

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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Spring 2013

CV Festival '13 Moves to West Side of Wyman Park Dell



Community artist Ryan Patterson created this preview of his full-color illustration for the Charles Village Festival '13.

The Village's ever-popular Festival '13 will rock on June 1 and 2— just one block west of its usual Charles Street site. All of the activities will be centered around the Howard Street side of Wyman Park Dell. The ongoing construction on North Charles Street has necessitated the move to the corner of 29th Street and Howard Avenue. Festival '13 will occupy the sweep that connects 29th Street to Wyman Park Drive and Art Museum Drive and the adjoining wooded parkland.

Key members of the Festival Committee have toured the site repeatedly and determined optimal locations for all of the perennially popular favorite activities during the two-day festival. "The new space will allow us to have more paved area and a better organized space for food and craft vendors," says John McLane, Festival Chair. The arts and crafts vendor tents, food trucks and community booths will be arranged similarly to their arrangement at the 29th and Charles Street site.

This year's festival location may be new, but its association with the landmark Wyman Park Dell is ongoing. Designed by the Olmsted Brothers as part of Greater Baltimore's comprehensive park system plan in 1904, the Dell connects the Charles Village and Remington neighborhoods.

Until this year, the Festival has fronted on the Charles Street side of the park. Each year, festival-goers have seen marked improvements to the Dell. The Friends of Wyman Park Dell continues to implement the Dell's 2007 Master Plan, beginning with the magnificent dry stone walls that define the lower lawn and pathways. The group has renovated the restroom building. Beginning in the summer, the playground will undergo major reconstruction to complement its site adjoining the Union Soldiers and Sailors Monument to attract more families.

Festival coordinators have increasingly incorporated the Dell's large lower lawn as a site for children's activities organized by the Village Learning Place. Fun and imaginative children's activities will expand in the lower Dell with a performance stage for music and a magician, hands-on crafts under the VLP tent, and of course, the Moon Bounce.

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VLP Director Liesje Gantert is delighted that there will be "much easier access and better visibility" to the VLP's activities, since they will be more visible from the Festival food, vendors, and booths on the western side of the park. And the fun continues in the evening!" Lindsey Henley, the VLP's Volunteer & Community Relations Coordinator, encourages children of the 70s and 80s to an *Adultlescent Effort* marshmallow roast on Saturday evening.

Live music plays on! The music stage comes alive at 11 a.m. Saturday and continues until 9 p.m. and starts again at noon on Sunday until the Festival closes at 6 p.m. See the complete list of bands on page 3. Music Workshop's Jim Jones arranges for the bands and coordinates the music scheduling and comments, "The new Festival location will be a big plus for the bands, since the main music stage will back up to Wyman Park Drive, providing much easier access for the bands to bring in their equipment." Listeners can relax under the tall oaks along the park south of the Lee and Jackson Monument.

Always an important element to visitors' enjoyment of the Festival, the beer tent and beer garden will be in an improved location, too— next to the music listening area at the south end of the plateau. Beer Guy Bob Welch is anticipating much happier patrons since they won't have to leave the music stage listening area to quench their thirst. The many beer distributors, liquor stores and restaurants that donate the kegs of specialty and craft beers, cases of wine, and bottles of water expect that this year's new

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Phase I Charles Street Reconstruction Allows Local Traffic Only

Beginning in mid/late April, Phase 1 of the Charles Street Reconstruction Project will be implemented.

TRAFFIC CHANGES

- ▶ North Charles Street, through traffic will be maintained from 25th Street to 28th Street.
- ▶ Charles Street from 28th Street to University Parkway will be open only to northbound local traffic and emergency vehicles.
- ▶ Throughout the duration of the project, businesses will remain open.
- ▶ Vehicles traveling northbound on Charles Street will be diverted at 28th Street to continue north on Calvert Street; southbound travelers will use St. Paul Street.
- ▶ East-west Streets will remain open throughout the project (including the connection between Art Museum Drive and 33rd Street), except for periodic weekend closures on Charles Street between 25th and 28th Streets.

PARKING CHANGES

This project will cause a decrease in unrestricted parking spots during construction.

- ▶ Parking spots will remain on Charles Street for local and business parking.
- ▶ Residential Parking Permits (RPP) will be maintained throughout construction.
- ▶ The majority of the parking during construction will be temporary back-in angle parking.

If you have any questions or concerns during the project please contact Mary Colleen Buettner at 443.984.4095 or at mary.buettner@baltimorecity.gov



CVCA MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 29, 7 PM
SS. Philip & James Church Hall
2801 N. Charles Street

CVCA Board Meetings

Wednesdays, April 17,
May 15 & June 19
Charles Village Community
Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

www.charlesvillage.net

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President's Letter

Patricia McLane, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

As we welcome spring, we welcome warm weather, fresh spring produce, longer days, and some of my favorite community events. First and foremost, the Annual Charles Village Festival is set to run the first weekend in June, June 1 & 2. This year promises to be just as much fun as previous years. Wonderful music, including our favorites, Sentimental Journey and Technicolor Motor Home, along with newcomers the US Navy Band (who doesn't love a man in uniform?) and The Village Idiots, an exciting Irish band that the McLane family from County Mayo can't wait to hear! See the complete band list on page 3.

