# Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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## Census 2010— Everybody Counts for Baltimore City

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state and local governments based in part on census data. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more. Most important—Baltimore City will receive around \$2,000 per individual per year for the next decade.

Census Day—April 1 is less than 2 months away. In mid-March, the 2010 Census Form will be delivered to every household in the United States and Puerto Rico. Upon receiving this census questionnaire, take 10 minutes to answer the 10 short questions and then 2010 Census, continued on page 10

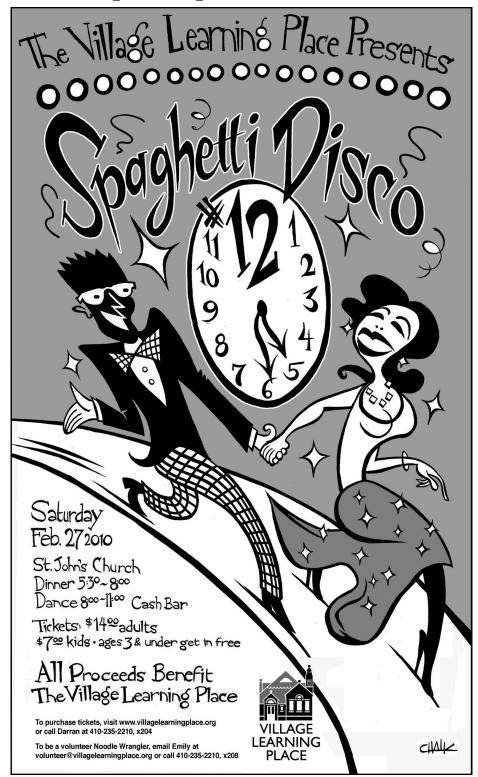
# It's In Our Hands, Baltimore!

Each Baltimore resident should be counted to improve our representation in state and federal government and increase local funding. In the 2000 census Baltimore's populations totaled 651,154 with a 53% response rate, compared to the US average response of 67%. The 2008 estimate for the City of Baltimore was 636,919. Baltimore had the lowest response rate in the country when measured against cities of similar populations. Renters are encouraged to fill out the form including our college students, many who live in Greater Homewood neighborhoods. Additionally, foreign citizens, regardless of citizenship status, who reside in Baltimore are encouraged to fill out the form.

The Baltimore City Planning Department is leading the charge. Over the past year, public and private organizations have been working on Baltimore's Complete Count Committee to promote and assist with getting the response rate increased.

Plan a Census event in your neighborhood. Lend a hand to help dispel fears among those populations that are reluctant to be counted. It's In Our Hands, Baltimore! Be COUNTED.

For more census information visit, www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/Planning/2010Census.





## **CVCA MEETINGS**

General Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 7 PM
SS. Philip & James, Parish Hall, Downstairs

2801 N. Charles Street

Board of Directors Meetings
Wednesday, February 17, March 17 & April 21
Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

www.charlesvillage.net

## Family Visits St. Paul Street House with Memories of Doctor

In Fall 2005, The Charles Villager published my article about our house's history (see www.charlesvillage.net). After 36 years living here, I am delighted to know more about the prior owner, Charles P. Clautice, MD. Recently, his nephew, Greg Dahlem, checked the website and found my article. Through the CVCA, he contacted me to visit.

Two days before Christmas, Greg, a Florida resident, and his younger brother, Steve, wife and son visited our St. Paul Street house. As they came in the front door, they were awestruck with the familiarity of the doors and original hardware. The brothers spent many days as children playing in the house. They chatted continually giving me so much new information about 3013 St. Paul Street.

Our living room was divided into Dr. Clautice's waiting and examining room. They remembered dark, heavy wooden chairs and a bench for waiting patients. Their job was to ring the backstair's buzzer to summon Dr. Clautice—one long for a patient, two rings for the telephone. In unison, they repeated the phone number, "Belmont 5-2460."

Greg remembered watching the house being completely painted and wallpapered in the early 1950s. I recall the wallpaper as the ugliest I had ever seen, dark colors with huge floral patterns. I arduously removed the wallpaper in every room when I moved here. In the pantry, they said the refrigerator went against the window, and they were delighted to see the original cabinets.

Entering my extensively renovated kitchen, they mentioned the huge black range hood and how a bat had come into the kitchen. Looking out the new big picture window, they saw our brick garage and said that Dr. Clautice had traded up from a 1956 Ford to a 1964 Ford Fairlane sports model with bucket seats—the only car that would fit into the garage. At the time every house had a garage. Today we mostly have parking pads.

Dr. Clautice resided on the third floor with the front as his sitting room and middle room, his bedroom. Two sisters, Alice (Addie) and Emily (Bootsie), the family's maiden aunts, shared the house with Dr. Clautice. Their bedrooms were on the second floor. Both of the rear second and third floor rooms were too cold in winter, though they remember their Aunt Loretta dying in bed in .

