

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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Spring 2014

At 20, CVCBD Moves Forward for 4th Reauthorization

The Charles Village Community Benefits District (CVCBD) turns 20 this year. Once again the CVCBD is up for reauthorization for four more years by the City Council. As a resident who went from opponent, to skeptic, to board member, to board president and booster, I want to bear witness to the contributions the CVCBD has made to the overall health of our community. The benefits district deserves to be reauthorized. The CVCBD offers a good return on a modest investment by residents and business people, representing about 3,400 properties.

When my wife, Jennifer Martin, and I purchased our home on the 2500 block of Guilford Avenue in 1991, we weren't sure how long we would stay in Baltimore. My wife was a graduate student at Hopkins, and I was working in DC, so we had chosen a block convenient to both Penn Station and JHU. We were drawn to the community by its location, great housing stock and its diverse and welcoming residents.

But our commitment to staying in Charles Village was tested those first few years. From day one, we knew all was not well. David Gordon, a 25-year old father of two employed at the Whitman-Requardt engineering firm, then located at 2315 St. Paul Street, was murdered in December 1990 in an armed robbery on the company's parking lot on Calvert Street just a couple blocks from us. Crime seemed out of control. Car break-ins were endemic. At night, we often heard gunshots. Picking up litter from the street seemed an endless task. An empty lot at the end of our block was so strewn with garbage—knee deep in couches, refrigerators, and trash of all kinds—that it seemed impossible to imagine that it could ever be reclaimed.

We had the advantage of a strong block with lots of long-term residents, both home owners and renters, who took their responsibilities seriously. But there was only so much we could do as volunteers without some sort of professional support.

In 1992, after a year of intensive community-based planning, the South Charles Village Partnership floated a proposal for a special taxing district to provide supplemental safety and sanitation services in south Charles Village. Because the area was a truly mixed residential and business area, the proposal called for the creation of a *Community Benefits District* to charge an annual property surcharge tax on both residential and commercial properties—a totally new concept.

I was frankly skeptical. Weren't we already paying for police protection and trash pick-up? Why should we pay more? And wouldn't the proposed district just push our problems next door? Would ordinary people even have a voice on the Board of Directors? Initial plans did not make provision for elected at-large representatives. It looked like only well-connected civic and business leaders would determine the budget and priorities of the new Management Authority.

Many of my neighbors shared my skepticism. Desperate as we were for help, we were not convinced that a special benefits district was the answer to what ailed Charles Village. When the initial proposal for the South Charles Village area expanded to include Charles Village up to 33rd

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Garden Walk '14 Delights & Inspires on June 1

After the unforgiving winter, on Sunday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Charles Village Garden Walk will delight you with a bouquet of gardens to stimulate your senses and perhaps inspire you. This year's gardens reflect the joyful labors and creativity of their owners north of 29th Street.

Whether you prefer a sun-filled garden or a garden resplendent in shade, you will find it hard to have just one favorite! Generally accessed through the alley, most of the gardens on the tour are not viewable from the street nor are they open to the public except on this occasion. The gardeners will cheerfully share their experiences and advice.

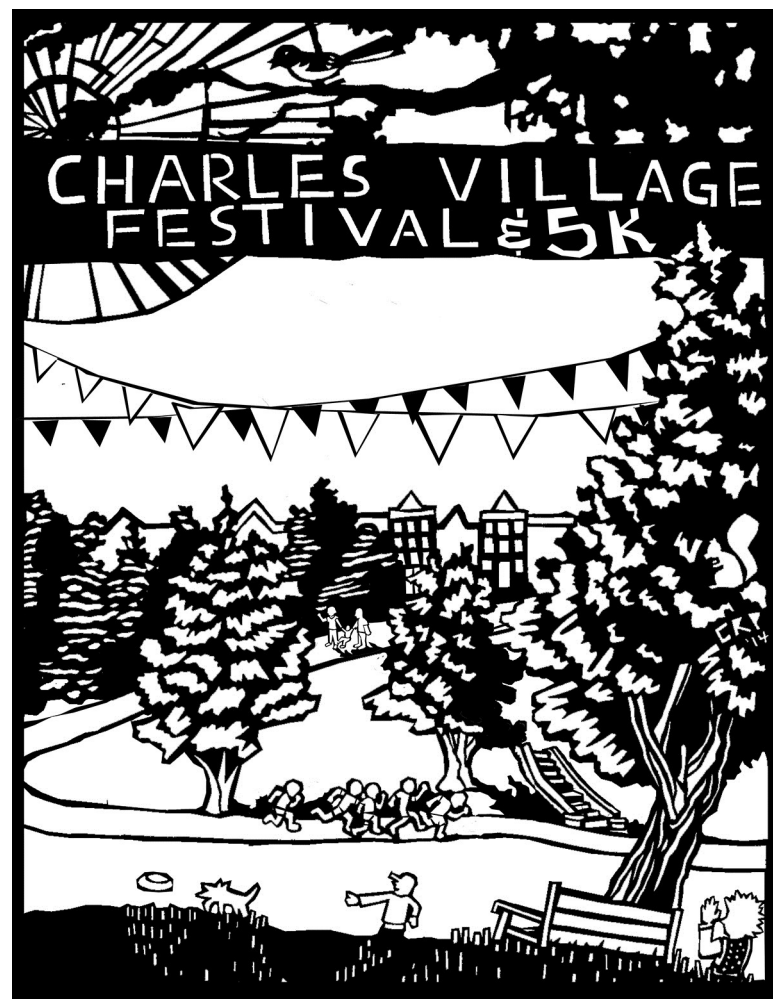
Walk the numbered route in the tour brochure at your own pace and enjoy this truly beautiful neighborhood with all of its mature gardens and historic homes. The Garden Walk brochure will again feature an original woodcut print by Eric Leland. The brochures have become collectable in and of themselves thanks to Eric's beautiful work! See more of his hand-printed artwork at Eric's Leland Manufactory booth at the Charles Village Festival.

Susan Walther is working with me to design beautiful flags for the tour. All participating gardens will be clearly marked with numbered garden signs. We want this to be the best Garden Walk ever!