Of course, entertainment at the Festival is not limited to music. Kids will have a great time participating in VLP-sponsored activities and the jumping in the iconic Moon Bounce on the lower lawn of Wyman Park Dell. Athletes can compete in the challenging 5K Race through the beautiful Johns Hopkins campus. Foodies can enjoy Indian, Mo Mo Thai Food, and First State Catering—save a basket of fried clams for me! And shop-a-holics can spend to their hearts desire amongst numerous craft and commercial product vendors. Finally, who can resist stopping by the Beer Truck for a delicious craft beer or wine—all donated by our generous local pubs and liquor stores! Remember that all proceeds from the beer, wine and water sales are split with the four neighborhood groups: Charles Village Rec League, Village Learning Place, Friends of Wyman Park Dell and the CVCA.

And as spring brings changes to the trees, the flowers, and our attitudes, so does spring bring a change to the Festival location. This year, due to the construction on Charles Street, the Festival will be held on the westside of the Wyman Park Dell. Come take a walk around to 29th and Howard Street to enjoy all the fun and entertainment!

One thing we don't want to change in our neighborhood is Eddie's Market, a stalwart in our community. Eddie's has stuck with us through snow storms and hurricanes, and is a consummate supporter and generous donator to the of the Charles Village Festival and many community projects and events. Let's make sure nothing changes as we welcome the developer of the Johns Hopkins lot at 33rd and St. Paul Streets.

Please visit www.3200stpaulstreet.com and register your support for Eddie's by offering the developer better alternatives for the site. It is understandable that a large retailer should anchor the site, but there are lots of things our community needs instead of another grocery store. Think CVS or Walgreens, Bed Bath and Beyond or Michael's. In addition to those larger retailers, the developer is looking for smaller retail and local businesses, including a sit down restaurant with a nice bar area. Do we really need another fast food joint crowded with JHU students looking for free WiFi? Let's have an alternative to Chipotle and Potbelly by requesting a nice restaurant to complement nearby sit-down restaurants like Tamber's, Niwana and Donna's.

Support our local businesses. Welcome Spring and new neighbors. See you at the Festival!

Join a Group of Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol...

Walk with Northern District Police's Charles Village Foot Patrol Officer, William O'Donnell.

Charles Village Central Walks

First Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at 26th & Charles Streets.

Charles Village West Walks

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meet at 27th & Howard Streets.

Abell Improvement Association Walks

Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Meet at the Abell Open Space on 32nd Street.

Old Goucher Anti-Prostitution Walks

Second & Fourth Fridays at Midnight. Meet at 2434 St. Paul Street.

Charles Village North Walks

Hosted by JHU Security
Will resume in the Fall.

Charles Village Community Foundation Seeks Applications for Quarterly Grants

In our mission to improve the visibility and promote the desirability of living in this wonderful neighborhood, the Charles Village Community Foundation has created a grant program to help fund and encourage valuable and innovative projects throughout greater Charles Village.

The Foundation has created two categories of grants:

- Small Grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.
- Large Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Applications for both categories are accepted and awarded on a quarterly basis. Deadlines are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

Please contact the Foundation for the grant application and guidelines at cvcfmail@gmail.com. Also, find the grant information on these web-sites: CVCBD www.charlesvillage.org and CVCA www.charlesvillage.net.

We encourage Charles Villagers to consider this grant program for your efforts to enhance this great neighborhood.

—John McLane, President, Charles Village Community Foundation Board of Directors

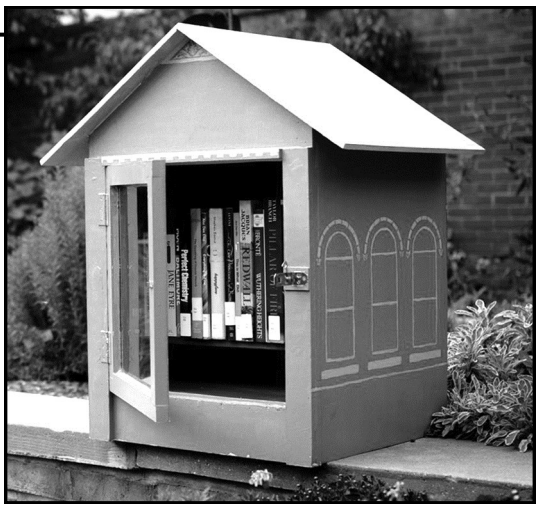
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Call for Festival '13 VOLUNTEERS

Contact
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See A Little Library in the VLP's Garden on the tour.

VLP Garden Open for Garden Walk Tour

The Village Learning Place Gardening Group is disappointed with the Groundhog this year! We've been dying to get into the VLP's Learning Garden, but the weather has beaten us back! On March 24, we were lucky to spend four chilly hours weeding and redesigning some of the garden spaces. We will add native plants to provide year round interest for the library visitors as well as the birds and butterflies who also enjoy the Gardens. We will also plant the pots scattered around the space to add color and beauty. Gardening Member, Carol Anderson-Austra, a landscape architect, spent many hours creating capital improvement plans, including a stone wall for seating and better definition of one area. The VLP is now looking for grants to facilitate these construction projects.

The gardeners enjoy preparing the place for the VLP's Springtime Events and the Charles Village Garden Walk on Sunday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. In April, the VLP is introducing A Little Library to the Learning Garden. We hope you can stop by to enjoy the bubbling fountain and flowers in this secret garden.

—Beverly Fink, Village Gardener

Buy Garden Walk '13 Tickets in Advance...

