Our houses are not the only things due for a good cleaning. Some of us could benefit from cleaning up our bodies after a winter of sloth and comfort food eating. Does your body look like you are still carrying around Christmas cookies or New Year's champagne? Spring is a perfect excuse to get

## Looking for Gardens...

The annual Charles Village Garden Walk takes place on Sunday, June 3 from 11 am to 4 pm. This year's walk will feature gardens above 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Garden Walk Co-Chairs Jeanne Knight and Kathy Pinto are actively recruiting gardens for this year's garden tour. To have your backyard garden included on the 2012 Garden Walk, please contact Jeanne Knight at [jeanneknight6@msn.com](mailto:jeanneknight6@msn.com) or 410.366.2849 OR Kathy Pinto at [kpintobean@aol.com](mailto:kpintobean@aol.com) or 443.904.4809. We look forward to hearing from you by May 5.

Tickets for the Walk will be available through the Village Learning Place and will also be sold at the Waverly Farmers' Market and at the Festival. On June 3, Garden Walk tour brochure/tickets will be available at Garden Walk booth in Wyman Park Dell.

outside and start walking, jogging, biking, or strolling through the neighborhood. Grab a partner, a pet, or a neighbor and just get moving! Stroll through the sculpture garden next to the BMA. Walk through the Wyman Park Dell to enjoy nature close at hand. Run across the Johns Hopkins campus after graduation when the students are gone, and the atmosphere is serene. Wander over to Charles Street and check out the reconstruction progress—it's set to be completed in 2014.

And don't blow all your hard work by stuffing your face afterwards. Take advantage of good, healthy, and fresh food at Donna's, Carma's, Gertrude's or the new Calle's Cucina. In a hurry? Then pick up a fresh salad from Eddie's or a low calorie burrito at Freshii.

Just remember that Spring is a time of renewal. It is a time to renew friendships that went dormant with the cold weather. It is a time to freshen our homes, both inside and out, and in turn, freshen up our community by cleaning up the last remnants of winter. And it is a time to freshen our personal outlook by taking better care of our body and minds. I hope to see everyone out there!

*Patty McLane, CVCA President*



*After a two-year hiatus, the Charles Village 5K Race and Kid's Run returned to a new venue on the Hopkins Homewood Campus. At the left, Ed Hargadon and 5K Chair John Fink watch runners as they finish. Race Monitor Rich Walther (center) checks out the refreshments for runners. Youngest 5K Race participant Helen Schott proudly displays her award and flowers.*

**Register for the 5K Race at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)**



# CHARLES VILLAGE FESTIVAL

## June 2 & 3 at Wyman Park Dell

Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 will be the 16th year of the Charles Village Festival with two stages of live music, food and craft vendors, and kids' games organized by the Village Learning Place in the lower Wyman Park Dell. This is also the 30th year of the Garden Walk, which will feature the wonderful backyard gardens of Charles Village north of 29th Street. Finally, after being revived last year, the 5K Run & 1K Kid's Run will be held on the morning of Saturday, June on the JHU Homewood campus and adjoining streets. Register online.

Please check the festival website: [www.charlesvillagefestival.com](http://www.charlesvillagefestival.com) for updates. I look forward to seeing a big crowd at Wyman Park Dell for this year's fun.  
—John McLane, Chair, Festival Committee

## Festival Features LIVE Bands Both Days



Zakir Bulmer from Speed Limit entertains from the Music Workshop Stage at Festival '11.

## Live Music on Festival '12 Main Stage

### Saturday, June 2

**Sentimental Journey**— 18 piece Big Band  
**Eric Kennedy and Friends**— Jazz Quartet  
**Brooks Long and The Mad Dog No Good**— Soul/Blues  
**The Speakers Of The House**  
**The Almighty Senators**— Urban Funk & Soul

### Sunday, June 3

**Lennon Laricci and The Leftovers**— Classic Rock  
**The Music Workshop**— Modern and Classic Rock  
**Hectic Red**— Classic Rock  
**Technicolor Motorhome**— 10-piece Steely Dan Tribute Band

## Live on the Music Workshop Kids Rock Stage

### Saturday, June 2

Matt and Nate Smith, Greg Blum, Jake Barry  
Zakir Bulmer, Aiden Devaney, Henry Columbat  
Aiden Miller, John Lockwood, Craig Dougherty, Colin Parts, Hannah DePadua

### Sunday, June 3

Jesse Moody, Zack Sydow, Mason McClusky, Anthony Swiecicki  
Anthony Swiecicki, Ryan Miller, Anna Blake, Peter Shumway  
Alex and Lucas Winch, Charlie Blake, Frank Cave

For performance time go to [charlesvillagefestival.com/events.html](http://charlesvillagefestival.com/events.html)

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non-profits to  
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the CVCA.

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## Non-Profit Members

Greater Homewood  
Community Corporation

**Stalwart printing and graphics company owner, Richard Burnham**, and huge supporter and contributor to our community, is moving **Graphic Imaging, Inc.** from 25th Street to 1750 Union Avenue, a half block from the Woodberry light rail station. Graphic Imaging's contact info remains the same at [gasp107@aol.com](mailto:gasp107@aol.com) or 410.467.7070. Recently the Printing & Graphics Association—Mid Atlantic region selected Richard as a Hall of Fame honoree, an industry leader whose remarkable and longstanding accomplishments have made a significant and lasting contribution to the success and recognition of the graphic communications industry in the region. Congratulations to Richard.

Also getting some recognition and publicity was **Make Studio, co-founded by Villager Cathy Goucher**. The Studio, now in its third year, provides support to adults with disabilities who work as artists in this professional art studio space in the Station North Arts District. In addition to supporting their artistry, the Studio provides platforms for sales and marketing, both on-line and in the community. The Studio was recently the subject of a *Baltimore Sun* article. [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-02-23/entertainment/bs-ae-arts-story-0224-20120223\\_1\\_creativity-art-therapist-visions](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-02-23/entertainment/bs-ae-arts-story-0224-20120223_1_creativity-art-therapist-visions). Make Studio welcomes visitors Wednesday through Friday. Call for hours: 443.627.3502. Cathy reports that **Eye Byte Solutions**, a Charles Village business. [www.eyebitesolutions.com/wordpress/?p=728](http://www.eyebitesolutions.com/wordpress/?p=728) named **Make Studio a Give 5 2011** organization. Eye Byte Solutions, owned by Villagers Linda Brown Rivelis and Steven Rivelis, gives away 5 per cent of pre-tax dollars to worthy charities and causes that give back to their communities. In the Winter issue, I wrote about Linda and Steven's circumnavigation of the globe. They created a website about their trip. Here's the correct URL— [www.60inSixty.com](http://www.60inSixty.com).