In advance, purchase Garden Walk tickets on Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Waverly Farmers Market for \$15. When you purchase an advance ticket, you will receive a voucher to redeem at the Charles Village Festival Garden Walk Booth for the brochure with map of the self-guided tour. The brochure serves as your official ticket and will be available the day of the tour, June 1, beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets are also available at www.brownpapertickets.com for \$15. until midnight May 31.

On May 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 1 until 2 p.m. you can purchase tickets for \$20. at the Charles Village Festival. Tickets must be redeemed and brochures must be claimed at the festival booth prior to 2 p.m. on June 1. All purchased tickets are nonrefundable.

—Jeanne Knight, Garden Walk Chair



Get Set, Go— Charles Village Festival '14
Wyman Park Dell by W. 29th & N. Howard

May 31 & June 1

charlesvillagefestival.net

Contact John McLane, Festival Chair,
charlesvillagefestival@gmail.com



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Buy Garden Walk '14 Tickets in Advance...
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CVCA MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 7 PM

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

CVCA Board Meetings

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21 & June 18

Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

www.charlesvillage.net

CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

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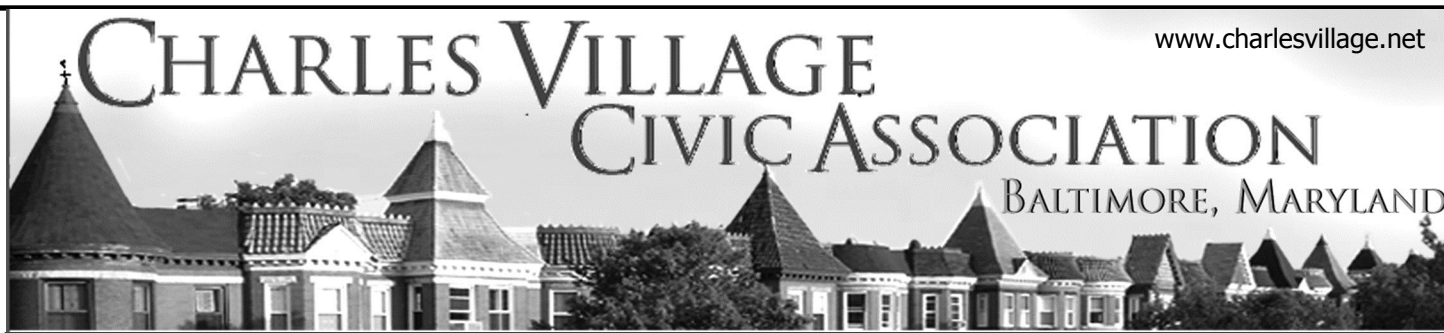
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President's Letter

Sandy Sparks, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

In the months ahead, the reauthorization process for the Charles Village Community Benefits District (CVCBD) takes place. I urge strong support for the City Council Bill #14-0324. Your personal letters of support will demonstrate the diverse range of CVCBD services and programs throughout the District to the City Council and Mayor.

Following is the CVCA Board's March 19 letter of support: The Charles Village Civic Association greatly appreciates and enthusiastically supports the dedicated work by the CVCBD. The District of Greater Charles Village is definitely cleaner, safer, greener and more attractive.

- ▶ The CVCBD Clean Team regularly cleans our streets and storm drains of leavers and debris, empties the 85 CVCBD trash receptacles as often as needed— some daily, removes bulk trash from the alleys as required.
- ▶ The CVCBD Safety Program expanded to include patrolling by armed Off-Duty Police Officers. With grant funding, the CVCBD installed 10 additional surveillance cameras to bring the total CVCBD area CitiWatch cameras to 50 for 24/7 surveillance. With CVCBD support, the volunteer-driven Neighborhood Walker patrols continue to expand crime prevention in coordination with the Community Safety Council of local security professionals.
- ▶ Increasingly, the CVCBD is seeking major grant funding and non-profit agency contributions to leverage the \$674,607 (FY2013) in CVCBD surcharges paid by approximately 3,400 properties, whether residential or commercial, for the benefit of all in Greater Charles Village.

In the last four years, the CVCBD Management Authority has steadily made Greater Charles Village a better place to live, work, study and play. CVCA strongly urges the reauthorization of the Charles Village Community Benefits District City Council Bill #14-0324.

Thank you for expressing your support for reauthorizing CVCBD.

Be a Leader on Your Block

Learn how to access services from the City and the CVCBD. Be the communication link between your block and those whose job it is to help you make your block the best it can be. Attend Charles Village Block Leader monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday from 6–8 pm at 2434 St. Paul Street. Training and support provided by Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC).

See Block Leader Updates at www.charlesvillage.org tab for Staff and Services/Outreach. To receive the updates, e-mail Sharon@charlesvillage.org.

Neighborhood Walkers Expand

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

Charles Village Central/Harwood Walks

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

Charles Village West Walks

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

Abell Walks

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

Old Goucher Anti-Prostitution Walks

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

Charles Village North Walks

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

Harwood Walks

Coming Soon.

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 January 1, April 1, July 1, October 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

Call for Festival '14 Craft, Commercial & Non-Profit Vendors

Go to
www.charlesvillagefestival.net
for info & applications



Call for Festival '14 VOLUNTEERS

Contact

John McLane, Festival Chair,
charlesvillagefestival@gmail.com



The Charles Village Recreation League's Phoenix Girls U11 Soccer Team, Fall 2013. Pictured in the back from the left: Coaches Brad Chranko and Jennifer Martin. From the left, standing team members: Camille, Anna, Tess, Sammy (holding our mascot, Charles the phoenix), Felix and Isabelle and seated team members: Celia, Tate, Elegia, Sabina, Simone, Lili

Festival Benefits CV Recreation League

In 1993, Ed Hargadon, Jim Casey and John Fink, started the Charles Village Recreation League (CVRL). They wanted their children to have recreational opportunities commonly found in the suburbs without having to leave the city. The three are also the founding fathers of the annual Charles Village Festival and the Community Foundation. CVRL benefits greatly from its annual partnership with the Charles Village Festival to support the league. CVRL volunteers organize the Fun Run and staff the water table for the 5K.

The Rec League is an all-volunteer organization that provides recreational sports for school-aged children and youth (ages 4 to 14) with an emphasis on fun, skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. CVRL currently offers clinic and travel soccer in both fall and spring along with futsal and a small basketball program in conjunction with the 33rd Street YMCA in the winter.