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Festival '13 Main Stage Live Music

For performance times go to www.charlesvillagefestival.com/events.html

Saturday, June 1

Sentimental Journey— 18 piece Big Band

Jazz Explosion — Jazz Quintet featuring Carl Filipiak & Lafayettee Gilchrist

The US Navy Band, Country Current— Country & Blue Grass

The Village Idiots— 10 piece Irish/Americana

All Mighty Senators— Urban Funk & Soul

Sunday, June 2

Funky Magenta— Jazz

Brooks Long and The Mad Dog No Good— Funk, Rock & Soul

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Technicolor Motor Home— 10-piece Steely Dan Tribute Band

Music Workshop Kids Rock Stage

Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2

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

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location will generate another successful weekend of sales. All of the monies raised at the beer tent, including tips, go to the Charles Village Community Foundation's general fund to support the four beneficiary organizations— Charles Village Recreation League, Friends of Wyman Park Dell, Village Learning Place and CVCA.

The Festival '13 location is ideally sited for the start of the famed Charles Village Garden Walk on Sunday, June 2, featuring gardens south of 29th Street to 20th Street, and between Howard Street and Guilford Avenue. Charles Villagers have always been known for their impressive array of inventive, resourceful, contemplative, exquisite and/or quirky gardens. Garden Walk Co-Chair Kathy Pinto has created a Facebook page ([charlesvillagegardenwalk](http://charlesvillagegardenwalk.com)). Visitors may purchase the map/guide online beforehand or at the Festival ticket booth that day. Visitors can get tips from Master Gardeners during the tour of home gardens and check out the Old Goucher Community Garden with its 50 newly-constructed raised beds. Kathy insists, "This year's walk will be awesome, in the true sense of the word!"

"Awesome" will be the best way to describe the ENTIRE Festival '13. See you on June 1 and 2 at the intersection of 29th and Howard!
—Susan Walther

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15th Spaghetti Disco

The annual spaghetti disco was a multi-generational fun-filled night of eating, dancing and catching up with neighbors. Sponsored by the Village Learning Place, the disco is an event that many Charles Villagers look forward to every year. This year more than in recent memory, there were many younger kids as well as high schoolers—hip looking City College kids who danced until the very end. Spotted were **Beth Pepper, Beverly, John and Pat Fink, Carol Westcott, Val Kaciauskas, Ed Hargadon, Halle Vandergaag, Andy Thomas, Chris and Rebecca Bruce, Lisa Simeone, Tim Munn, Dana and Ralph Moore, John Spurrier, Sandy Sparks, Steven Rivelis, Beth and Chuck Bullamore and many more.** My husband, **Paul Hulleberg**, who teaches in the VLP's after school program, danced with many of his young students.

Rallying Support for Eddie's...

Johns Hopkins recently announced that the selection of a developer to propose a plan for the vacant lot Hopkins owns at Saint Paul and 33rd Streets. Not too long ago, Johns Hopkins officials informed **Jerry Gordon**, owner of Eddie's Market, that the developer is considering a grocery store as an anchor or "credit tenant." This alarmed Jerry because a grocery store at that location would put him out of business. He called several long-time Charles Village residents, including me, to see if we would be willing to advocate on behalf of Eddie's Market and against bringing in another grocery store. Eve-

ryone agreed to help. Jerry has been a loyal supporter of our neighborhood for many years and donates often to local causes. He employs 40 people. Many have worked there for years along with local teenagers and college kids. By sleeping on the floor if necessary, he always stays open during blizzards.

In the late 1990s, Jerry approached long time residents to ask how he might improve the store. He took much of the advice that was offered and made significant changes and improvements. How many storeowners would do that? On March 12, about 200 Charles Village residents attended a 90-minute presentation by Johns Hopkins and representatives of the developer. I was out of town and unable to attend, by all reports a majority of the folks at the meeting indicated they do not support bringing another grocery store to 33rd and Saint Paul and some oppose the concept of a credit tenant. Many ideas were proposed that night and at this time, it is not known whether the developer will go in another direction. Over 2,600 folks from the surrounding area have signed a petition in support of Eddie's.

I absolutely love walking into Eddie's and talking to the folks who work there. They ask about my son, **Anders Hulleberg**, who worked there while in high school and college. Jerry asks about my husband because he taught at the school that his daughters attended. Jerry's wife, **Darlene Gordon**, always asks about my family. I

feel this way when I go to **Donna's** and see **Andy Thomas** in the kitchen, or at **Carma's** when I see owners **Carma Halterman** or **Michael Lynch** behind the counter. Do I feel that way walking into **Starbucks**? Not a chance. Does it matter to me? Yes, because feeling a part of some place is important, and Eddie's and the people who work there make that connection possible. I would hate to lose that small town aspect of Charles Village, which would happen if Eddie's went out of business.

Former Guilford Avenue resident

Jan Chapin died March 16 at her home in Cockeysville, after 20 years braving first breast cancer and then metastatic melanoma. A clinical social worker primarily working with dialysis patients, Jan and her husband **David Chapin**, a Maryland Transportation Authority administrator, lived for 15 years at 2926 Guilford until 1993 when their children, **Sarah and Daniel Chapin**, were young. In March, Sarah Chapin, an architect, joined the Friends of Stony Run Board. Daniel works on Federal affairs for The Trust for Public Land in DC. At Jan's Celebration of Life at the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church on April 6, Jan's dearest friends, **Ann Leonard and Arlene Ogurick** participated in the ceremony, offering remembrances of Jan's great kindnesses and storied empathy. Guilford Avenue's **Ann and Fred Leonard's daughter, Elizabeth Leonard Clifton** performed as vocalist to the hall filled with family, friends and colleagues, including many with Charles Village connections. Our heartfelt condolences to the Chapin family.