Another artist recently in the news was Abell Avenue's **Robert McClintock**. His work is well-known in Baltimore. See samples of his work at [www.robertmcclintock.com](http://www.robertmcclintock.com). Robert uses a computer program to *paint* on digital photographs. According to a recent *Baltimore Sun* article, two of his works are in the National Museum of American History as part of the digital photography collection.

Congratulations to old house historian, **Paul Williams** of Guilford Avenue who is under contract with his first advance to research and write a hardcover coffee table book on *Lost Washington*. The book is scheduled for release this fall.

Congratulations to St. Paul Street resident and Margaret Brent ES student **Amanda Berry**, who was selected from over 9,000 applicants to be one of 15 students participating on *Jeop-*

*ardy's Kids' Week*. Amanda is sworn to secrecy until the program airs nationally in June on WMAR TV2.

Congratulations to Guilford Avenue's **Frank Januzzi** who has a new job as Deputy Executive Director of Amnesty International USA and head of the Washington Office. Most recently Frank was the Policy Director of East Asian and Pacific Affairs for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This is a big deal! So big that it was featured in the *Washington Post's* "New at the Top" column on March 26. Check out the article at [www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/frank-sampson-jannuzzi-amnesty-international-usa/2012/03/23/gIQAztSaS\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/frank-sampson-jannuzzi-amnesty-international-usa/2012/03/23/gIQAztSaS_story.html).

Jan and Gil French of the 2900 block Guilford Avenue informed me that their long-time neighbor **Dorothy Weidner** passed away at Keswick in early February at the age of 105. Dorothy was born nearby and lived her entire 105 years here. After retiring from Glenn L. Martin, during the 1970s and 80s, Dorothy was the postmistress at Uptown Stationers in the 2500 block Charles Street. She also was a devoted member of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. Her early home was a big house on what is now Waverly Towers Shopping Center and she later lived on 29th Street when Old Oriole Park burnt. Her father, who lived to the age 100, was an ice man, who also hauled equipment for the ball team. Dorothy is survived by her daughter **Audrey Eastman** and great-grandson **Christopher Eastman**, 2900 block Guilford Avenue, and son **Hamilton Weidner** of Waverly plus many relatives in the region.

**Eddie Neal**, a long-time resident of the unit block of East 30th Street died of natural causes on February 20. Eddie, a Vietnam veteran and gifted story teller, suffered from several disabling medical problems but remained cheerful despite being in pain quite a bit of time. For many years he worked at the Maryland Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division, helping Maryland citizens who believed they had been unfairly treated by an automobile dealer. I came to know Eddie from living across the street from him for the last 14 years. Eddie maintained a close circle of friends all of whom watched over him and enabled him to live independently until the day he died. This circle of folks including neighbors in his building, **Darlene Harenberg and Bob Gaegler** who manage the building. The **Phi Psi (JHU) fraternity** across the street went beyond the call to help Eddie and included **E.G. Wright, Harrison Johnson, Mark Strickland and Alex Reese**. As Eddie's health deteriorated he was still determined to work, and arranged for the MTA mobility van to pick him up. E.G. Wright accompanied Eddie on his first ride on the MTA's mobility van. E.G. stayed with him at work and accompanied

him home. Others sat for hours by his bedside during a recent hospitalization. On Super Bowl Sunday, Phi Psi brothers helped him over to the fraternity house to watch the game. My husband and boys gave him insulin injections, ran to Eddie's for groceries, played chess and watched movies with him. On March 25, a celebration of his life was held at my house. Attending were not only the circle of friends above but also his primary care doctor. That tells you something about the kind of guy he was, and that so many neighbors cared for him tells you something about our Village.

A passing of a very different sort occurred in our neighborhood—the closure of **Video Americain** on March 12. Too few people were renting movies, preferring instead to use Netflix, Redbox or otherwise stream movies from the Internet. In a recent visit to the store in early March my husband Paul and I ran into Abell Avenue's **Judith Geller** who was also bemoaning the news. I always enjoyed being able to satisfy an unexpected urge to watch a particular movie by walking two blocks to the store. When my kids were young, it was one of the first places they were allowed to walk to on their own! Not only will the store's collection be missed, but so will the chance meetings with friends and neighbors. As we were talking with Judith, she told us that her husband and guitarist, **Michael Raitzyk** was playing in a jazz/tap dancing concert that night at Coppin. We went and saw dancers tap to live jazz music—it was particularly interesting to watch the musicians as they improvised and adjusted to the tappers' rhythms and beats. But for crossing paths with Judith at Video American we would not have known about the concert. A vigil was organized for the night the store closed. Rightly so.

The **Millard triplets, children of Mariann and Jeff Millard**, 2900 block St. Paul Street, turned 26 this past Christmas Eve, and are once again on the move. After teaching English to middle school students in Japan for two years, **Rachel**, relocated to Seattle, where the Millard family had lived for 7 years. Brenna married **Tom Goldner**, her boyfriend from undergrad days at Temple University, on December 3 in Key West where they had been living. Mariann reported it was a fun, memorable wedding, graced by excellent weather and a harmonious circle of friends and family. They then packed their bags and drove to start married life in San Francisco, stopping along the way to visit grandparents, siblings and friends, and to discover first-hand the wonders and oddities of the USA. Kevin aka Warrant Officer **Kevin Millard**, a helicopter pilot, will be serving in Afghanistan this year. He was recently awarded an Army Achievement Medal for his efforts as his unit's Movement Officer in dealing with the logistics of a complex move from Point A to Point B. Kevin's wife, Treva, is handling the separation working as a Registered Dietician in her

town's local hospital.