In 2013, 400 kids played for and with CVRL. The Spring 2014 CVRL Soccer Clinic for four-to-eight year olds filled up in two weeks. The program will be up

Festival '14 Main Stage Live Music

Saturday, May 31

11-12:30 The Music Workshop Kids Rock —Classic & Modern Rock
1-2:30 Sentimental Journey— 18 Piece Big Band
3-4:30 Brian Koogen and Friends— Jazz
5-6:30 Barley Juice Unplugged— Irish
7-9 Technicolor Motor Home— 10-piece Steely Dan Tribute Band

Sunday, June 1

11- Noon Eliza Doering and The Penny Black— Indie Band
12:30- 2 Lafayette Gilchrist featuring The New Volcano Horns—Jazz
2:30- 4 Jam Sandwich— Classic Rock
4:30- 6 The All Mighty Senators— Urban Funk & Soul

Festival'14 Kids Rock Stage

Saturday, May 31 & Sunday, June 1

The Music Workshop presents kids bands between Main Stage acts.

—Jim Jones, The Music Workshop, 410.323.1524

and ready again for the fall along with travel soccer for kids ages nine and up. Activities are provided at reasonable rates to ensure the widest possible access. To keep costs low, CVRL depends on volunteers and on cooperative relationships with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, Village Learning Place, GreenMount School, the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul and the 33rd Street Y. Volunteers serve as coaches, assistants, parent managers and board members.

For more information or to volunteer with the CVRL, please go to charlesvillagerec.org or contact us at charlesvillagerec@gmail.com. Go CVRL— City Sports for City Kids! —Martha Holleman, CVRL President

Register for CV Festival 5K Race...

Go to www.active.com by May 29. Registration Form & all race details on page 12.

Free Registration for CV Festival 1Kid's Run...

Register at the 5K Race site on May 31. See page 12.



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LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7pm, March 7th - April 11th

Reconciliation Friday: April 11th 3 - 8pm

Palm Sunday: Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am & 5pm

Wednesday of Holy Week: 7pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Vigil until 10pm

Good Friday: 7pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8pm Great Vigil - The First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am & 5pm

Regular Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11am, & 5pm; Confession Saturday 3pm

Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions: Wednesdays 7pm

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Saturday, May 31st

9am - 1pm

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Dawna Cobb

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Of the many snow-driven complaints I heard or observed were the number of people who did not shovel their sidewalks. Some Villagers on East 31st Street were cited for failing to shovel their walks after one of the earlier storms. That's what it took to get some folks to do the right thing because their walks were clean after subsequent storms. How hard it is to shovel a few squares of pavement? Let's hope that next year, Charles Villagers will take up their shovels and clear their walks. We all need to watch out for each other and this is one good way. All of this reminds me of the Liberty Insurance advertisement that says "Responsibility. What is your policy?"

Abell and Charles Village lost someone wonderful when **Kay Halle**, 3000 block of Abell Avenue, died on Saturday March 1, from cancer. Kay was an avid runner, which is why this news was so shocking. I'm also a runner and, our paths often crossed and sometimes we would stop to chat for a bit. Earlier this winter, Kay wasn't feeling well so she went to the doctor. She learned that she had 4th stage lung cancer. Her neighbor and friend, Abell resident, JoAnn Robinson, wrote this dedication. "Kay will be remembered by many for her dedicated regimen of running, no matter the weather. We also saw her frequently towing her grandchildren in what was probably the same wagon in which she pulled her son and daughter, Stefan and Kyra, in the 1970s. Her children and mine grew up together, with Kay organizing our infant play groups and taking the lead in establishing and administering the Red Wagon Child Care Center where so many Abell/Waverly kids were nurtured. Kay headed up the parent delegation from Red Wagon that descended on Barclay School with the message that we believed in public education and wanted to be part of the school community (which we soon were). A moving force in the Women's Liberation movement, labor organizing initiatives, youth sports coaching and untold undertakings for the betterment of children and youth, one of Kay's last endeavors was as Coordinator of the Baltimore chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN), devoted to ending bullying and promoting the creation of safe environments for all young people."

Anyone wanting to honor Kay and her project, Safe Space for All Baltimore, can continue on in the hands of her trusted colleagues. Contributions may be made to the Kay Halle Memorial Fund at the Baltimore Community Foundation. Please make checks payable to the Baltimore Community Foundation, noting Kay Halle Memorial Fund, in the memo line. Mail to: Kay Halle Memorial Fund, c/o BCF 2 E. Read Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 or make a credit card donation over \$100, at www.bcf.org/kayhalle. A memorial service will be held on April 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the 29th Street Community Center, 300 E. 29th Street.

Congratulations to some young students at the **Barclay School** for their accomplishments at the Science Olympiad at Morgan State University. For information on the Olympiad-go to www.soinc.org. Student volunteers from the JHU Whiting School of Engineering work one-on-one with the Barclay students in an after-school program three days a week at the 29th Street Community Center run by the Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC). Hannah Gardi, Director, commented, "Though the Barclay School team was small, their presence was larger than life. Students Marcus, Kim, and Malik won First Place in five categories, Second Place in four, and Third Place in one. But to top it all off, they were awarded Second Place overall at the tournament and have now advanced to the State Competition at JHU on March 29. We are so proud. Go team!" For more about the Charm City Science League and its efforts to engage Baltimore City public school students in science check out google.com/site/charmcityscienceleague/home.

Guilford Avenue's **Frank Jannuzi** has a great new job. After two years serving as Deputy Executive Director of Amnesty International, USA, Frank will soon take on a new challenge as President and Executive Director of the Mansfield Foundation, which promotes understanding and cooperation between the United States and East Asia. Frank says one highlight of the new gig will be summer in Montana! On the kid front, Frank and his wife, **Jennifer Martin** are proud that daughter **Zoe**, soon to graduate from Patterson Park Public Charter School and a veteran of at least a dozen Spaghetti Discos, has been accepted at the Baltimore School for the Arts in dance. Still, my favorite Jannuzi story, is how his daughters kicked it at the Patterson Park Spelling Bee. In the school-wide open spelling bee for grades 3-8, **Zoe Jannuzi**, 8th grade, narrowly defeated her sister **Camille Jannuzi**, 5th grade, for the win.