Ron Tanner, Saint Paul Street, has opened for business as a Licensed Home Inspector, drawing on his 12 years experience as an historic house restorer. Although old houses are his specialty, he enjoys inspecting every kind of structure, including business properties. See details at <http://houselove.biz> Ron earned his housing inspector chops the hard way, by restoring old houses including the 2746 St. Paul former fraternity house where he lives with his wife, **Jill Eicher**. This experience is lovingly recounted in Ron's book, *From Animal House to Our House, a Love Story*.

The Village Parents sponsored an Easter Egg hunt in Wyman Park Dell on March 30. The volunteer group stuffed and hid 500 plastic eggs with candy in the Dell for the little ones to find. Looking to get rid of stuff in your house? Consider participating in the Charles Village Junk Hunt, a community-wide sidewalk sale sponsored by the Village Parents on Saturday morning, May 11. See page 11. Find additional information on the Village Parents Website and Facebook Page. <http://villageparents.wordpress.com/>. This website is a terrific resource for families with small children.

Local business plug. Have you tried **Dominion Ice Cream**? I am embarrassed to say that I live two blocks from the shop at 3215 N. Charles and had not tried it until I attended a Greater Homewood event in early March. It is out of this world. Here is the link--- So get your veggies while eating ice cream! www.dominionicecream.com

SHOP & BUY Greater Charles Village ★★ ★

In February, Charles Village residents were stunned to learn that the team selected by Johns Hopkins University to develop the lot at 33rd and St. Paul Streets is considering the installation of a supermarket chain on that site. Villagers **Dawna Cobb** and **John Spurrier**, who were among those who met with the original developers of the Olmsted site five years ago, recalled the clear understanding reached at that time. The community could support *only* development that would complement existing businesses in the 3100 block of St. Paul Street. In those original conversations Eddie's Market figured as integral to the vitality of Charles Village.

Incredulous that the university would abrogate that understanding, Dawna and John, joined by **Ralph and Dana Moore, Odette Ramos, and Jo Ann Robinson**, established the **Friends of Eddie's Market Steering Committee (FOE)**, in consultation with Eddie's owners, **Jerry Gordon and his wife Darlene**, and **Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke**. Within a short time the FOE committee expanded to include present and past principals of Barclay School, **Jenny Heinbaugh and Gertrude Williams**. The ranks were further augmented when the group welcomed **Debra Evans and Joe Stewart**, neighbors from Waverly where there is concern about the likely impact of another supermarket so near to the Waverly Giant.

FOE immediately requested an appointment with **Johns Hopkins University President, Ronald Daniels**. Word came back that his schedule could not accommodate a meeting. At the same time, the committee began a petition drive that has garnered over 2,600 signatures. In public and private meetings with university and developer representatives, FOE joined by large numbers of supporters, has pressed for the supermarket option to be removed from consideration. As JHU appears oblivious to such appeals, and as community tensions mount, Friends of Eddie's Market will continue this campaign to stop a supermarket in the 3200 block.

Knowing that all too often small businesses are shut down by large chains that sell plenty of groceries but care little about customers or community, FOE seeks not just to protect Eddie's, but also to protect the distinctive character of Charles Village. Locally owned businesses, merchants involved in the civic life of the neighborhood, caring service and dedication to the community are the bedrock of our community life.

—Jo Ann Robinson, Chair, Friends of Eddie's

Congratulations to Sinead Nyhan, a Saint Paul Street resident and fourth year medical student at Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago, who was recently selected for a residency in anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her parents are thrilled that she will be back in Baltimore. Sinead follows in the footsteps of her dad, **Dr. Dan Nyhan**, who is anesthesiologist at Hopkins and her mom, **Dr. Alma Lynch Nyhan**, an interventional radiologist. Not far behind her is sister, **Aiobhinn**, a senior at George Washington University who will start medical school at GW this fall.

Saint Paul Street resident, Allison Korycki, who works at Charm City Yoga in Baltimore, told me that she is thrilled to be taking a yoga workshop on the road to the Amrita Studio in Philly. The program is called **Mudra and Mantra: Awaken the Subtle Body**. Good luck Allison!

Phyllis Jaslow is the epitome of dedication. I see her every Saturday at the Waverly Farmers Market handing out information about events at the Village Learning Place. She is absolutely tireless. The VLP is incredibly lucky to have Phyllis's unflagging support for the 2nd Wednesdays Series, she initiated a dozen years ago.

And a plug for Graphic Imaging.

This stalwart digital printing and graphics business, formerly on 25th Street, has moved to 1750 Union Avenue in Woodberry. Contact owner and long-time business association leader Richard Burnham at 410.467.7071 or www.GraphicImagingInBaltimore.com

Composting in the Village. Maybe some of you are already doing this, but I was not and wasn't sure how to start. Earlier this year Villager and supporter of urban farms, **Maya Kosak**, sent an e-mail on the Charles Village listserve about a composting service, **Compost Cab**. Given the fact that my goal of composting seemed stalled, I signed up right away. In late March I received my composting container. It is easy—you collect the compost in a bucket and then put it out front of your house once a week for pick up. While it costs to join, in return you get finished compost twice a year. Otherwise they donate it to one of Baltimore's urban farms! Compost Cab is still taking on charter subscribers so if you are interested, check www.compostcab.com.