Dr. Clautice, continued on page 8

## 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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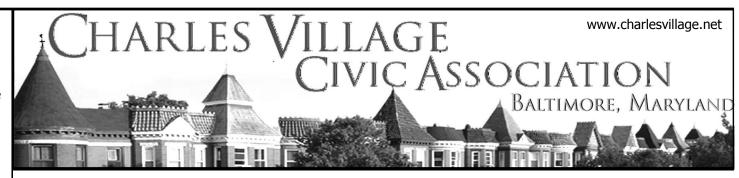
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## President's Letter

Jennifer Erickson, CVCA President

The CVCA has been working hard and we want to be sure community neighbors are aware of how to be involved in the activity. One way to stay informed is to sign up for the CVCA e-mail distribution. CVCA members and interested Charles Villagers receive important information and updates via this e-mail distribution. If you are a CVCA member and we have your e-mail address, you're on it. If you haven't given us your e-mail address— please do.

Please visit www.charlesvillage.net and request:

- ► To sign up for the e-mail distribution
- ▶ Become a CVCA Member
- Get updates on the Anderson Redevelopment Project, other activities
- ► Purchase Charles Village poster by Tom Chalkley and the cookbook *Charles Village Cooks*
- ► Look up other much needed resources

The record breaking snow fall occurred the weekend of the first annual Snowflake Tour of Charles Village homes, forcing cancellation of both the Snowflake Tour and the Village Learning Place's International Holiday and Open House on Sunday, December 20. Now, we look forward to 2010's Snowflake Tour. A big thanks to Ron Tanner for spearheading the Snowflake Tour and the ironic cancelation of the tour as a result of too many snowflakes. Up next on the calendar is the 12th annual Spaghetti Disco on February 27. Go to www.villagelearningplace.org to purchase tickets before the event sells out again this year.

2010 promises to be another year full of activity in Charles Village. WE NEED YOUR HELP. The CVCA needs more volunteers for our many areas of good neighborhood work. See the listing (page 3) of CVCA's committees and activities for you to get involved. Please reach out to the contact provided if you can help - we could sure use it and would love to have even more folks involved.

The CVCA is looking for two types of volunteers. **Ad Hoc Volunteers.** The CVCA would like to recruit people who are willing to volunteer on an ad hoc basis. Examples of what you might be called for—

- ► help sell cookbooks or posters at the Saturday Waverly Farmers Market or other events where neighbors gather
- ► help with a community funding raising yard sale
- ▶ staff the CVCA booth at the Charles Village Festival
- staff public buildings on display at the next Snowflake Tour

We are creating a list of folks we can reach out to. If you would like to be included on this list, please send the CVCA an e-mail by www.charlesvillage.net to give your contact information and volunteer interest. If you don't have e-mail, please call me at 410.243.3467.

Activities & Committee Volunteers. Please peruse the listing of activities and committees (see page 3) that the CVCA does on behalf of the community and contact us to volunteer. We really need your help. Go to www.charlesvillage.net "Get involved" to see the complete list and more information. Please express your interest by e-mail or by calling me (see above).

To give folks an idea of how the CVCA advocates on behalf of the community, below are two examples: one specific to volunteer time and energy and one that is more flexible.

Land Use & Zoning Committee. This committee meets once a month at a set date/time/place to review issues related to zoning, liquor board, and housing code violations within the Charles Village boundary. These committee members spend hours, both during the day (attending City hearings & advocating on behalf of Charles Village) and evening, reviewing City and State legislation affecting land use (i.e. live entertainment, group homes, and comprehensive rezoning). They meet with applicants to discuss requests for changes in zoning (landlord requesting to convert a townhouse from 2 units to 3/4) or liquor licenses. This committee is a cross section of the community, bringing different and varied perspectives in order to fully represent Charles Village's interests. The committee hears the requests, discusses the issue, and makes recommendations on these issues to the CVCA Board of Directors. The committee advocates to the appropriate City authority on behalf of Charles Village. This is a time consuming and important CVCA function that affects our quality of life as residents and businesses.

**Charles Village Festival & Holiday Tour Committees.** Both committees are centered around a specific event at a certain time/date. Volunteers can get as involved to whatever extent desired and time allows.

There is one other item I'd like to reach out specifically to you as Charles Village neighbors. For many years Bonnie Bessor has been the primary point of contact for Charles Village North area Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Area 12/12a. For all her hard work and dedication— especially this past year when the online City system had hiccups— we give a big heartfelt thanks. Bonnie is looking to transition out of the primary role as the RPP Area 12/12a liaison. Over the next year, and in a perfect world, she would like to transition this responsibility to one or two new liaisons. We are reaching out to the community to ask for help in finding her replacement volunteer(s). Bonnie suggests two folks to share the responsibilities. Please go to www.charlesvillage.net to learn the responsibilities of this volunteer activity, which centers around the annual registration in September for October permit renewals.

This RPP Area 12/12a volunteer opportunity is an important service provided by Charles Village— especially to those folks who utilize this convenient community distribution service to avoid having to go downtown to pick up area permits. Please consider volunteering or partnering with a neighbor/friend. If you're interested or know of someone who is interested, please contact Bonnie at bbessor@gmail.com or at 410.467.5170 or me at cvcapresident@yahoo.com.