On February 22, Guilford Avenue resident **Connie Sanabria** and several friends and colleagues including **Peter DiPrinzio**, and **Kevin Olive** created, cooked, and served a traditional French dinner to 18 guests including Connie's

Guilford Avenue housemates **Rebecca, Ali, Sarah and Christian**. The chefs titled the evening as, hon, hon, hon un diner français en Baltimore, where they guaranteed wine, *poulet* cooked in wine and no whining for an evening of great food, but even better people. 30th Street resident **Donna Poggi Keck** and I were lucky enough to be included in this festive evening with a lovely young group of twenty somethings.

East 32nd Street resident, **Rich Walther**, and intrepid Charles Villager Distribution Manager, recently came back from his third trip to El Salvador where he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Rich helped build houses in a mountainous area in the northwest of the Country. He plans to return again this summer.

Congratulations to **John and Patty McLane** residents of the 3000 block of Guilford Avenue. The Baltimore Circuit Court has approved their petition to adopt their son **Jack**, 6 months old. Last summer, they brought the newly born Jack home from Arizona. He is now officially a McLane. What a happy event!

Gloria Garrett an artist who lives on the 2600 block of North Charles recently launched a website where folks can buy prints and original works. Her website is www.gloriasart.com

Good bye and good luck to Saint Paul Street resident **Mariann Millard** who has relocated to New England. Husband **Jeff Millard** will stay behind to finish up his stint at M&T Bank before he retires. Jeff has a snow blower and could be counted on in every snowstorm to carve a path around the 2900 blocks of St. Paul and Charles Streets. Jeff has been active with CVCA, the Charles Village Community Benefits District and the Charles Village Rec League. Jeff we will miss you! Mariann, where will the neighbors of JHU fraternities do without your keeping their feet to the fire about maintaining their properties? Best of luck back in your native New England.

Good community works... **Harwood residents Amanda Ruthven and Ryan Parnell**, 400 block Whitridge Avenue, have made great

efforts to organize low cost activities in their neighborhood. They recently shared their experience at Greater Homewood's most recent Neighborhood Institute. These activities include a community garden, a new mural and a Halloween haunted house for area kids. As they discovered and as anyone who lives on Abell and Guilford Avenue knows, Harwood kids do not have a tradition of trick or treating in their own neighborhood. Amanda and Ryan have set out to change this. Ryan created a haunted house in a vacant house that a relative was rehabbing. The community garden is at the corner of Greenmount and Whitridge. Amanda paid for the plants and 100 cheap watering cans. Community members, including kids, helped plant and care for the garden. Amanda gave the watering cans to the kids so they could help water the garden and feel responsible for its success.

Condolences to Abell residents **Sylvia Cohn** and her son, **Natan Lawson**, whose beloved dog, **Melvin** recently died. Natan, now almost 26, was about eight when Melvin came into his life and was a beloved pet.

Welcome to new neighbors **Beth and David Tohn** who have purchased a home and moved to the 2900 block of St. Paul. They have already experienced a friendly Charles Village welcome and are very excited to be here from Anne Arundel County. Two years ago David retired as a career Army officer and is Senior VP for Strategy for a small company in Columbia. Beth teaches at a home-school co-op in Crofton and is a meeting and event management consults in the non-profit sector. She was a chef/caterer in a prior life and still likes to offer cooking classes. Beth hopes to host small classes in her lovely new kitchen after she has had time to settle in. They have an Australian Shepherd, Zephyr, who is busy making her own doggie friends in Wyman Park Dell. Of their three kids, two are in college and one lives and works in Tampa, Florida. Welcome!

Better broadband in Baltimore... I learned from the recent Roland Park newsletter about a campaign to improve high-speed internet in Baltimore. Baltimore ranks 2,632 among American communities that have access to fast (gigabit) internet. Baltimore residents also pay more for internet, phone and television costs than residents in other communities where there is competition among internet providers who have installed fiber optic networks. In short, Baltimore residents pay more for slower Internet! Roland Parkers have joined members of other communities to convince alternative fiber providers to invest in Baltimore. If you are interested in joining this effort, go to www.rolandpark.org.

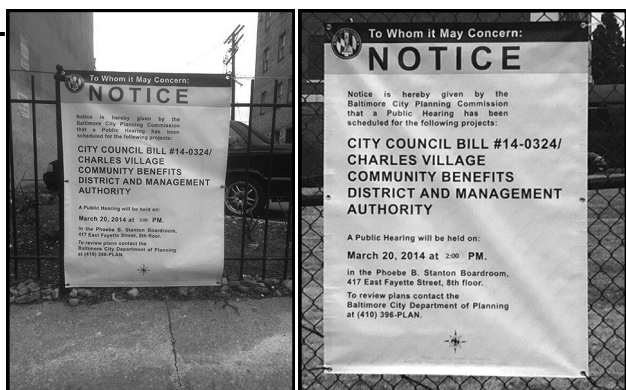
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Charles Village Easter Egg Hunt April 19 at Dell Playground

On Saturday afternoon, April 19, please join Charles Village Parents for the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Wyman Park Dell Playground Area by W. 29th and Charles Streets.

We'll gather at 3 pm for snacks and games. The egg hunt will start at 3:30 pm. Two age categories will hunt at the same time— 0-4 and 5+. Rain location is the 29th Street Community Center. We'll announce a move to the rain location by 10 am on Saturday, April 19.

Please contact Jenn DiFrancesco at jenndifrancesco@gmail.com.



These official signs in the 2400 and 3200 blocks of St. Paul Street notified the public of the first CVCBD Reauthorization Hearing before the City Planning Commission on March 20.



The Mayor's Spring Cleanup Saturday April 26, 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

DUMPSTER LOCATIONS
Harwood— NW corner of Barclay & 27th Street
Charles Village— NE corner of Maryland & 27th
Abell— Abell & 31st
Old Goucher— Charles & 22nd

CVCBD Sanitation Services

Daily, the CVCBD maintains its 85 green trash cans at street corners throughout the District and also removes litter, leaves and other small debris by sweeping the sidewalks, gutters and alleys. Averaging 4,680 bags per month, the CVCBD removed and disposed of 224,648 bags of trash from the District from 2010 through 2013.