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



Pictured at left is Olivia Guthrie, CVCBD Communications Coordinator. In the CVCBD Office, right, is the new CVCBD Community Safety Program Coordinator, Latonya Brooks.

Announcing New CVCBD Staff

In March 2013, **LaTonya Brooks** joined the CVCBD staff as the Coordinator of our Community Safety Program. In this position, Latonya is responsible for supporting the weekly Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol Program and the monthly Safety Advisory Council. She prepares the monthly Court Watch Report and weekly Crime Alerts. La Tonya is developing and monitoring the nightly Security Patrol Program and will organize CVCBD safety special events such as the National Night Out Against Crime.

Originally from Detroit, LaTonya has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wilberforce University and a Master's in Administration from Central Michigan University. For 11 years she was a Victim Rights Advocate with the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and earlier was a Social Service Specialist with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Most recently in Baltimore, LaTonya planned and organized national fund raising events for Wilberforce University, such as their annual 5K Walk-A-Thon.

In September 2012, **Olivia Guthrie** joined the CVCBD staff as the Coordinator of our Communications services. Olivia is responsible for preparing our newsletter and annual report, weekly Crime Alerts and monthly Crime Reports in addition to developing and maintaining our website, Face Book and Twitter pages. Olivia is a 2012 graduate of Bowie State University with a bachelor's degree in Communications/Public Relations.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

**Join a Group of
Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol...**
See the list of groups on page 2.

CVCBD FY2014 Financial Plan Hearing, April 23, 6:30 pm

The rescheduled Public Hearing on the CVCBD Financial Plan for FY 2014 will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm on at Lovely Lane Methodist Church Hall, 2200 St Paul Street. The purpose of this meeting allows surcharge taxpayers the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed CVCBD Budget and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-14, beginning July 1.



Officers (from the left) at the CVCBD Trikke training are Maurice Jeffers, Carlos Moorer, Miguel Martinez, Yoo Kim, Clyde Rawlings and Rodney Coffield.

CVCBD Patrol Officers Train on Trikkes

In February, six officers in the CVCBD Security Patrol program, received six hours of training in the use of the Trikke, a 3-wheeled vehicle used to patrol the District. Used by many security forces throughout the country, the Trikke is an all-terrain vehicle equipped with a siren, flashing lights and CVCBD security identifiers. The Trikke has a maximum speed of about 25 MPH and a special suspension system that enables the rider to make sharp fast turns.

As part of the training provided by Repforce, the officers — all off-duty police officers with the Baltimore Police Department — not only learned how to ride the vehicle safely but also dismounting and sudden stop techniques in addition to basic maintenance. The officers all received a certificate of completion. An additional four officers received Trikke training in March.

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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

VLP Calendar

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

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

May 8— **Beer Garden.** Eli Breitburg-Smith, brewer at Peabody Heights Brewery, will lead audience through a guided beer tasting and explain the complex process of brewing great beer.

June 12— **Driving Miss Daisy.** Performed by the Arena Players.

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

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

April 21— **Young Thurgood: A Future Supreme Court Justice's Baltimore Roots**

May 16— **The Grace Darin Memorial Lecture: Swine and Steam Engines: The Antebellum Struggle to Control Baltimore's Streets**

Adult Education — Mondays 5:30 to 7:30 pm

A place to ask questions and to work toward your goals with one-on-one assistance.

Senior Tea— 2nd Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon

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

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

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

Adolescent Effort—

April 19, 7 pm— **Charles Village Scavenger Hunt**

May (Date TBD) — **Be a BRO: Adolescent Effort collaboration with the Baltimore Rock Opera Society (BROS)**

June 1, 8 pm— **Marshmallow Roast in the Wyman Park Dell**

Parents' Nights Out at the VLP!

April 25, 7 pm— **Dad's Night Out**

May 23, 7 pm— **Mom's Night Out**

MECU Growing Into Wealth Financial Workshops at the VLP

Tuesdays, April 16 thru May 21, 6 to 8 pm

VLP Expands Kids' Activities at Festival '13

For the third year, the VLP will feature family friendly activities and performances throughout the weekend in the lower meadow of Wyman Park Dell at the eastern end near Charles Street. Look for our big tent and follow the stone wall down the stairs from the Festival '13 vendors, food and music on the Howard Street side.

On Saturday, June 1 at 2 pm, the Friends of Wyman Park Dell sponsors **The Adventure to the Imagi Nation** for a 30-minute performance on the VLP stage.

Magic, story-telling and interactive play take the audience on a journey to the *Imagi Nation*— a far away place. Magician David London becomes five different characters, each of whom shares a story, a bit of wisdom, and some magic. Recommended for ages 5–11.

Children of all ages will find fun and learn during two days of a wide variety of activities during the Charles Village Festival '13. —Lindsey Henley

Village Parents Add Crafts & Sack Races to VLP Kids' Activities in Lower Dell

Join The Village Parents for Crafts and Sack Races at the Charles Village Festival this year! Look for the Village Parents kids' activities in the lower Wyman Park Dell down the stairs from the Festival '13 vendors and music along the western Howard Street side of Wyman Park Dell. Have fun making crafts with your kids. We are organizing sack races for the young and the young at heart! A photographer will on hand for those photo finishes.