**Property tax relief.** Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke is getting the word out about the State of Maryland's homeowners' Property Tax Credit for residents whose gross household income is \$60,000 or less a year. MAY 1, 2012, is the deadline to apply for receiving this income-based discount on Baltimore City's July 1, 2012, property tax bill. An application for the credit and other information can be found at [www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html). If you do not have access to a computer, call her office at 410.396.4814 to find out how you might get a copy of the application.

Support local business owners! Recently there was an inquiry on the Charles Village Chat listserv about companies that make window guards that hold air conditioning units. **Restoration Workshop, owned by Charles Village resident, Justin Howell-Clarke**, makes window guards. Restoration can also fabricate custom steel security window grates and doors. There are a number of architectural metal bars and decorative pieces to choose from, so they can help you to design a grate that is both safe and attractive. Justin, formerly of Baltimore Metal Crafters, has worked for a number of years in metal restoration. His background in architectural drafting and home construction comes in handy since he has been renovating his home in Charles Village for the past few years. Restoration Workshop specializes in polishing, lacquering, faux finishing, lighting, electroplating, and custom steel fabrication. Justin and his colleagues are expert at restoring antiques and can also fabricate modern furniture, including steel tables and consoles. Located at 140 N. Kresson Street. Call 410.276.0606 or visit [www.restorationworkshop.net](http://www.restorationworkshop.net).

**Mary Gill**, a neighbor in Oakenshawe has a catering business, **Butter Catering**. Mary has worked as a private chef and as a pastry chef in restaurants both in America and Europe, including with Wolfgang Puck. If you need help entertaining at home or work, Mary is located close by to assist you. She also prepares ready-to-serve appetizers, entrees or baked goods for the holidays or special occasions. See her delicious and fresh seasonal menus at [www.buttercatering.biz](http://www.buttercatering.biz).

It's really not so hard to get a mention in this column. In fact, I could really use news and information about happenings in the Village. If you are interested in being a regular correspondent for your block or section of the Village, let me know. If you read or hear about something interesting that involves Charles Village or your neighbors, please pass it on to me.

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## CVCBD Seeks Rate Increase for Services

At its annual Public Hearing on the Financial Plan on March 27 at the Lovely Lane Church Hall, the CVCBD Board of Directors recommended adopting a budget of \$814,130 for Fiscal Year 2013, beginning July 1. The Financial Plan includes a proposed increase in the surcharge tax rate from 12 cents to 12.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value of properties that are subject to the surcharge tax.

Approximately 75 residents attended the 2 hour hearing listened to a short presentation by Derek Demaree, CVCBD Board President; Thayne Moyes, Treasurer; and Kirsch Jones, Program Committee Chair. Ten attendees made public comments and many in the audience asked questions.

Derek Demaree began the presentation by summarizing the three-month process that the Board and Finance and Program Committees had gone through to develop the recommended plan, including soliciting suggestions from the community. He stated that the Board would take into consideration public comments made at the hearing before it makes its final recommendation on the Financial Plan at its April 10 meeting. He explained that the Board-approved Financial Plan must then be submitted to the City Board of Estimates, which will review it in late May or early June and then make a final decision. Residents may submit written comments to the City's Legal Department prior to the Board of Estimates Hearing or may appear in person to make comments.

In the second part of the presentation, Kirsch Jones described the recommended service mix for the coming fiscal year. Highlights include:

- ▶ **Sanitation Services**— Fund and continue the CVCBD Sanitation Program at its current (FY 2012) levels, including operating the Rat Abatement Project, emptying and maintaining the CVCBD's 85 trash baskets as needed, sweeping sidewalks and gutters twice a week, removing allowed bulk trash weekly, removing weeds from street corners and assisting the prompt removal of fall leaves.
- ▶ **Community Safety Program**— Fund and continue the CVCBD Community Safety Program at its current (FY 2012) level including supporting the Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol, the Safety Advisory Council and its Court Watch program and issuing a weekly email Crime Alert to the community. Augment the Community Safety Program by adding a grant-funded Camera Surveillance Project and a partially grant-funded Security Patrol Program.
- ▶ **Promotion, Outreach, and Beautification**— Fund and continue at their current (FY 2012) levels CVCBD efforts to promote the District, to support beautification and community garden projects, and to communicate with the community by publishing its newsletter, *The District Bulletin*, twice a year and an annual report, distributing various flyers, and maintaining the CVCBD website, Facebook and Twitter sites.

Afterwards Derek Demaree then introduced three guest speakers: Ed Skrodzki, Executive Director of Security, Johns Hopkins University; Eddie Helmstetter, President of BWI Management, a local firm that manages security patrol programs; and Richard Worley, Deputy Major of the Northern District Police Department. Each gave brief presentations on different aspects of the recommended community-based security patrol program. Mr. Skrodzki discussed the success that Johns Hopkins University has had in using off duty police officers as part of their security efforts. Mr. Helmstetter, whose company, BWI, is under contract with the Midtown Community Benefits District to administer its successful patrol program, summarized the services that BWI provides. Finally, Deputy Major Worley discussed his positive experiences working with Midtown and stated that the Northern District Police Department would cooperate with and support the proposed CVCBD community based security patrol program.

In the third part of the presentation, Thayne Moyes summarized the recommended Financial Plan for the coming fiscal year. He stated that in order to financially support the proposed service mix, especially the inclusion of a Security Patrol Program, the CVCBD Board of Directors has recommended that the surcharge tax rate be increased from 12 cents to 12.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value of properties subject to the tax. This increase, which averages about \$8 annually per residential property owner, would generate an estimated \$709,030 in surcharge revenue. The surcharge revenue would be supplemented with \$105,100 from other sources including: contributions, income from fee-for-service contracts and a one-time-only contribution from the CVCBD Reserve Fund for the Security Patrol Program. Combining these figures, the Board-recommended budget for FY 2013 is \$814,130.