Bulk Trash Removal

The CVCBD picks up and disposes of bulk trash items such as tables, chairs, bureaus, and televisions. Averaging 130 items per month, the CVCBD removed 6,462 bulk trash items from 2010 through 2013.

Fall Leaf Removal Campaign

Each year during the Fall Leaf Removal Campaign, the CVCBD assists residents in the removal of leaves, removing 3,000–4,000 bags of leaves.

Rat Abatement Program

Since August 2012, CVCBD contracts with a local professional exterminating company to maintain 450 rat bait stations. Thousands of rats have died in their burrows and on private property as a result of this project. CVCBD staff have removed over 1,200 dead rats from alleys and other public areas.

Snow removal

Whenever it snows in Baltimore, CVCBD staff removes snow from around fire hydrants, bus stops, storm drains and clears pathways at street corners for pedestrians.

Reauthorizing Process Begins for CVCBD

By law every four years the Baltimore City Council is required to review the performance of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and to decide whether or not to reauthorize it for 4 more years of operation.

In February, the process began with by introducing **City Council Bill #14-0324/ Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority**. The Council then referred the issue to the Baltimore Planning Commission and then the Urban Affairs and Aging Committee for public hearings on the CVCBD's performance in the last 4 years.

Residents are encouraged to write letters in advance of the public hearings and also testify. Both the Planning Commission and City Council Committee submit reports summarizing their finding to City Council. Finally, City Council votes on reauthorization. This legislative process will be completed by June.

We encourage you to participate in this process. Please submit your letters with Reference: City Council Bill #14-0324/ Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority to:

- ▶ Mr. Thomas Stosur, Director of Planning: tom.stosur@baltimorecity.gov
- ▶ The Honorable Sharon Middleton, Chair, City Council Committee on Urban Affairs and Aging: sharon.middleton@baltimorecity.gov
- ▶ The Honorable Mary Pat Clarke, City Council Representative, District 14: mary-pat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov
- ▶ The Honorable Carl Stokes, City Council Representative, District 12: carl.stokes@baltimorecity.gov
- ▶ The Honorable Bernard (Jack) Young, City Council President: councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov

CVCBD Safety Services

Safety Patrol Program

Started in September 2012, Safety Patrols provide an increased sense of security for residents. The CVCBD hires armed off-duty police officers with arrest powers who patrol three or four nights per week, targeting crime hot spots.

Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol

Neighborhood Walker Patrols engage residents in efforts to safeguard their community and promote a sense of personal well-being and neighbor responsibility. To this end, CVCBD trains and supports volunteer residents, property owners and business owners to walk regularly through their immediate area identifying and reporting suspicious activity along with unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

National Night out against Crime

National Night out against Crime is a nation-wide event in early August for law-abiding citizens to meet with like-minded citizens, show solidarity in opposition to criminal activities and learn ways to reduce crime in their community. CVCBD supports and organizes three or four NNOAC events in neighborhoods.

Surveillance Camera Project

The camera help spot crime and emergencies to direct police or emergency services immediately to the scene. The camera system produces high quality video recordings of illegal activities that can be used by the police and courts to identify and prosecute criminals. Currently, there are about 50 CitiWatch cameras in the Benefits District, including 10 purchased in 2013. CVCBD plans to install ten more video cameras in 2014. Baltimore CitiWatch monitors the cameras 24/7 and maintains them at no cost to the CVCBD.

Safety Advisory Council

In late 2010, the CVCBD reinstated the Safety Advisory Council (SAC) that consists of major stakeholders in the community concerned with safety. The CVCBD organizes and supports the SAC, which meets monthly to exchange information about recent criminal activity discuss ideas about how to improve safety..

Court Watch Program

Coordinated by CVCBD, the Court Watch program tracks cases involving defendants arrested for committing crimes in the area and influences court decisions by submitting Community Impact Letters (CIL) regarding the negative effect of the criminal activity. Working closely with the States Attorney's Office, as of December 2013, CVCBD has forwarded 227 CIL's to the courts.

CVCBD Special Projects

In addition to its regular safety, sanitation and outreach services, the CVCBD has been involved in many "special projects" during the past four years.

CSX

Since 2010, CSX has contracted with CVCBD for CVCBD to mow and edge the green spaces along the CSX fence line on 26th Street from Howard to Lock Raven.

Community Garden at 23rd and Hunter

In 2011-2012 CVCBD staff helped to organize residents to convert a vacant lot at 23rd and Hunter Street into a community vegetable garden. The CVCBD recruited volunteers, identified a master gardener who designed the garden and oversaw the volunteers' work, wrote several successful grant applications to fund the project, trained volunteers, and organized several weekend work events.

Harwood 26^{ers} Sign

In 2012, CVCBD restored the Harwood 26ers sign located at 26th and Greenmount.

Vineyard Lane Reading Garden

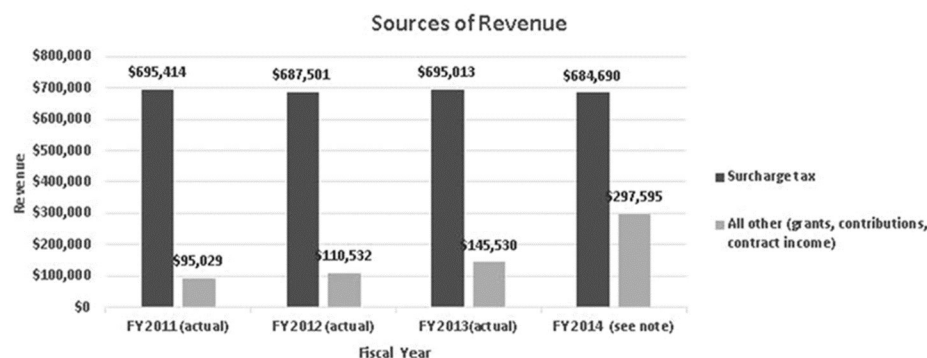
Beginning in 2012, the CVCBD has assisted a group of volunteers. the Vineyard Lane Gardeners. writing grants and helping to organize work events.