Again, please consider becoming more involved in our wonderful Charles Village community— an American Planning Association (APA) Top 10 U.S. Neighborhood for 2009. We need your help and want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at CVCAPresident@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Erickson, CVCA President

## Charles Village Committees Offer Volunteer Opportunities

Go to **www.charlesvillage.net** for a complete list of Charles Village activities and CVCA Committees to get involved in neighborhood issues and activities.

#### **Charles Village Festival Committees**

Meet, as needed, from January to June to plan and manage the annual Charles Village Festival events, June 5 & 6. Contact Rory Flanagan, rory\_r\_flanagan@yahoo.com

#### **CVCA Membership Committee**

Meets as needed to plan strategies for maintaining and increasing membership to the CVCA, delivers membership value to current members, coordinates delivery to non-resident Members of Charles Villager; maintains membership records. Co-Chairs Dana Moore, radazania@yahoo.com or 410.243.5952 and Patty McLane, pattycorwin@hotmail.com or 301.529.5404.

#### **Garden Committee**

Meets, as needed, to organize the Annual Charles Village Garden Walk on the Charles Village Festival, Sunday, June 6, plans and maintains community garden sites throughout Charles Village. Co-Chairs Beverly Fink, 410.366.4157 and Val Kuciauskas, valdoned@comcast.net or 410.366.0671

#### Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 37, Charles Village West, south of 29th Street

Volunteer to assist distribution of information and permits. Community Representative Sharon Guida, SLG2700@cs.com or 410.889.0436

#### **Safety Committee**

Meets as needed with Northern District Neighborhood Services Officers and CVCBD Community Safety Coordinator to address crime prevention and law enforcement issues in Charles Village, attends the Northern District's Community Council on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, coordinates community participation in the National Night Out on the first Tuesday of August, coordinates with CVCBD, JHU, Northern District Police, and Union Memorial Hospital to maintain Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol Program. Chair Sharon Guida, SLG2700@cs.com or 410.889.0436

#### **Sanitation Committee**

Meets as needed with Matthew Bradby, Sanitation Supervisor of CVCBD, to address sanitation complaints throughout Charles Village. Organizes volunteers for the spring and fall citywide Mayor's cleanups. Chair Sharon Guida, SLG2700@cs.com or 410.889.0436

#### **Traffic Calming Committee**

Meets the with the City Department of Transportation at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month to discuss, review and implement traffic calming measures along 28th and 29th Street from the Jones Falls Expressway to Greenmount Avenue. Chair Sharon Guida, SLG2700@cs.com or 410.889.0436

#### **Tree Stewards**

Meets as needed to plan creation of new treewells, widening of existing treewells and planting new trees in coordination with the City Forestry Department and organizes volunteers for work days. Chair Peter Duvall, pwduvall@yahoo.com or 410.243.6470

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Didn't it seem like yesterday that we were preparing for Y2K? So it's into the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century we go and the world is already facing many dire challenges not the least of which is in Haiti. The devastation is hard to fathom and the future even more so. Our collective thoughts are with relatives, friends or colleagues affected by this tragedy.

Twenty-two inches of snow ironically cancelled the First Annual Snowflake Tour on December 20. That didn't stop a number of the participating homeowners from gathering to see each other's houses that afternoon. We trudged through the snow and had a good time meeting new neighbors, seeing decorated houses and enjoying home baked goodies along the way. I met some Villagers for the first time including Rosann and Doug Schiller who live on the 2800 block of Guilford. Their house had two Christmas trees and a floor plan different from any CV house I've seen. I also met **Geoffrey Becker and Nora Sturges** who live on the 2800 block of North Calvert Street. Geoff is an accomplished writer and Nora a painter (see her paintings at norasturges.com). I learned through Tour organizer, Ron Tanner, that Geoff received the prestigious Flannery O'Connor award in 2008 for his short story *Black Elvis*. This prize is awarded by the University of Georgia Press and aims to recognize accomplished young writers. He also received the Panthenon Fiction Award. Quelle impressive! We also visited the homes of Beverly and John Fink, Pam and Charlie Kelly, Shan Carrick and Ron Griffin, John Lessner and David Bergmann. Later in the day, Ron Tanner and Jill Ei**cher** hosted a pot luck dinner at their lovingly restored house on 2746 St. Paul. Some of you may recall that their renovation efforts were featured in This Old House magazine. According to the Snowflake tour program, the article "From Animal House to Our House" remains the magazine's most popular remodeling story on its website. The house has its own website: houselove.org.

News from Abell— Get well wishes go out to Lindsay Harbold, who lives on the 3200 block of Abell Avenue with her mom, Jenny. Lindsay was in a serious car accident during the first week of January. After a few days at Shock Trauma, a much improved Lindsay was discharged to Sinai Hospital. Jenny was overwhelmed by the offers of food and kindness bestowed by neighbors and friends. When I saw her at Shock Trauma she said that she had so much donated food that she had to put pots of soup on her back porch!