With respect to the proposed Security Patrol Program, Thayne Moyes stated that regardless of grants being awarded or not, the CVCBD will provide \$72,480 to support a Security Patrol Program with at least two patrol officers (staffed by armed, off duty police who have arrest powers). In other words, the CVCBD is committed in the recommended Financial Plan to operating at least a two officer security patrol

program using its own funds. The CVCBD contribution, he said, will consist of \$52,680 in new (FY 2013) surcharge revenue and \$20,000 from the CVCBD's Reserve Fund. He added that the Reserve Fund will be maintained at no less than \$80,000 which is the amount required in order to responsibly manage the transition from one program year to the next. He also explained that the CVCBD will seek additional funding of at least \$41,340 from foundations for the Security Patrol Program in order to expand this service into at least a patrol by four officers.

Thayne Moyes briefly summarized an alternative financial plan based on keeping the surcharge rate at its current level of 12 cents per \$100 of assessed value of taxable properties. He stated that, according to the City's estimates, maintaining the current rate would generate only \$676,530 in surcharge tax revenue in FY 2013. This lower projection— \$3,000 less revenue than is expected in this fiscal year (2012)— is due to the recent reduction in property values in the greater Charles Village Benefits District. This revenue would not support the recommended program mix. Since most of the community has expressed its desire that the CVCBD maintain its current level of sanitation services, the lower revenue in this alternative budget would therefore require a drastic reduction in the CVCBD's financial commitment to the proposed new Security Patrol Program.

Board President Derek Demaree concluded the presentation by encouraging the community to support the Board's recommended Financial Plan for FY 2013. He stated that the Financial Plan is sustainable, mission oriented, and beneficial to the community, and has objective, measurable outcomes.

For those interested in reading more about the Financial Plan for FY 2013, the CVCBD has posted numerous documents related to the plan with detailed budgets and descriptions of the recommended service mix on [www.charlesvillage.org](http://www.charlesvillage.org). Under announcements on the home page, click the link Documents for the Proposed Financial Plan FY 2013.

We look forward to growing support for the Board-recommended Financial Plan.  
—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

## Neighborhood Walkers Kick Off Spring

The spring portion of the Neighborhood Walkers On Patrol began in early March. The group joined with various guest walkers including the residents of the Tuerk House. On April 11, Officer Bob Cherry from the Fraternal Order Of Police and Jacqueline Robarge, Executive Director of Power Inside, joined the walkers.

There is a walk seven days a week. Guest walkers join the patrols on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on the corner of North Charles and 26th Streets. The Neighborhood Walkers become familiar with the community trouble spots and serve as a source of information to those involved in preventing crime. For example, Heather Owens, a CVCBD Block Captain Walker, on her patrols leaves door hangers at residents' home with home safety and security tips!

The walks are also dog friendly as experienced by Erin Ewald and her dog Wisabi. Bring your dog along! Walking on patrol is a great way to serve your community and at the same time meet resident leaders and neighbors!  
—David Hill

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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

## VLP Calendar

**Adultlescent Effort presents Tweed Ride and Garden Party**— May 26, 1 to 6pm  
An ambling, elegant and graceful cycle around Charles Village for dapper gents and fancy ladies dressed in their finest tweeds! After the ride, we'll convene in the lovely VLP garden for festivities.

### Pre-GED Class— Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 to Noon

The VLP and Baltimore City Community College are partnering to offer FREE Pre-GED classes. Classes are held in the VLP library. Learn basic math, reading, and writing skills.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 7-9pm

A series of free lectures, concerts, and special arts events that spotlights local talent and provides a first-rate cultural experience for adults.

May 9— **Alan Walden**, War of 1812 during the 200th Anniversary Year

June 13— **Robert Kanigel**, renowned science writer, author *On an Irish Island*

### Baltimore History Evenings — 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, 7-9pm

A series of presentations and discussions on Baltimore, presented in partnership with the Baltimore City Historical Society.

April 19— **Invest in Baltimore: Baltimore Business History Through Banknotes and Stock Certificates**

May 17— **Jacques Kelly**, *Baltimore Sun* columnist, Annual Grace Darin Lecture

June 21— **The Rise and Fall of Hutzler's**, *Michael J. Lisicky*, author, *Hutzler's: Where Baltimore Shops*

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

An interactive story time to encourage language development and literacy for toddlers and their parents and caregivers, during which families enjoy stories, song and dance and snacks.

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

Seniors are invited for free performances or presentations, and refreshments.



VLP Executive Director, Liesje Gantert, and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake celebrated the Annual Read Across America Day on March 2 with green eggs and ham!

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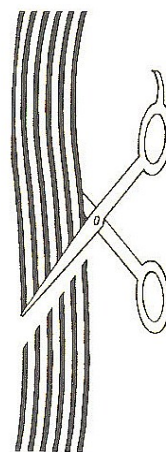
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# ARTS IN THE VILLAGE 7

Jennifer Burdick

**The Baltimore Museum of Art**  
*Embroidered Treasures: Textiles from Central Asia.* Visit this collection of textiles from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan on view for the first time at the BMA. Thru July 8.

Bring the kids to the BMA on Sundays from 2–5 pm. There is always something fun to do. In April, **Family Sundays** will feature Spring in the American Wing.

While the Contemporary Wing is under renovation, revisit the Cone Collection or marvel at Rodin's *The Thinker* and other BMA favorites. General Information: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or visit [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org).

**The Walters Art Museum**  
Don't miss *Exploring Art of the Ancient Americas: The John Bourne Collection Gift*. This remarkable exhibition explores the beauty of the ancient art from Mexico to Bolivia. Through May 20. For more on exhibits and many very interesting programs at the Walters, visit [www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)

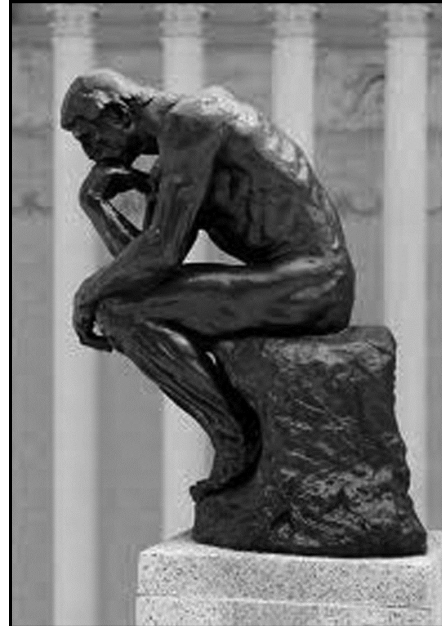
**Center Stage** continues the season with *The Whipping Man*. Why is this night different from all other nights? For three Richmond Jews—one a for-

mer Confederate soldier, two his former slaves—gathered around a makeshift Seder table at the close of the Civil War, age-old questions of justice and freedom find new and surprising answers. Thru May 13. 410.332.0033 or [www.centerstage.org](http://www.centerstage.org).