Find information about the Village Parents social activities and local public schools. Sign up to get involved! The Village Parents is a neighborhood organization that is dedicated to making Charles Village more family friendly. Launched in 2009, we have developed and hosted many family and parent social events, run an urban education discussion series, advocated for Charles Village families and supported and promoted our neighborhood public schools—Barclay Elementary/Middle School and Margaret Brent Elementary. Our listserv serves over 300 of our neighbors. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and at www.villageparents.wordpress.com. —Stephanie Cosgrove

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The Baltimore Museum of Art
Three exhibitions opened in the Re-Envisioned Contemporary Wing— *On Paper: Drawings from the Cohen Collection*, *Front Room: Surreal Selves* and in the *Black Box: Raqs Media Collective*. The Surreal images by young painters from Canada, Japan, and America are stunning. Baltimore street artist Gaia has created two mural-sized works in the Contemporary Wing... you've seen the Bird in Hand at North and Charles...now see his work in the museum.
Bring the kids to the BMA on Sundays from 2–5 pm. There is always something fun to do. In April, on an Animal Hunt you can explore the galleries. The Teen Workshops will dive into *Experimental Garment Design & Production* with artist Melissa Webb. Four Saturdays, April 6–27, 11 am–1 pm (fee). The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or visit www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum
New Eyes on America: the Genius of Richard Caton Woodville. Woodville was the most important Baltimore artist of the 19th Century. The Walters has the largest collection of this major American artist and this is a special opportunity to see all his work and related work. Until June 2.
Drop-in Art Activities for Families are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The April theme is Paint Me a Story. On Saturday, April 13 from 10 am–4 pm, experience cobblestone streets as you stroll through the *Victorian Family Festival*. The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 410.547.9000 or visit www.thewalters.org.

MICA will feature the works of nearly 400 emerging artists in the undergraduate class of 2013 during the *2013 Commencement Exhibition*, May 17–20. Campus wide!

Stoop Story Telling, performing at Center Stage one Monday each month has expanded with a less formal— but just as fun— experience of storytelling at the Windup Space on North Avenue. Tuesday, May 14— *Second Stoop* at the Windup Space. Monday, May 20— *Eureka! Stories about discoveries, breakthroughs and brave new worlds* at Center Stage. Visit: stoopstorytelling.com.

Evergreen House, 4545 North Charles Street. *Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen* will stir the pot with a recipe for bluegrass and new acoustic roots music. This dynamic group was named *Best Bluegrass Band of the Year* in 2012 by the Washington Area Music Association. Saturday, April 27. Tix & Information: 410.516.0341 or @museums.jhu.edu.

Center Stage, 700 North Calvert Street, ends the season with the Raisin Cycle, two plays in repertory. The Pulitzer Prize-winning *Clybourne Park* by



See Aya Ukkawa, *Mimic Dream*, 2011, courtesy of the artist in the Front Room: *Surreal Selves* exhibit in the BMA's Re-Envisioned Contemporary Wing.

Bruce Noris and *Beneatha's Place* by Kwame Kwei-Armah. A look at race and gentrification that takes off and is inspired by Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. Both plays performed in rotating repertory. Thru June 9. Tix: 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org.

Everyman Theater
Now at its glorious new home, 315 West Fayette Street. The next production is *Topdog/Underdog* by Suzan-Lori Parks. The father named African-American brothers Lincoln and Booth...

as a joke. The play won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2002. April 24–May 19. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

Strand Theater Company, 1823 N. Charles Street, showcases women artists. Rain Pryor, the Strand Artistic Director, presents her own rhythmic play *Colorism* about what it means to be black— told by three women of different hues as *uncover*, *discover* and *discard*. April 18–May 4. Tickets: www.strandtheatercompany.org or 443.874.4917.

Vagabond Players, 806 South Broadway in Fells Point. *Room Service*, by John Murray and Allen Boretz. A penniless producer and con artist desperately seeks a financial backer for a Broadway extravaganza that is destined to become a sure-fire hit. The laughs come as fast as the rapid-fire dialogue in this manic backstage farce. April 12–May 12. Call 410.563.9135 or www.vagabondplayers.org.

Fells Point Corner Theatre, 251 South Ann Street in Fells Point. The popular *10X10— 2013*. An evening of ten 10 minute plays by playwrights from Baltimore and beyond. Thru May 5. The season concludes with David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*. May 3–June 2. Tix: www.fpct.org or 410.276.7837. **Single Carrot Theatre** has moved from North Avenue into the space re-

cently vacated by Everyman Theatre at 1727 North Charles Street. A World Premiere, *The VIP*, written and directed by Aldo Pantoja. In 1996, guerrilla nationalists in Peru held hundreds of hostages for 126 days. The play explores the months the hostages were held, the relationships they formed and their struggle to stay alive. April 17–May 12. Tix & Info: 443.844.9253 of singlecarrot.com.

Theatre Project, 45 West Preston Street. *Deep Vision Dance Company*— an evening of new dance work. April 25–28. The **Iron Crow Theater Company** will present *Act a Lady* by Jordan Harrison. When the men of a small Prohibition era town decide to put on a play dressed *fancy-type*, *women-type* clothes, eyebrows raise, identities explode and life and art are forever entangled. Accompanied by accordion. May 24–June 8. Tix: 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

Baltimore Arena Players, Inc., 801 McCulloh Street. Since 1953, the oldest continually performing and historically African-American community theatre in the United States. *Up and Down the Avenue, A Musical Revue* written and directed by Robert Russell. Celebrate the rich heritage of the club life of Pennsylvania Avenue. April 19–May 12. Tix: 410.728.6500 or www.arenaplayersinc.com.