Paul Burk, President of the Abell Improvement Association, reports that they held their annual New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner, which doubled as a fundraiser for the Firehouse 31 Fund in support of the renovation of the Firehouse on Greenmount Avenue. Mary **Pat Clarke** is leading this effort with **Greater Homewood Community Corp** as the fiscal agent. Mary Pat and firefighters from the Engine Company were on hand to help raise awareness and pass the hat (or helmet). Abell raised over \$800. Donations continue through the spring when the volunteer effort (painting and other light construction) will get underway.

Support Greenmount Firehouse— From one of our City Council representatives, Mary Pat Clarke, "We need your help and financial assistance to return our local fire officers and medics to their home base at 3123 Greenmount Avenue. The City is committing capital funding to restoring Firehouse 31, and volunteer teams will complete that work. Along with recruiting volunteer teams, our job is to raise \$20,000 to furnish the renovated firehouse and get our officers and medics back within safe distance of our neighborhoods as soon as possible. Please make your tax -deductible contributions payable to GHCC/Firehouse 31. Mail to Greater Homewood Community Corporation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, at: 3503 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. You can also join the Firehouse's Facebook Cause Page and donate online at http://apps.facebook.com/ causes/412187.

Paul also reported that two long-time Abell Ave residents died recently. Hazel Jones of the 3200 block died last November at age 87. She had lived on Abell for over 50 years. Bill Ross of the 3100 block of Abell died in his home on December 9, a few days before his 73rd birthday. Affectionately called the "Mayor of Abell Avenue" by his neighbors, Bill had lived on the block for over 30 years. Both Hazel and Bill will be dearly missed by the many friends in the community lucky enough to have known them.

Friday nights you can often find my husband and I eating dinner at Donna's with our CV friends, Lisa Simeone and Tim Munn. It is frequently the high point of my week. Great food and drink among good friends and friendly wait staff, all of whom we know by name, what's not to like? We, however, are not the only Villagers that feel the same way. Some Fridays it seems like the café has been turned over to the neighborhood. Other frequent diners include Macie Hall and Jay Van Rensselaer, who live on St. Paul Street. This past Friday I saw Macie and she was understandably excited to tell me that she and Jay are going to be grandparents, twice! "Twins," I asked. No, not exactly. Both of Macie's daughters are expecting their first babies this spring. Lizzie Hall Ammerman is due at the end of March. Lizzie teaches first grade at Warner Elementary School in Nashville, TN. Her husband, Hugh, is a district attorney. Sarah Hall Wilson (and husband Trey Wilson), both teachers at the Asheville School in Asheville NC, is due mid-May. Sarah and Lizzie grew up in Baltimore and went to Roland Park Country School.

Jerry and Darlene Gordon, owners of Eddie's Charles Village Market, became a father and mother-in-law for the second time when their daughter, Jamie Gordon, married Daniel Altchek of New York City. The wedding was at the Harbor Court Hotel on November 14, and by all accounts, sounded lovely. Jamie is a lawyer-turned-teacher and her new husband, also a lawyer, live in New York City.

This past week I had jury duty and saw Villagers, Emil Volcheck and Linda Riveles, in the same jury pool. Linda later told me that she was picked for a jury. Emil wasn't. Neither was I. Baltimore is such a small town. Also in the pool was WBAL's Jane Miller, another woman I play tennis with and a lawyer I had a case against many years ago. Two days later I saw another woman from the jury pool in Whole Foods. Smalltimore for sure.

A special thanks to Carrie Bennett, the community liaison from Johns Hopkins University and Rob Turning, who is the director of the Office of Greek Life at JHU for their swift action, which resulted in the removal of graffiti on the wall of a fraternity garage right behind my house. If you have a JHU student concern of any sort, contact Carrie at liaison@jhu.edu. She is responsive and effective!

Lauren Redmond recently sent information for anyone interested in humanely trapping alley cats and then taking them to be neutered or spayed. Go to http://www.alleycat.org/
NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=285

**Errata**— I must note two corrections from my Holiday column. My apologies to Cornel Rubino whose last name I terribly misspelled. Cornel, an artist, who lives on Maryland Avenue, was mentioned for his collaboration with a Baltimore City judge, Jack **Lesser** on an art piece that was auctioned off to benefit the Community Law Center. I didn't say then but now know that the piece involved a brief case painted on two sides with 10 portraits of various individuals wearing the British judicial wigs and a portrait of Judge Lesser without one. Cornel entitled it, A wig doth not a judge make. The other mistake was in the web address of Robin Truiett Theodorson's new venture in the concierge business. The correct web address is urbanalternatives.net.