**Everyman Theater.** The season continues with the Baltimore Premiere of Tarell McCraney's *The Brother Size*. This new drama asks its audience to be at once the community, the witness, and the judge in this story of the Size brothers. Through April 15. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or [www.everymantheatre.org](http://www.everymantheatre.org).

**The Single Carrot Theatre**, 120 W. North Avenue, presents *Hotel Cassiopeia* by Charles Mee, Obie Award Winner. Artist Joseph Cornell's boxes each represent a magical world all their own. Every box contains its own world of scintillating possibilities. If these boxes could talk, what would they say? Thru April 29. Tickets: 443.844.9253 or visit [www.singlecarrot.com](http://www.singlecarrot.com).

**Strand Theater Company**, 1823 N. Charles Street, showcases women artists. *Well* by Lisa Kron opens as a Baltimore Premiere. Noted solo performer Lisa has written her first multi-character play, a riff on her and her



*The Thinker by Auguste Rodin is one of the ten most popular pieces of art on view at the Baltimore Museum of Art.*

mother's knotty history with chronic illness. Tickets: 443.874.4917 or [www.strandtheatercompany.org](http://www.strandtheatercompany.org).

**Mobtown Theater**, 3600 Clipper Mill Road (Meadowmill) Suite 114, presents *Darwin in Malibu*, by Crispin Whittell. What happens when 130 years later Charles Darwin runs into Thomas Huxley and Bishop Wilberforce. Will they continue their debate between evolution and creationism? Thru April 21. For tickets go to [info@mobtownplayers.com](mailto:info@mobtownplayers.com).

**Vagabond Players**, 806 South Broadway in Fells Point, is opening a production of *Frost/Nixon* by Peter Morgan. Can playboy talk show host David Frost elicit an apology from the President who committed one of the most notorious felonies in American political history? Thru May 13. Call 410.563.9135 or [www.vagabondplayers.org](http://www.vagabondplayers.org).

**Fells Point Corner Theatre**, 251 South Ann Street in Fells Point, presents *10 X 10*—an evening of Ten 10-minute plays by playwrights from Baltimore and beyond. This is the second year for Fells Point Corner Theatre. Over 100 plays were submitted and a panel picked these ten to be presented. April 13–29. Tix: [www.fpct.org](http://www.fpct.org) or call 410.276.7837

**Audrey Herman's Spotlighters Theatre**, 817 St. Paul Street, celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year with another classic—*Hello Dolly* by Jerry Herman. Can Dolly Levy match up herself? Thru May 20. Tix: [tickets@spotlighters.org](mailto:tickets@spotlighters.org) or 410.752-1225

**Theatre Project**, 45 West Preston Street. **Iron Crow Theatre Company** presents *The Soldier Dreams* by Daniel MacIvor. This is a wickedly funny and deeply moving story. When David falls ill his family invades the home he shares with his lover, Richard. Thru April 21. Tix: [theatreproject.org](http://theatreproject.org) or 410.752.8558.

**Hopkins Symphony Orchestra** concludes its season with Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68*. Shriver Hall. Sunday, April 22 at 3 pm. 410.516.6542 or [www.jhu.edu/jhso](http://www.jhu.edu/jhso).

**Shriver Hall Concert Series** will conclude with Angela Hewitt, piano, performing Bach, Couperin, Faure, and Ravel. May 6 at 5:30 pm. Tickets: [www.ShriverConcerts.org](http://www.ShriverConcerts.org) or 410.516.7164.

**Baltimore Concert Opera** concludes its season at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion in Mt. Vernon with *Il Trittico, Svor Angelica, and Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini—a trilogy with something for everyone. May 18 & 20. Tickets: 443.844.3496 or [www.BaltimoreConcertOpera.com](http://www.BaltimoreConcertOpera.com).

Opera has returned to the **Lyrice Opera House**. Concluding a terrific first season will be Charles Gounod's *Faust* on Friday, April 20 and Sunday, April 22

**Pro Musica Rara** concludes its season at the Towson University Center for the Arts on Sunday, April 29 at 3:30 pm with Eva Mengelkoch, fortepiano, and the Pro Musica Rara Quartet performing Mozart and Boccherini. Tickets: 410.704.2787.

**The Concert Artists of Baltimore** Edward Polochick, Director, presents *It's Greek to Me* on Sunday, April 17 at 2:30 am at the Engineer's Club in Mt. Vernon Place. An optional lunch or dinner may also be included. Tickets: 410.625.3525 or [www.cabalto.org](http://www.cabalto.org).

**Baltimore Folk Music Society** offers *American Square and Contra Dancing* at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church. 8 pm every Wednesday. 410.366.0808 or visit [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org).

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*Painted Ladies, continued from page 1*

children and almost my husband in a fire in this very house. To keep our spirits up we joined the neighbors to bring more life to this wonderful Charles Village area, in which we have lived for over 20 years." The Lunns chose colors based on the favorite ice cream flavors of their grandchildren—Neapolitan and Mint Chocolate Chip! So their colors were strawberry, vanilla, mint-green, and chocolate-brown. Indeed, the house now looks as yummy as a summer dessert.

Wanting to spread the cheer, the Lunns also helped their next-door neighbors, Hilary Matzinger and Gary Letteron, paint their house at 330 Ilchester. The latter now sports Benjamin Moore colors of Rich Coral, Vibrant Meadow and Valentine Heart. "The most important aspect of this contest," wrote Hilary, "is its ability to bring neighbors out and bring them together."