Support for Community Events

CVCBD participates in and supports community events such as the Mayor's Fall and Spring Cleanups, the Abell Street Fair and the Charles Village Festival. The CVCBD always strive to improve our services to the community. We are proud of our accomplishments over the past four years— enhanced all of our programs and added a few that are very popular with residents.

CVCBD Finances

Revenue: Property owners within the Benefits District pay a tax surcharge of 12 cents per \$100 of assessed property value to help fund CVCBD services. CVCBD supplements this revenue primarily from grants, and a small amount of additional revenue from fee for service contracts and contributions. Over the past four years, revenue from grants has increased significantly as shown in the chart below..



***Note:** Revenue for FY 2014 includes actual surcharge tax and other revenue as of 2/2014 plus expected surcharge tax and other sources of revenue projected through 6/2014. Expenses for FY 2014 includes actual expenses through 2/2014 plus expected routine and grant related expenses projected through 6/2014. See more financial info at www.charlesvillage.org.*



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VLP Calendar

Read Between the Wines— Saturday, April 12, 7 to 11pm

We kick off National Library Week with a celebration held in our historic library and community garden. Gather with your neighbors, celebrate literary classics and bid on great live and silent auction items. A 21+ event. \$50 for advance tickets. \$60 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, visit www.villagelearningplace.org

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.

April 9— Ron Tanner, author, From Animal House to Our House— A Love Story, will discuss restoring homes in Charles Village

May 14— Rafael Alvarez will read from his new book, *Tales from the Holy Land*. Please join us for a stimulating and humorous evening of literary delights.

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 17— Researching Maryland's Polonia: Challenges and Rewards led by Thomas L. Hollowak

May 15— Baltimore's Historic Places: Now What? Led by Johns Hopkins, Executive Director, Baltimore Heritage

June 19— Tinged with Hostility: Competing Agendas and Social Justice Reform in Baltimore, 1930–1950, led by David Terry

Senior Tea— 2nd Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon

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

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

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

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

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

Parent's Night Out— April 24 and May 22, 7 pm

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



On March 1, a crowd of all ages lit up the dance floor at the 16th Annual Spaghetti Disco, which returned to its original site in the SS. Philip & James Church Hall.

Many Thanks to Spaghetti Disco 16's Generous Sponsors

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VLP Moves Festival '14 Activities for Kids & Families to Dell's Playground Area

For fun kids' activities on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., head to the beautiful, new playground by 29th Street & Charles Street in Wyman Park Dell. There is always super fun face painting, carnival games, prizes, and the crowd favorite moon bounce. More details about special guests and performers are to come. Kick off the summer season the festival way!



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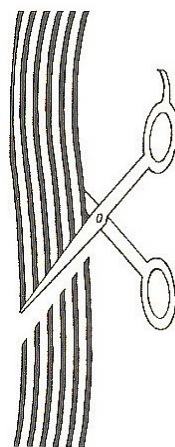
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The Baltimore Museum of Art

While construction is progressing on Charles Street, the BMA has moved its entrance and gift shop to the West side. Don't miss **Black Box: Camille Henrot**. See the first U.S. museum present Henrot's *Grosse Fatigue*, an energetic and poetic 13-minute video on the creation of the world—worth seeing twice. Exhibit continues to June.

The Renoir has Returned! The painting, *On the Shore of the Seine*, was stolen from the museum in 1951 and rescued from a Virginia auction house. The BMA is pleased that the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia has awarded ownership of the stolen Renoir painting to the Museum.

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

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 443.573.1700. Box Office: 443.573.1701 or www.artbma.org.

The Walters Art Museum

Designed for Flowers: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Betsy and Robert Feinberg Collection. Experience contemporary forms of this traditional art form from Japan. Through May 11.

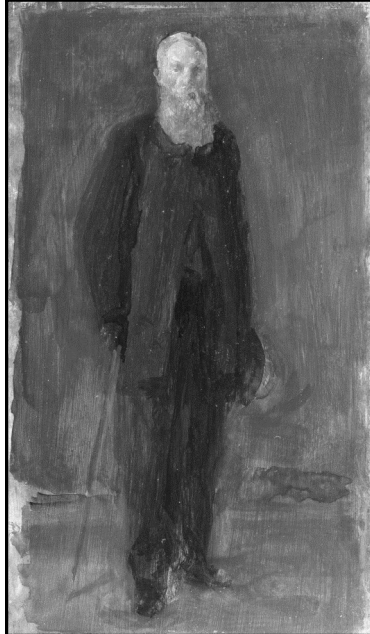
Revisit some of your old favorites at The Walters—Egyptian sarcophagi, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent or James McNeill Whistler.

Drop-in Art Activities for Families are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am–3 pm. The April theme: **Flowers & Vessels Music**.

The Museum is Free (some special exhibitions may require a fee). General Information: 410.547.9000 or visit www.thewalters.org.

MICA names **Samuel Hoi** as next President effective July 1. Currently president of Otis College of Art and Design, in Los Angeles, Hoi will succeed President **Fred Lazarus IV**, who is stepping down after a 36-year presidential tenure at the 188-year old arts institution. Hoi's appointment follows a unanimous vote by the board. We welcome Mr. Hoi to Baltimore.

American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Highway. **Human, Soul & Machine: The Coming Singularity!** takes on a most complex subject yet—examining the rapid and ever-increasing impact of artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology, genetics, 3D printing and Big Data on nearly every aspect of human life. This thought-provoking exhibit investigates technology's influence on issues of privacy and surveillance, employment and manufacturing, longevity and health, defense and warfare, farming and food, access to global and personal information, creative invention, and entertainment. Thru August. Info: AVAM.org



Portrait of George A. Lucas by James McNeil Whistler, 1886. Walters Art Museum

Center Stage, 700 North Calvert Street Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. A lifetime of sibling rivalry explodes into a weekend of comedic pyrotechnics. April 16 – May 25. Tix: 410.332.0033 or www.centerstage.org.

Single Carrot Theater, 2600 Howard The next production in the new space is *The Memo* by Vaclav Havel. Don't miss this satirical take on bureaucracy and office malarkey which is an incisive look at 20th century socialist Czechoslovakia. But it could just as easily be today's America. Through April 27. Tix: 443.844.9253 or singlecarrot.com.