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## Join Neighborhood Walkers Patrols

Make a difference! Join Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol! Walk with your friends and neighbors to help make our neighborhoods safe. It's a great way to meet new people, spend more time outside, and enjoy your neighborhood. All you need to walk are some comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing. If you would like to bring a flashlight, a note pad, a cell phone and a people-friendly dog, please do. With the help of grants from the City of Baltimore, Union Memorial Hospital and Johns Hopkins University, we provide identifiers for walkers, including: hats, glow in the dark bracelets and pedometers/flashlights/sirens.

#### **Neighborhood Walkers Patrols Schedule**

Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Meet at Open Space, 32nd & Abell Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet at SE of 31st & Charles (JHU is in session) Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Meet at SE corner of 26th & Charles Thursdays, 7 p.m. Meet at 29th & Calvert Fridays, 10 a.m. Meet at Terra Cafe at 25th & St. Paul

All walks are staffed by Benefits District personnel, except the Tuesday walk which is staffed by the JHU Security. The Northern District Police are fully supportive and present when possible. You can sign up to receive reminders and other information about Neighborhood Walkers by contacting Walter Brown at walter@charlesvillage.org or 410.235.4411...

*Crime Alert,* a weekly email newsletter distributed by CVCBD, contains brief descriptions of crimes committed in the area within the previous week, plus safety tips, useful links, and announcements about safety related events in the District. You can review recent editions online in the *Crime Alert* archive at www.charlesvillage.org. To sign up to receive a weekly Crime Alert, contact Walter Brown at walter@charlesvillage.org or 410.235.4411.



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If a grant from the Johns Hopkins Neighborhood Fund is approved, the CVCBD will launch a Rat Abatement Project in Greater Charles Village and distribute 300 of these reuseable electronic rat traps and special disposal bags in order to count each dead rat.

### **CVCBD Launches GREAT RAT ATTACK**

CVCBD has submitted a grant proposal to the Johns Hopkins Neighborhood Fund— awards announced in February. Affectionately known by staff as "The Great Rat Attack," the proposed **Rat Abatement Project for the Greater Charles Village Area** involves two basic components: education and abatement.

The education component will include workshops and flyers to educate residents about the causes of rat infestation and simple, effective measures they can take to help reduce rat infestation at their property.

The abatement component will consist of purchasing and distributing 300 reusable, long-life, electronic rat traps to residents throughout the Charles Village area, monitoring and maintaining the traps, counting the number of the dead rats, and properly disposal in biohazard bags.

The project goal is to eliminate 9,000 rats during the 10-month grant period from March through December 2010. If the JHU funds this initial phase, CVCBD has agreed to continue and support the project in 2011 using surcharge tax funds.

## **CVCBD Provides Youth Work Experience**

Since early last year, the Benefits District has been partnering with schools and community organizations to enhance its services and provide work experience for clients. To date, these partners include Prisoners Aide, The Mayor's Office of Employment, Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore Judicial System and rehabilitation agencies.

Each summer CVCBD employs 5 to 10 youth referred by the Baltimore City Summer Jobs Program. We also partner with Public Schools to help students satisfy their mandatory 40 hours of community service. Students become involved in community cleaning projects, neighborhood beautification, alley cleaning, and information distribution.

In August 2009, CVCBD partnered with the Baltimore City Judicial System becoming another resource for people ordered by judges to do community service. This past fall, we reached out to recovery houses to employ their clients in cleaning projects throughout the area.

This is a "win-win" arrangement. Clients obtain employment skills and experience; and, the CVCBD enhances its services without increasing its expenses!

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#### VLP Calendar

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at the VLP — 7 to 9 pm

A monthly series of performances, lectures and cultural enrichment with time for conversation. Meet interesting people from across the City. Enjoy refreshments. February 10— Sin in Mobtown: The History of Baltimore's Block, Kristi Cory March 10— Country Mountain Blues

April 14— Vince Lancisi of Everyman Theatre

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

**Baltimore History Evenings** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7 to 9 pm until June Returning for a second season, this lecture series for adults, presented in partnership with the Baltimore City Historical Society, features local historians and personalities exploring different aspects of our city's history.

February 18— Three Baltimore Plaintiffs, Garrett Power

March 18— A Hot Time in the Old Town!: The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904, Wayne Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

Seniors are invited for free performances and presentations. Refreshments served. February 9— Acupuncture: An Ancient Healing Medicine That Can Help You Today

March 9— Carol Wescott, Harpist

April 13— Your Heart and How It Works, Luanne Arangio, Union Memorial Hos-

May 11— Sharon Solow, Certified Breema Practitioner

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Young Villagers dance the night away at Spaghetti Disco XI last February.

## 12th Spaghetti Disco on February 27

It's time once again for our favorite wacky neighborhood tradition, the 12th Spaghetti Disco! This amazing party brings together delicious food, kids' crafts and games, and great neighbors on a sizzling dance floor. In 2004, the Village Learning Place was delighted to become a part of the Disco madness. All proceeds now benefit the great free programs and resources at the VLP.

Join us on the dance floor on Saturday, February 27! And tell your friends to buy tickets now— last year St. John's was bursting at the seams. This event will surely sell out. For information or to buy tickets, visit www.villagelearningplace.org. Call 410.235.2210, extension 204 to secure your tickets now for a fantastic, good time.