The **Hopkins Symphony Orchestra** presents a concert featuring Arnold Schoenberg, Manuel de Falla and Jean Sibelius on Saturday, April 20 at 8 pm, Shriver Hall. Tix & Info: 410.516.6542 or hso@jhu.edu.

Baltimore Concert Opera presents Bizet's *Carmen*. at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion in Mt. Vernon. Sing along with the Toreador Song as BCO transports you to Seville for Bizet's perennial classic about gypsies, smugglers and bullfighters. May 3 & 5. Tickets: 443.844.3496 or www.BaltimoreConcertOpera.com.

Pro Musica Rara presents *Extreme Baroque* with Paul Leenhouts, recorder. at the Towson University Center for the Arts. Sunday, May 12, 3:30 pm. Tickets: 410.704.2787 or www.promusicarara.org.

The **Bach Concert Series** will host a FREE concert at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 South Charles Street, May 5, 4 pm & June 2, 4 pm (ticket required) Tix BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262.

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E-Mail info about new art venues and productions to: jennifer.burdick@verizon.net or call 410.467.5462.

Celebrate Earth Day at the School House Garden

Saturday, April 20

On Merryman Lane at Brentwood Avenue
across from the Waverly Farmers Market

Starting at 9 am, Civic Works Volunteer Day of Service. Get the School House Garden ready for the Ribbon-Cutting & Grand Opening Ceremony later in the spring. Volunteers can simply show up without signing up in advance. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes. For more information, contact John Marra at communitylot@civicworks.com.

Volunteers will plant trees as artists prepare to install the sculptures, designed to honor the legacy of the former school students and staff. Step across the street and see poems by Alice and Phoebe Cary posted in the window of Grace Restoration Life Fellowship.

On St. Patrick's Day 2012, an historic marked was unveiled on Merryman Lane to preserve the history of this old country lane-- named after Lord Baltimore's 1688 land grant to Charles Merryman. His son John Merryman built a house and started a farm on an estate called Clover Hill, near today's Episcopal Cathedral. All that remains of the lane is this block from Greenmount Avenue to 33rd Street. The rest of the road is now known as University Parkway.

In 1889, on the triangle bounded by Brentwood Avenue and Merryman Lane, the Baltimore Public Schools Colored Division established School # 115. From 250 to as few as 123 African American pupils annually, attended grades one to six in three framed buildings on the site. When the school opened, the faculty included one of the first African-Americans to teach in the Baltimore City Public Schools, Roberta Sheridan. In April 1889, The Baltimore Sun reported that the principal and two teachers planted three trees at the new school. The trees were named for Harriet Beecher Stowe, Alice Cary and Phoebe Cary.

For more information about the School House Garden Project, e-mail joestewart31947@comcast.net
—Joe Stewart

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Charles Village and Remington are served by two local public schools, The Barclay School and Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School. To visit Barclay or Margaret Brent and talk with the principal, RSVP for one of the upcoming tours by e-mailing cvschooltours@gmail.com. —Stephanie Sterling, Community Liaison for Great Schools Charles Village

Natural Resources Careers Camp, July 21-28 for HS Students, Seeks Applicants

The Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC) is a great summer opportunity for Maryland high school students (42 max) interested in forests, wildlife, or natural resources. This week-long residential camp is held in Garrett County, Sunday, July 21 thru Saturday July 27 at the Hickory Environmental Education, Accident, MD.

At NRCC, students learn about a wide range of forest, wildlife and natural resources topics with challenging hands-on lessons. They explore careers through field and classroom experiences led by professionals currently working in the field. College credit is available from Allegany College of Maryland, and College Night brings representatives from colleges and universities in the region.

For complete information go to www.marylandforestryboards.org. Apply online. The tuition (scholarship available) is \$400 plus \$100 activity fee. The 24 Maryland County and City Forestry Boards interview and approve their applicants. Contact Sandy Sparks, City Forestry Board, at srsparks@verizon.net for details.

Shirley Brewer's Poetry Book Honors Slain JHU Researcher Stephen Pitcairn

Stephen B. Pitcairn, a 23-year-old Johns Hopkins University Researcher who aspired to be a doctor, was murdered on St. Paul Street on the night of July 25, 2010, as he walked home from Penn Station on return from a trip to New York to visit his sister. At the time, he was talking to his mother on his cell phone.

The week following Stephen's stabbing death, Shirley Brewer wrote a poem titled *Offering* and sent it to the Pitcairn family in Florida. The poem expressed the grief of the entire Charles Village community. His mother, Gwen, wrote a thank you note for the poem and began a correspondence that continues to this day.

Other poems followed. Shirley Brewer's book of poems, *After Words*, honoring the life of Stephen Pitcairn, has just been published by Apprentice House at Loyola University. Gwen Pitcairn wrote the *Dedication* of the book to her son. His Personal Essay—part of his application for medical school—is also included. There is information, as well, about the Stephen Pitcairn Scholarship Fund. The first scholarship was awarded last fall.

"Let *After Words* serve to honor Stephen B. Pitcairn, and the larger community of individuals whose lives have been cut short by knives, guns, and other weapons. Every death affects each of us," states Shirley.

Stephen Gewirtz reported, "Shirley attended the trial of John Wagner, who was convicted by a jury of the murder of Stephen Pitcairn with me. Her message is self explanatory, and I expect her poems to express very well the grief we in Charles Village still feel about the murder of a very promising breast cancer researcher and aspiring physician who lived in Charles Village."