The 300 Block of Ilchester won First Place in the *Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative* category with participants splitting the \$1,000 prize. In addition to those already mentioned, the other winners were Sabrina Branch, Valmaree Williams, Patricia Russ, Tonya Johnson, Mary and Andrew Paterno, and Cynthia Eggleston.

Over in the 2800 block of Guilford Avenue, Kirsch Jones won Second Place in the *Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative* category. He took it upon himself to paint five houses and clean up the front yards. His goal, he said, was to "brighten the block, conserve original architectural features and make an attractive spot for neighborhood pedestrian and cycling traffic." He also wanted to encourage others to tackle community improvement projects. Kirsch's application essay was so long and lovingly detailed it was practically a dissertation. The five houses he rein-

vigorated, 2818–2830 Guilford, are now an understated, beautifully integrated whole, with subtle color combinations that can be reproduced anywhere, even by people who are scared by the brighter Painted Ladies.

Two entrants who weren't scared off are Kevin Darrow and Drew Walker, who painted their house at 3132 Abell Avenue bold pink, chartreuse and mauve. Darrow and Walker won *Best Facelift*. They wanted their house, they wrote, "to reflect the manner in which we live our lives—vividly and without holding back."

They also did something for which we're going to create an entirely new category next contest. They tore the ugly tar shingles off the bay windows. The facades of many houses in Charles Village are marred by such shingles. They look like flat fake bricks and detract from the architectural beauty of these Edwardian houses.

*Best Showpiece* went to Cathy and Jason Goucher of 2700 N. Calvert Street, a *grande dame* of a house. Three stories tall with a terracotta-colored roof topped by a decorative finial, and wooden pillars flanking a brick and brownstone porch, the house was suffering from peeling white paint. Now it glows in warm peachy-yellow, duck-egg blue, pale spring green and light caramel.

Laura Deck of 2802 Guilford won the *Best Trim* category. She said her goal was to "incorporate rich colors that would complement the tone of the brick on the front of the house." Deck says she takes pride in her work. She chose colors of dark truffle, canary yellow, eco green, and orangey-brown spice.

In addition to First, Second, and Third Places in all categories, the judges also awarded an *Honorable Mention* this year. They couldn't resist the brilliant-

ly detailed trim of 2521 N. Calvert. This house, owned by Bob and Janice Davis, is, at first glance, a standard flush-front rowhouse. But look up and you see an explosion of color and architectural detail on the third floor. Bob is an artist, says his wife, and used his skills to come up with the dazzling color combinations.

Sheila Graham of 301 Lorraine got so inspired that she produced a video of her paint job set to the song, *Our House*, by Crosby, Stills, and Nash. She won \$300 for *Best Video*.

The next round of the Painted Ladies Contest will be announced shortly. So grab a paintbrush, and talk to your neighbors. You could be the next winners!

—Lisa Simeone

## Contest Reception Honors 35 Winners

On February 19, winners in the 2011 Painted Ladies House Painting Contest were announced at a reception at my house. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who participated. We all benefit from the newly Painted Ladies in our neighborhood. As in all past contests, the judges were overwhelmed by the thought, effort and love that went into many of the paint jobs. In several cases painting was a family or block affair. The next contest will continue throughout the summer and fall with a December 1, 2012 deadline for this round of the contest. Categories and contest rules will be available later this spring in the Festival issue of *The Villager* and on the CVCA and CVBDA websites.

—Dawna Cobb



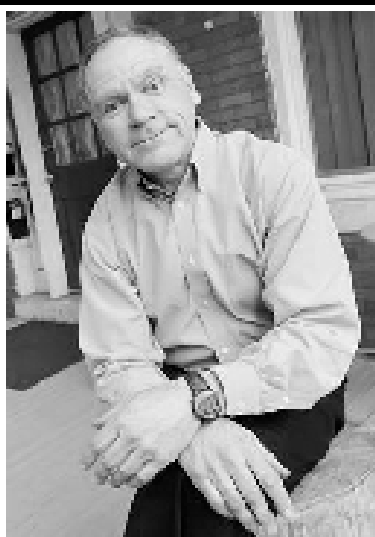
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## Greater Charles Village Painted Ladies Contest 2011 Contest Winners

### Best Trim

1st place— Laura Deck, 2802 Guilford Avenue  
2nd place— Donna Keck, 321 E. 30th Street  
3rd place— Patty Issac and Rachelle Washington, 323 E. Lorraine

### Best Face Lift

1st place— Kevin Darrow and Drew Walker, 3132 Abell  
2nd place— David and Elizabeth Sterner, 305 E. 28th Street  
3rd place— Marte Mirman, 3002 Barclay Street

### Best Show Piece

1st place— Cathy and Jason Goucher, 2700 N. Calvert Street  
2nd place— Naomi Levin and Ben Passey, 2742 N. Calvert Street  
3rd place— John McLucas, 2829 Saint Paul Street

### Honorable Mention

Bob and Janice Davis, 2521 N. Calvert Street

### Best Healthy Neighborhood Initiative

1st place— shared by 10 families on the 300 block of Ilchester  
Sabrina Branch, 302 Ilchester  
Valmaree Williams, 307 Ilchester  
Patricia Russ, 321 Ilchester  
Cheryl Clayborne, 323 Ilchester  
Tonya Johnson, 325 Ilchester  
Andrea DeLuca, 327 Ilchester  
Daniel and Veronica Lunn, 328 Ilchester  
Hilary Matzinger and Gary Letteron, 330 Ilchester  
Mary and Andrew Paterno, 337 Ilchester  
Cynthia Eggleston, 345 Ilchester  
2nd place— Kirsch Jones, 2818–2830 Guilford Avenue  
3rd place— three-way tie  
Hilary Matzinger and Gary Letteron, 330 Ilchester  
Mary and Andrew Paterno, 337 Ilchester  
Patricia Russ, 321 Ilchester

### Best Video

1st place— Sheila Graham, 301 East Lorraine

## Green House Residences at Stadium Place Open

Governor Martin O'Malley, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and a number of other officials from Baltimore City are expected to be on hand to inaugurate the new Green House Residences at Stadium Place on April 19 event with a baseball Opening Day theme, in homage to this former Memorial Stadium site. The Green House Residences at Stadium Place follows a new approach to care for elders.