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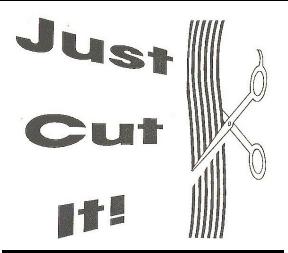
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The Baltimore Museum of Art General Information: 410.396.7100; Box Office: 410.396.6001 or visit the Web at www.artsbma.org.

Cézanne and American Modernism opens February 14-May 23. Before Cézanne gained universal prominence, a small group of American painters championed the French artist as an innovator who defined a new mode of painting. This dazzling, ticketed exhibition, illustrates his profound impact on American artists.

The Museum will host an African Film Festival February 20 & 21. From 1-6 each day, you can view some of the best in African cinema.

Bring the kids on Sundays from 2–4 pm. There is always something fun to do, whether inspired by Cézanne or African art.

The Walters Art Museum opens a special exhibition, Japanese Cloisonné Enamels from the Stephen W. Fisher Collection. Featuring many intricately adorned Cloisonné vases, boxes and trays worked in gold, silver and dazzling colored enamels. February 14–June 13. For more on exhibits and special programs at the Walters, visit www.thewalters.org

Also at the Walters— *First Friday Night* events for a complete listing of events, www.thewalters.org

James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, Morgan State University, 2201 Argonne Drive. The collection is primarily 19th and 20th century American, African, Asian, European and Oceanic art. This remarkable collection deserves your attention.

Everyman Theater, continues the season with Two Rooms by Lee Blessing. Written in 1988, this searing portrait of solitude and devotion rings eerily true to today's news. Also a love story between two people whose lives are interrupted by a world falling apart. Runs thru February 21. Our Town by Thornton Wilder in collaboration between The Baltimore School for the Arts. March 17-April 18. www.everymantheatre.org or 410.752.2208.

Center Stage continues the season from February 10-March 7, with There Be Love by Kwame Kwei-Armah featuring veteran stage and television actor Avery Brooks. Come see this re-examination of our shared immigrant experience in a fresh and provocative way.

Center Stage will again offer Family Night Out- special includes tix and dinner for only \$10. Sunday, February 21 for Let There Be Love. New programming includes cabaret evenings. Associate Artist E. Faye Butler performs February 11–14. 410.332.0033 and www.centerstage.org

The Single Carrot Theatre, 120 W. North Avenue, will stage *Playing* Dead by the Presnyakov Brothers and directed by Russian Fulbright Scholar Yury Urnov. February 17–March 14. singlecarrot.com or 443.844.9253.

The Strand Theater Company, 1823 N. Charles Street, will present The Lacy Project by Alena Smith. This wild tragicomedy presents a portrait of a young woman held captive by her own childhood. February 5-28. www.strandtheatercompany.org.

Vagabond Players, 806 South Broadway, Fells Point, presents The Drawer Boy by Michael Healey. This beautifully written play moves from toughness and hilarity to something devastating and tender. 410.563.9135 for tickets or information.

Theatre Hopkins presents its first production of the season with Follies, The Legendary Musical. A host of players has assembled to bid adieu to the ruin of a vaudeville theater. They caress memories of faded youth accompanied by Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning score. February 12-28. www.jhu.edu/~theatre 410.516.7159

Shriver Hall Concert Series has a remarkable array of talent this year. On Sunday, February 21 at 5:30 pm Magdalena Kozena, Mezzo-Soprano and Yefim Bronfman, Piano. www.shriverconcerts.org or 410.516.7164

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra continues its season of affordable concerts: Sunday, February 14 at 3 pm-Chamber Concert at the SDS Room, Mattin Arts Center and on Saturday, February 27 at 1 pm in Shriver Hall: Stravinsky Fireworks and Ludwig van Beethoven/P.D.Q. Bach. Symphony No.5 with play-by-play sports commentary by Jonathan Palevsky and Milton Kent...what fun will that be. www.jhu.edu/jhso 410.5126.6542

The Bach Concert Series performances are held at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street on the first Sunday of every month at 4 pm. Most performances are free of charge. The concerts begin with an illustrated lecture by Director T. Herbert Dimmock. The concert on February 7 will feature Cantata 96: Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn and Andante from Brandenburg Concerto #2. www.bachinbaltimore.org or call 717.533.6873

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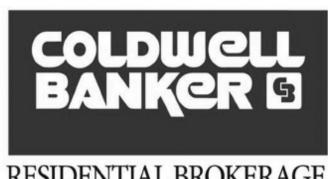
Music for the younger, hip set, is right in our neighborhood. The Ottobar, 2549 North Howard Street, is happening every night of the week. Some shows require advanced tix...check out www.theottobar.com or 410.662.0069.