Shirley J. Brewer, a Charles Village resident, is an educator and workshop facilitator. Her poetry has appeared in *The Cortland Review*, *Comstock Review*, *Passager*, *Free Lunch*, *Innisfree Poetry Journal*, *Pearl*, *Evening Street Review*, and other publications. Her poetry chapbook, *A Little Breast Music*, was published in 2008 by Passenger Books (Baltimore). She currently serves as vice-president of the Maryland Writers' Association, Baltimore Chapter, and volunteers at WYPR, the Village Learning Place, and Hippodrome Theatre.

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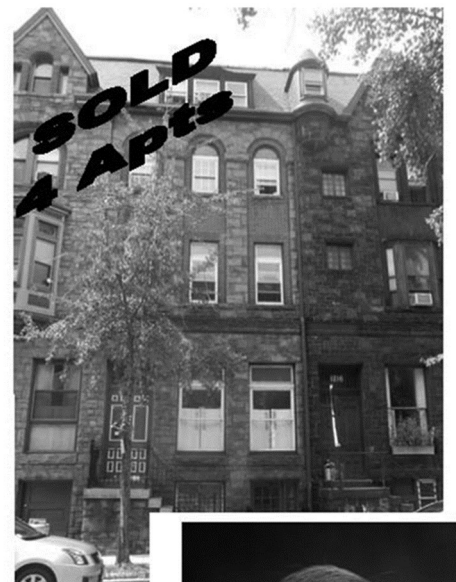
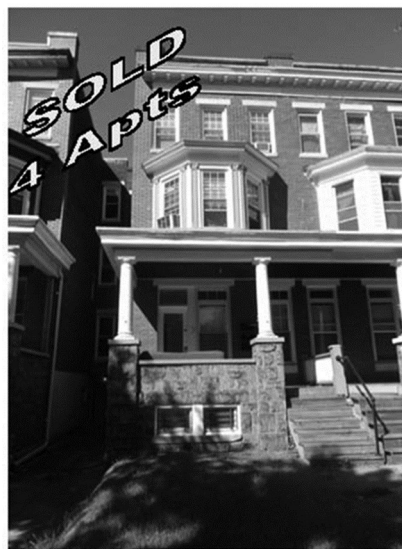
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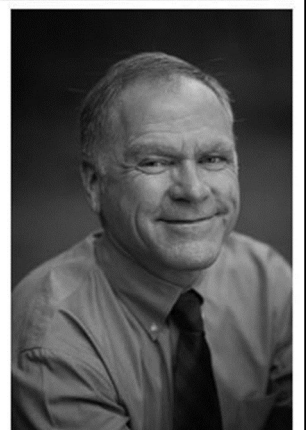
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Village Sellers— Sign up by May 9 at 9pm at <http://vpjunkhunt.eventbrite.com>. \$15/address to participate.



Info— Details are available at charlesvillageparents.org. Contact Steph Cosgrove at 443.759.5686 or cozgrovia@gmail.com

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.

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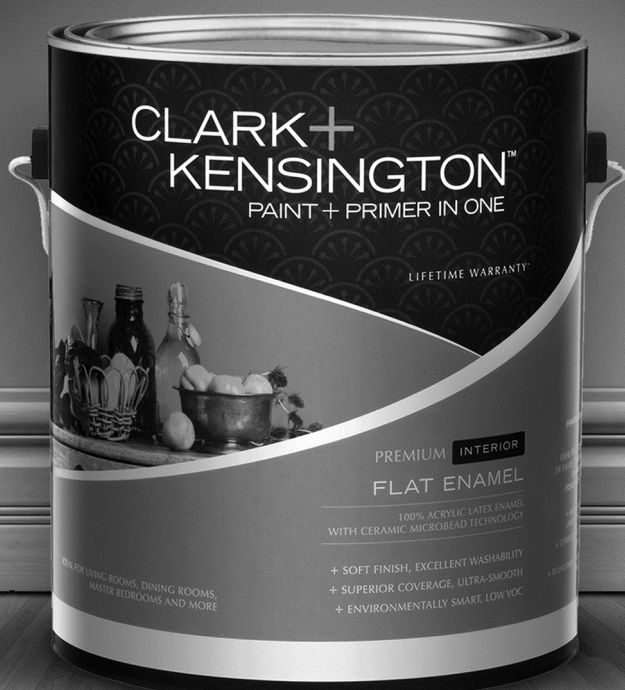
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CV Festival 5K Race & 1K Kids' Fun Run

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

The Charles Village Recreational League teaches sports skills, primarily soccer and basketball, to boys and girls, ages 4-10. The League emphasizes the fun and exercise of the sports more than the competitive aspects and selects parent coaches based on their ability to relate this philosophy to the children and their parents/guardians more than relative experience in either basketball or soccer. For more information on Rec League activities, visit www.charlesvillagerec.org.

1K Kids' Fun Run, June 1

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

Start Time: 9:00 AM

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

5K Race on Saturday, June 1

Starting Point & Registration/Package pickup in front of the Newton White Athletic Center on JHU Homewood Campus. Enter from W. University Parkway on the south side of Homewood Field. Park on nearby streets.

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Course: This loop course starts and finishes adjacent to Homewood Field with a course through the JHU campus and along lovely, shaded San Martin Drive.

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By May 30— register online at active.com

5K Race Registration & Packet Pickup:

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