Theatre Project, 45 W. Preston Street **Iron Crow Theater Company** will present *Bareback Ink* by Bob Bartlett. A mysterious, powerful man commissions a tattoo artist to create a large work on the back of his beautiful boy-toy. Greek mythology serves as inspiration for this erotic tale of desire and possession. May 17–May 31. 410.752.8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

The Stoop Storytelling Series

Second Stoop, the all-audience show at The Windup Space, 12 W. North Avenue, Doors, 7:30 p.m. Show, 8 pm. Put your name in the hat to tell a 3-minute story on the theme. **Hair**. Thursday, April 24 Cover at the door. Info: stoopstorytelling.com

Everyman Theater, 315 W. Fayette St. The next production is *By the Way, Meet Vera Stark* by Lynn Nottage. This story about 1930's Hollywood features an African American maid to a white movie star. They end up in the same Southern epic film, but the story behind the camera has been debated for decades. April 16–May 11. Tix: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org.

Spotlighters Theater, 817 St. Paul St.. 52nd Season continues with *Incorruptible* by Michael Hollinger—a dark comedy about the Dark Ages. Whew! April 25–May 18. Tix: 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org

Vagabond Players, 806 S. Broadway in Fells Point, takes on the outrageous fun of *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue. A modern comedy that remains true to human nature despite its absurd excesses. April 18–May 18. 410.563.9135 or www.vagabondplayers.org.

Fells Point Corner Theatre, 251 S. Ann Street in Fells Point. Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* weaves a confrontation between mediocrity and genius as Salieri takes on Mozart. This work won npyj a Tony Award and Academy Award May 2–June 1. Tix: www.fpct.org or call 410.276.7837.

The **Baltimore Concert Opera** brings Giuseppe Verdi's beautiful *El Trovatore* to the restored ballroom of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 W. Mt. Vernon Place. Friday April 11 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 13 at 3:pm. Tickets: www.baltimoreconcertopera.com or 443.445.0226.

The Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric presents Giuseppe Verdi's *Nabucco*. This beautiful opera contains the beloved chorus *Va, Pensiero*. 410.900.1150 or www.modell-lyric.com

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Baltimore resident, Alex Hortis will speak on his book, *The Mob and the City: The Hidden History of How the Mafia Captured New York* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2014) on Sunday, May 18 at 2 pm. Alex writes serious, nonfiction history of the Mafia.

Baltimore Arena Players, 801 McCulloh Street, the oldest continually performing and historically African-American community theatre in the United States since 1953. The next production is *It Happened on the Avenue* a comedy set on our own Pennsylvania Avenue. April 11–May 4. **Mahalia: The Gospel Songstress** covers the career of Mahalia Jackson and her journey. There is much about her life that will be new to you. May 16–June 8. 410.728.6500 or arenaplayers.com.

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra, will present a concert of new and old favorites, including Sibelius' *En Sage* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*. Shriver Hall on the Homewood Campus of JHU. Saturday, April 26 at 8 pm. Tix: 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso

Shriver Hall Concert Series Tine Thing Helseth, trumpet and Kathryn Stott, piano. Sunday April 6, 5:30 pm. Emanuel Ax, piano. Sunday, May 11. 5:30 pm. Tix: 410.516.7164 or www.shriverconcerts.org

Concerts at the Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street **Wonderlic Piano Competition Finals**. , April 6 at 3:30 pm. **Chamber Music by Candlelight**. April 13 at 7:30 pm. Concerts are free to all.

The **Bach Concert Series** at Christ Lutheran Church, Inner Harbor, 701 S. Charles Street. **J.S. Bach Cantata 139 and Oboe Concerto No.3 in G Minor (HWV 287)** by George Frideric Handel. Sunday, May 4 at 4 pm. Free. Tix BachinBaltimore.org or 410.941.9262.

For weekly updates subscribe to **Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance** listserv at www.baltimoreculture.org.

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



Sunday, June 8

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

All rides start and end in Carroll Park. Participants choose from 4 routes: 14 miles (the family ride on the Gwynn's Falls Trail), 25 miles, 35 miles, or a metric century (64 miles).

Proceeds support Baltimore's parks, as well as environmental, "friends of parks", and cycling groups. Tour dem Parks, Hon! is fully supported with rest stops and ends with a jazz barbeque.

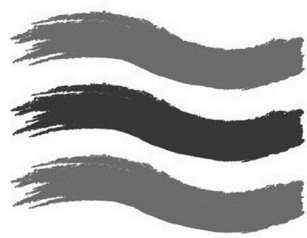
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Street and west to Howard Street plus the Harwood neighborhood and the Waverly business district, the Maryland General Assembly successfully enacted the enabling legislation in 1993.

So when the City Council established the CVCBD in 1994, my block mobilized to ensure that we would at least be represented on the board. We had successfully pushed for the creation of four "at large" representatives to the board, and I was elected to serve as Quad 1 representative in the CVCBD's inaugural year.

Once I joined the board, my skepticism began slowly to be replaced with grudging respect—respect for the hard work of the employees, and more importantly, respect for what the CVCBD might be able to accomplish by weaving together disparate blocks and interests into a more cohesive community. It was through my service on the board that I first became a more engaged resident of Charles Village, learning about the challenges faced by neighbors in Old Goucher, along Greenmount, on Abell Avenue, and on the west side blocks neighboring Remington and Hamden.

It turned out that the value of the CVCBD was not found only in the direct services it provided, but in the sense of community it forged and the political muscle it gave our neighborhood when engaging with the City of Baltimore, the Police Department, Johns Hopkins, recalcitrant absentee landlords, and other community stakeholders. United, we had a greater voice and more power.

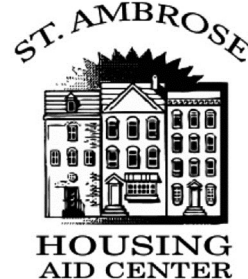
Over the years the CVCBD has gone through several evolutions – from a heavy emphasis on security in the early years to a shift to economic development (the Main Street program, façade improvements, and filling vacant housing), and now to an emphasis on street beautification, bulk trash removal, and promotion. These changes have been orchestrated by all of us, because the CVCBD actually IS responsive to citizen input, and has been since its inception. It's not always been easy to find consensus, but over time the CVCBD has honed its mission and improved its accountability and effectiveness.