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

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

## **Charles Village Babysitting Co-Op**

This new co-op will facilitate neighborhood families get acquainted and offer a structured point-based, no money way to trade babysitting services. The co-op will allow parents to get out on their own for appointments, meetings, dates and fun (not full-time babysitting) without worrying about financial constraints. Please contact: Lauren Redmond at laredmond@hotmail.com or 410-366-0162.



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the second room with the bay window. On the third floor, Greg looked down our long hall and said, "It's thirty feet long." The brothers played baseball catch there. My daughter rode her red plastic train car down the hall, and now my dog Woody runs after the toys we throw. On the second floor, Steve, exclaimed, "Oh my God, this is the original bathroom." He delighted in seeing the original shower, soap dish, sink, tile and mirror.

Our last stop was the basement. They pointed out that a ringer washer was where the washer is now. They also remembered the Chambers stove that is stored in our basement. After Aunt Emily, who cooked for the family was killed in an auto accident in 1958, they hired a cook who did not live there. They also commented on the original coal bins and worn shelves.

We ended the visit around the dining room table, where they recalled where the family members sat. Doc sat at the head of the table with no one opposite. I asked for a photo of Dr. Clautice. They only knew of his 1912 University of Maryland class photo. I may have seen Dr. Clautice when we lived a block away before buying the house in 1969. I remember seeing a very tall (6 foot, 4 inches), distinguished man mailing a letter at the mailbox on the corner. I never saw him before and have no idea why that memory has stayed with me all these years.



At the end of the visit, Sandy Waters took this photo of the Clautice family visitors, brothers Steve and Greg Dahlem, a Florida resident, (rear) step with Steve, Jr. on the front steps of 3013 St. Paul Street.

On leaving as Greg got to the sidewalk, he turned and said loudly, "You made my Christmas! Next time I'll tell you about the neighborhood."

And so this story may continue.

—Sandy Waters



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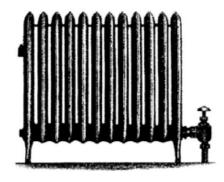
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## Charles Village Parents Band Together to Launch Organization Devoted to Families

Have you noticed that Charles Village is full of young families? We have! So this fall, several neighborhood parents joined forces to create the Village Parents, a community of families that share a love for this neighborhood and who aspire to make it more family friendly for those with kids of all ages. Our mission is to be a catalyst for family-oriented social activities, to encourage collaboration on greening and safeguarding the neighborhood, and to invest in the local public schools.

We have met with one another and with various community leaders from the CVCA and Greater Homewood Community Corporation to identify ways we can serve the neighborhood and contribute to initiatives now underway. The first of several family -oriented activities was a Toy Swap held December 6 at the Village Learning Place. It attracted numerous families to exchange their kids' gently-used toys.

We'll host a monthly play date at the Village Learning Place on the last Saturday of every month, from 1-4 p.m. Our next gathering will take place on February 27please drop by any time during that time period for some relief from cabin fever.

We'll hold a series of **monthly panel discussions** about education in urban schools. The discussions are co-sponsored by Greater Homewood, Loyola University Maryland, and Margaret Brent and Barclay Elementary Schools and will feature experts from the educational community. Please join us for each of the remaining five monthly panel discussions featuring experts within the educational community: See the series schedule opposite.

We're forming **two book clubs** for parents—one covering general interest books, and the other focused on urban education issues. For details visit www.charles villageparents.org

We'll host our first general membership meeting in April to discuss new initiatives going forward. We've formed committees to brainstorm and tackle projects, including activities planning, community awareness, education, civic affairs and urban planning. We invite all community members to send us their thoughts and ideas for how we can contribute to efforts to strengthen the neighborhood. If you're interested in lending your skills to one or more of these committees, please contact Laura Wexler at laura@laurawexler.com or Laura Scott at lscott822@gmail.com. Or find us at charlesvillageparents.org. —Laura Scott

## School Daze: Five Conversations on Urban Education in the Nation, in the City, and in the Neighborhood

The Village Parents, together with the Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Loyola University's School of Education, and Barclay and Margaret Brent Elementary Schools, is proud to present this series.

February 22— The State of Urban Education in America: An Overview Speakers: Peter C. Murrell, Jr., Dean of Loyola University School of Education; Drs. Robert Simmons and Stephanie Flores-Koulish, Loyola University School of Education. Barclay Elementary School, 7 pm.

March 22— What the Past Can Teach Us Now: The Transformation of Charles Village's Schools in the 1970s and the Transformation of Roland Park Elementary School in the 1990s

Invited Speakers: Karen Cook and Jo Ann Robinson, Barclay-Brent Education Corp.; Gertrude Williams, former principal, Barclay Elementary; Mariale Hardiman, Assistant Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Education and former principal, Roland Park Elementary School. Margaret Brent Elementary School, 7 pm

April 26— Let's Hear It for the Kids: An Introduction to Special Projects for Students in Baltimore City

Invited Speakers: Members of The Algebra Project; Members of the Urban Debate League. Barclay Elementary School, 7 pm

May 17— Project-Based, Thematic Curriculum: What Is It and What Does It Mean for Your Child?