The Green House Residences are based on a rapidly-growing national model of skilled nursing care that is radically different from past institutional models. Each of the four floors in the new building is designed to be like a 12-bedroom home— with a large central room, called the “hearth,” that contains a living area with a fireplace, open kitchen and a large shared dining table for residents and staff alike. Each resident has a private bedroom and bathroom. They all follow their own daily schedule for eating, sleeping and socializing. The goal of the Green House is to provide a high level of personalized, professional medical care for elders and support their individual living routines without the feeling that their lives are being disrupted or overtaken.

The new building overlooks both the Harry and Jeanette Wienberg YMCA, and the baseball field at Ripken Youth Sports Park, which follows the lines of the field at Memorial Stadium. Catholic Charities of Baltimore will operate The Green House Residences, in the \$12.6 million building developed by the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO). In West Baltimore, Catholic Charities also operates The Neighborhoods at St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and Caritas House Assisted Living. In addition, Catholic Charities operates 22 rent-subsidized senior apartment buildings throughout the Baltimore area.

When operating at full capacity, the Green House Residences will serve a total of 48 seniors. The facility will offer a combination of long-term residential and short-term rehabilitation care. About 55 new jobs are being created to staff the Green House Residences, with the majority of the workers coming from neighborhoods immediately around the facility. Administrator of the Green House Residences, Nate Sweeney, is a resident of Charles Village. Sweeney has been with Catholic Charities for four years, working most recently as the assistant administrator of The Neighborhoods at St. Elizabeth. Sweeney describes Catholic Charities as “a leader in culture change” in the field of long-term care for elders.

Ten years ago Dr. William Thomas, a New York state geriatrician and a professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), developed the Green House model. The first Green House facility was built in 2003 in Tupelo, MS. Currently, there are more than a hundred Green House homes in 27 states. Stadium Place is the first Green House home in Maryland.

—Robert Keenan, Catholic Charities

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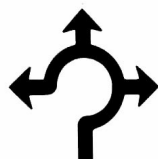


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*Zipcar Expands, continued from page 1*

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—Jessica Margolis-Pineo, Zipcar

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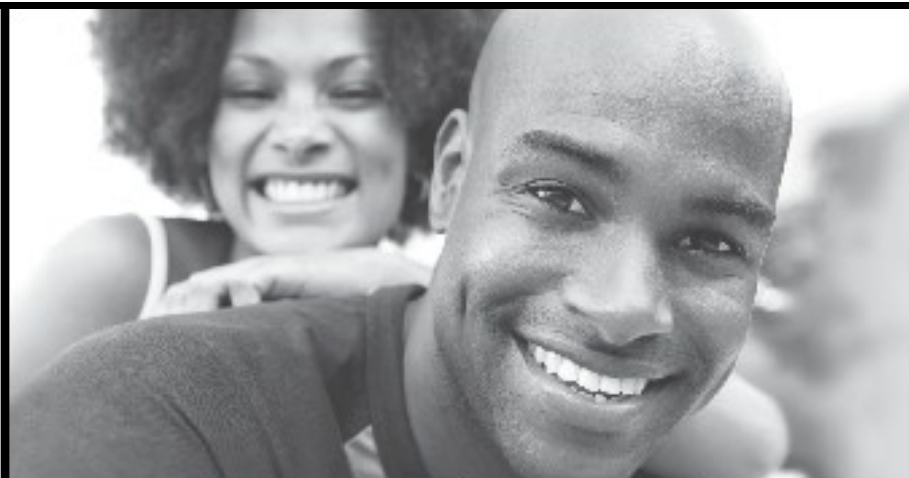
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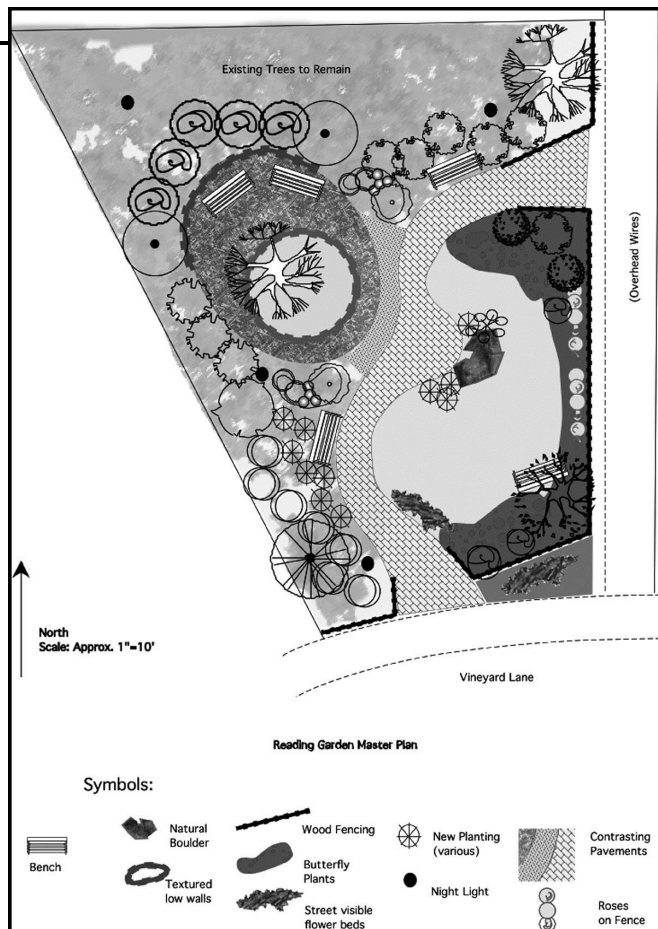
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## Reading Garden Will Transform Vineyard Lane

The property owner of a vacant lot in the 3000 Block of Vineyard Lane has agreed to allow the CVCBD staff to organize residents and other partners to turn the space into a reading garden. In mid-June, a three-day work project with volunteers from the community, service men and women and neighborhood youth will begin with cleaning the lot. The project will include installing a new fence, lights and plant materials. Local companies have donated materials and remaining items will be funded by local grant sources. The design by [www.evocations.org](http://www.evocations.org) shows the current plans of the space (not drawn to scale). Transforming the lot will create a cleaner greener area, that will help reduce crime by providing light and visibility to a dark area known for hidden illegal activities.