The results are obvious to me as long-term resident: cleaner and safer streets and alleys; fewer vacant properties, robust commercial blocks; new investment, and a stronger sense of community. That trash-strewn lot at the end of my block? Gone. Replaced by a green space. I smile every day when I walk by it, remembering the two enormous dumpsters we filled, the way the CVCBD lobbied the railroad to maintain its property, and can-do spirit that still animates my neighbors and the hard-working team at the benefits district. Let's keep it! —*Frank Januzzi*

St. Ambrose Opens Storefront Law Clinic

On March 13, attorneys from St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center began offering free 30 minute consultations at a walk-in legal clinic located at 108 East 25th Street, two blocks from the organization's main office. Jeanette Cole, Director of Legal Services at St. Ambrose, says the storefront clinic is an effort to reach out to more people by being visible on the street. This neighborhood is rich in resources and we need to be more proactive in making people aware of these resources.

While foreclosure prevention will be a major focus at the clinic, Cole says St. Ambrose is broadening its legal services. "We want to assist people with problems that can lead to foreclosure, such as consumer debt or poor credit. If someone is not receiving child support payments or having wages garnished to pay debts, they have a much harder time making the mortgage payment." The St. Ambrose Legal Clinic can help people resolve these housing issues.



Renters are also affected by whether they receive child support and other mandated benefits, says Gerard Joab, Executive Director of St. Ambrose. "Receiving all the income you're due means you're not forced to move from place to place, so your children can have stable schooling. It is not hard to connect access to legal advice with education as well as housing."

Last fall, St. Ambrose partnered with the University of Maryland Carey Law School's Just Advice program to conduct four one-day walk-in clinics at different sites. These clinics proved to be a good test run for the permanent clinic. There is still a huge demand for legal services that is not being met. There are not enough lawyers around to help people who can't afford lawyer fees.

For information about the new St. Ambrose Law Clinic, please contact Jeanette Cole at jeanettec@stambros.org, 410.366.8550, extension 228 or Kimberley Spencer at kimberleys@stambros.org, 443.708.1964. —*Karen Griffin*

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

Info— More details at charlesvillageparents.org
Contact Steph Cosgrove at 443.759.5686 or cozgrovia@gmail.com

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It's Time to Register for K-8 in CV

Don't forget that In-Zone applicants for K-8 are guaranteed a spot at our competitive neighborhood public schools. Enrollment begins April 7! Pre-K applications should be submitted as soon as possible to reserve a space— the number of slots available for Pre-K is limited.

There will be one additional open house for prospective Margaret Brent Families in April at the Village Learning Place, time and date TBD. For information about the upcoming open house and/or to make an appointment to register for the 2014-2015, school year, please contact Sharicca Boldon sboldon@greaterhomewood.org.

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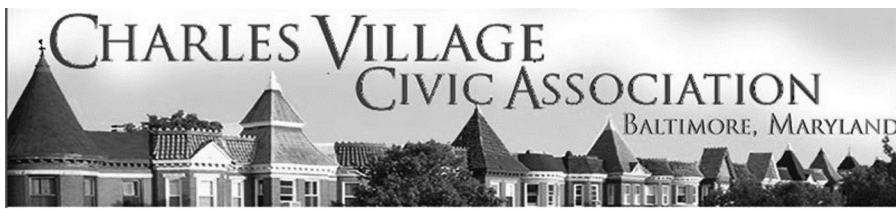
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--Jennifer Erickson, CVCA Membership Chair & E-Newsletter Editor

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CVCA Membership Benefits

Membership includes voting rights at CVCA General Meetings; invitations to special events; community news via weekly e-mails and website updates; CVCA Membership Card offering discounts at local businesses; local delivery of *The Charles Villager* (www.charlesvillage.net for members beyond CVCA borders).

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Charles Village 5K Race, May 31 ENTRY FORM

Fee: ☐ \$30 by May 30 ☐ \$35 Race Day
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T-Shirt Size S____ M____ L____ XL____

T-Shirts for 5K participants only

Release & Waiver

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees do hereby release and discharge the Charles Village Recreational League Inc., The Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore City, the Race Director, all sponsors and any agents as named within this release and waiver. This release covers all claims of damages, demands, and actions whatsoever in any manner arising out of my participation in the Charles Village 5K Race or the 1K Kids' Fun Run. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Signature

Signature of parent or guardian required if participant is under 18 years of age.

Date _____

Make checks payable to: **CVCF**
 Mail to: Charles Village 5K Race
 c/o Falls Rd Running Store
 6247 Falls Road, Baltimore MD 21209

CV Festival 5K Race & 1K Kids' Fun Run on Saturday, May 31

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, May 31.

Started more than 20 years ago by Charles Village parents, the Charles Village Recreation League (CVRL) is an all-volunteer organization that provides recreational sports for school-aged children and youth in Baltimore with an emphasis on fun, skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. The League focuses on recreation for children 4–14 years old and currently offers clinic and travel soccer in both fall and spring and a small basketball program in the winter. For information, visit charlesvillagerec.org.

—John Fink & Ed Hargadon, Chairs, Charles Village Festival 5K Race & 1K Kids' Fun

1K Kids' Fun Run, May 31

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, May 31 Register by May 29 at www.active.com

Starting Point & Registration:

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 by the Newton White Athletic Center with a course through the JHU campus and along lovely, shaded San Martin Drive.

Awards: Top three male and female finishers Age Group Awards: 15 and under, 15–19, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60+ Random Awards: Numerous random prizes will be raffled. Must be present to win.

Amenities: Collectible, commemorative T-shirt to all 5K entrants. Splits at one and two mile marks. Medical support provided. Refreshments & awards ceremonies at JHU.

5K Race Registration & Packet Pickup:

Registration & Packet pickup will be held Friday, May 30 from Noon to 6 PM at the Falls Road Running Store, 6247 Falls Road, Baltimore 21209, and on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7 AM in front of the White Hall Gym on the JHU Homewood Campus.

For more information on the 5K Race, please call Jim Adams at Falls Road Running Store at 410.296.5050

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