Invited Speakers: Bobbi Macdonald, President and Founder, City Neighbors Charter School; Karen DeCamp, Director, Neighborhood Programs, Greater Homewood Community Corp. Margaret Brent Elementary School, 7 pm

June 14:— Read Between the Lines: Early Literacy Programs

Invited Speaker: Susan Lattimore, Reading Intervention Specialist, Project Early I.D., Baltimore City Public Schools. Margaret Brent Elementary School, 7 pm

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## Add Sites to Neighborhood Green Map

This spring **Baltimore Green Map (BGM)** will collaborate with local community members to create online and print **Green Maps for Waverly/Greenmount/ Charles Village.** BGM is an active member of the Green Map System, an international grassroots network mapping nature, culture and sustainable living resources worldwide. Online interactive mapping has begun! Add your suggestions for sites, comments and pictures. http://www.opengreenmap.org/greenmap/charles-villagegreenmount-green-map. To get involved, contact Janet Felsten at jfelsten@baltogreenmap.org.

## Comment on Anderson Redevelopment

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

## Volunteer for Story Pals at Barclay School

Reading aloud to young students has been shown to be the single most important activity that can improve literacy readiness. The **Story Pals** program began early last year, and we are excited to already have 20 volunteers reading to 38 students. Many more of our youngest students would benefit from being paired with an adult, who would read to them, or read aloud with them. Story Pals is especially well-suited for busy people, who are available during the school day. The commitment is for 20 to 30 minutes, once or twice a week. Contact Margaret A. Fries, Volunteer Coodinator, The Barclay School at mafries@comcast.net or 410.396.6387, extension 205.

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mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. The goal is to count all persons that reside in the United States on April 1, 2010.

The Census is safe, easy and confidential. All the information you provide on the short questionnaire remains confidential. The Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential. Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census Form asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation— our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more— are now covered in the American Community Survey, which will be conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the long-form questionnaire from Census 2000.

If you do not receive a Census 2010 Form, please please call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center at 1.866.872.6868. If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, then call 1.866-928.2010. The lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week from February 25 through July 30. For the hearing-impaired, TDD 1.866-783.2010 during the times noted.

#### Non- Response Follow Up

In late March, households will receive a reminder post card asking residents to return their Census 2010 Form. A census taker will only follow-up in person with each address that does not mail back the form in order to obtain accurate responses.

A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form. All census takers have government issued photo identification on them at all times.

#### **Recruiting Census Workers**

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. We are recruiting now for census taker positions. Applicants are encouraged to call 1.866.861.2010 to apply for a temporary position with the Census Bureau.

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## AFTER February 15, RPP 37 applications will be accepted. New RPP application site: htts://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx

For step—by-step directions, go to www.charlesvillage.net

APPLYING FOR RENEWALS & NEW PERMITS— If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the RPP database and you do not have to re-enter your information. If you are applying for a permit for the first time, you must choose the "create new account" option, the link for which is in the second paragraph of the "Customer Authentication" page, when you go to the application site. If you do not have online access, you can go to the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street, for access to a computer or you can register downtown at the Parking Authority Office.

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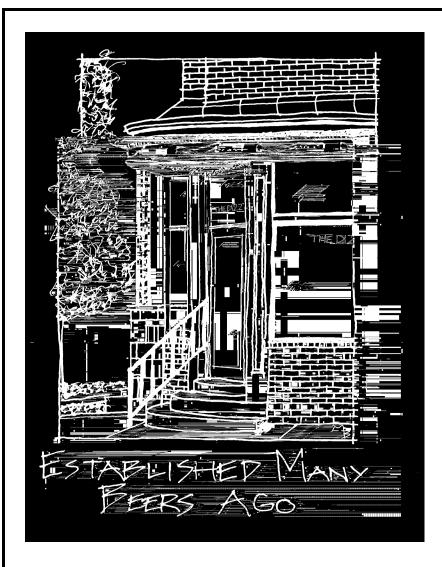
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Only residents who renew online or pay for a new permit with a credit card OR mail in a check or money order **prior to March 24.** will be able to pick up their permits at 2746 Maryland Avenue on March 27. Residents need to bring proper documentation and identification papers—vehicle registration, driver's license, current lease, non-resident permits, notarized letters, student or military ID, etc. See RPP Rules and Regulations online at http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/parking/rpp/generalrules.php. Call 443.573.2800 or e-mail info@baltimoreprefparking.com.for more details.

# March 27— Community RPP Pickup for new and renewal prepaid permit decals & visitors passes on Front Porch, 2746 Maryland Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 1— City enforcement of 2009 Area 37 RPP decals & visitors passes begins.

If you wish, you can pick up your Area 12 permit between February 15 and March 24, or after March 29, by visiting the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street. You will have to present all appropriate documentation to Parking Authority staff to obtain your permit. You can park in the parking garage above their offices and get your parking validated by Parking Authority staff. Call 443.573.2800 to reach that office.

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