—David Hill, CVCBD

## CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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.

### CVCA Membership Benefits

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

### CVCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

September 30 marks the start of each CVCA Membership Year.

- ☐ \$15 Individual/Household      ☐ \$100 Business/Institution  
☐ \$5 Senior Citizen      ☐ \$100 Life Membership  
☐ \$5 Non-Resident (non-voting)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 List adults to be included in the membership.

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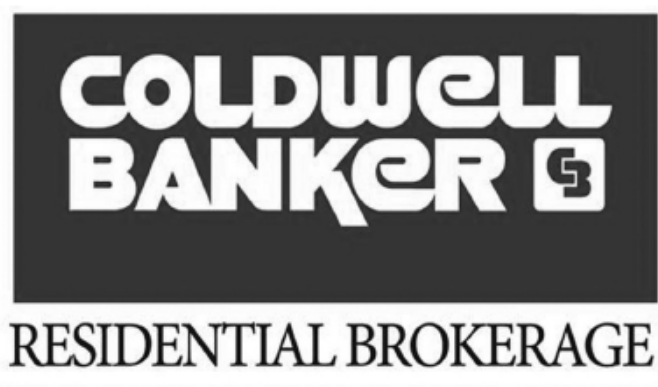
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☐ Please call me to discuss volunteer opportunities, interests, and opportunities to become actively involved in the Charles Village neighborhood.

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](mailto:membership@charlesvillage.net). Thank you.



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## CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GARDENERS!



**Mark your calendars!**

*Garden Opens:*  
 March 26, 2012

*Grand Opening  
 Celebrations:*  
 April 28, 2012

To register for a garden plot, or learn more about *The Blue Jay's Perch*, a community garden of fruits & vegetables located at Johns Hopkins at Eastern (33rd St & Loch Raven Blvd), visit [www.jhucommunitygarden.wordpress.com](http://www.jhucommunitygarden.wordpress.com), or send an email to, [jhucommgarden@gmail.com](mailto:jhucommgarden@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood Matters

Connecting you to the  
 Homewood campus of  
 The Johns Hopkins University

*Neighborhood Matters* serves the area surrounding Johns Hopkins University's Homewood campus, with community-related information. The website is a great resource with direct links to the many (mostly free) opportunities and resources at JHU.

<http://neighborhoodmatters.jhu.edu/> Phone: 443-287-9900

The Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee, Department of Recreation & Parks, and Department of Planning/Office of Sustainability... present the 10th Annual...



The annual bike ride that takes locals and visitors through Baltimore's parks and neighborhoods for a close-up view of regional parks like Carroll, Patterson, Clifton and Druid Hill, as well as some quietly tucked away gems.

Proceeds support Baltimore's parks, environment, friends and cycling groups.

### Sunday, June 10

Start at Carroll Park

1500 Washington Boulevard

7:00AM to 3:00PM. Rain or Shine.

Register at the PayPal driven registration page

**[www.tourdemparks.org](http://www.tourdemparks.org)**

Tour dem Parks, Hon! is committed to the promotion and enjoyment of urban cycling and the parks of Baltimore.



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greater Charles Village Junk Hunt

Cheap goods for a great cause!

**Saturday, May 12**

(Rain date: May 19)

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seller fee: \$15

Mark your calendars for the neighborhood's best sidewalk sale of the year! All across Charles Village, neighbors will be selling their furniture, gadgets, baby clothes, toys, books, and much more! Proceeds from the seller registration fee will go to supporting the Village Parents, dedicated to making Charles Village a great place to raise a family.

Visit [www.charlesvillageparents.org](http://www.charlesvillageparents.org) for details.



# THRIFTY FIFTY

To celebrate our fifty years in Charles Village, we're bringing on the Anniversary Sale.

From April 17 through April 28, enjoy some suh-mokin' savings throughout the store, including our Fabulous Smokin' Jays for just \$4.99. Look for our \$2.99 sandwich specials on Fabulous Friday, April 27—corned beef, chicken salad, and store-roasted turkey breast. Eddie's Blend and Eddie's Blue Jay Blend of Zeke's coffee is also just



\$7.99 lb.

Come in and celebrate half a century with us. It'll come off without a wrinkle!



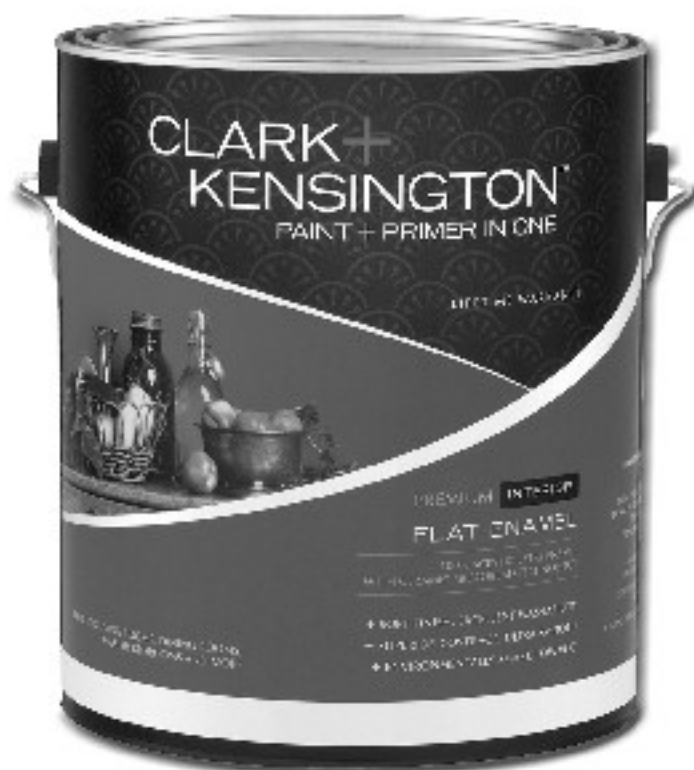
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