

THE Charles Villager

Charles Village Civic Association

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Winter 2012

JHU Collaborates to Improve Pedestrian & Bike Safety

Recent local tragedies have heightened attention to locations in our community where longstanding unsafe interactions among pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles occur on a regular basis. For many years, people who live and work in the community, have expressed serious concerns about pedestrian and bicycle safety.

With input from presidents of area neighborhood associations, the Johns Hopkins University recently hired Sabra, Wang, and Associates, Inc. (SWA) to help address some of these issues in collaboration with neighborhood associations. SWA is a multi-disciplinary engineering firm experienced in traffic engineering, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and transportation planning with substantial knowledge of Baltimore City. JHU tasked SWA to identify priority areas involving pedestrian and bicycle safety on the streets surrounding Homewood campus; and, to prepare realistically implementable action items that substantially improve conditions at these locations. JHU also engaged faculty from its Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Bloomberg School of Public Health to analyze pedestrian and bicycle safety issues on the roadways adjacent to the Homewood campus, and to prepare education and behavior modification approaches that would make the area safer for pedestrians and bicycles.

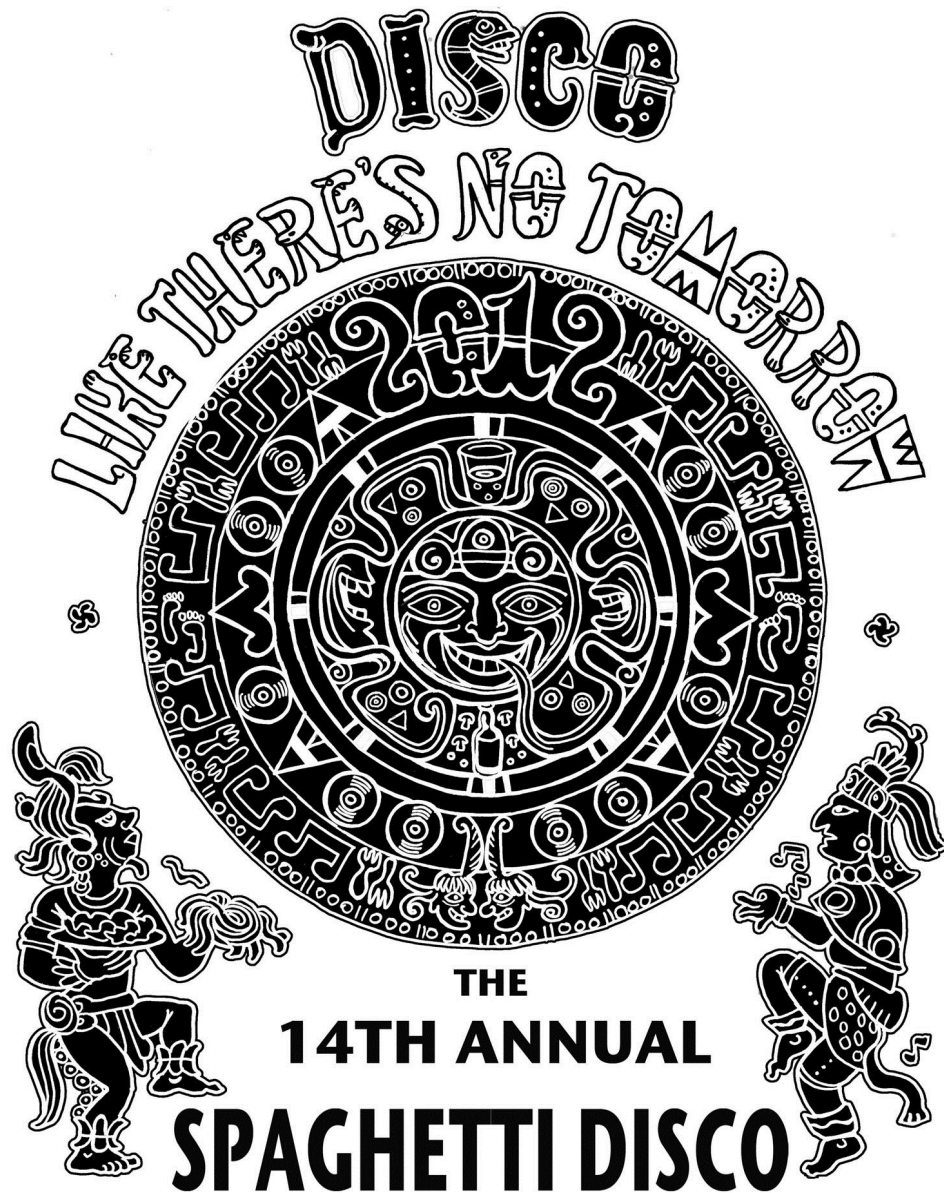
On January 9, City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and I hosted a meeting regarding the outcomes of the SWA Report. In attendance were 11 community members, including representatives from the CVCA, Village Parents, Tuscany Canterbury, Guilford and Wyman Park. The group reviewed the report in detail and agreed to work collaboratively, using the SWA information as a basis to identify specific action items and their priority order. They also agreed that the community associations and JHU will work together in communicating requests before the Baltimore City Department of Transportation—the chief agency responsible for implementing many of the needs identified. The group learned about the recommendations from the School of Public Health Report. As resources for the broad community, the report authors will deliver a presentation and workshop at an upcoming community meeting.

The SWA Report identified three priority locations requiring attention with much of the recommended work involving maintenance-related issues:

- San Martin Drive
- W. University Parkway between San Martin Drive/Linkwood Road and St. Paul Street

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THE VILLAGE LEARNING PLACE PRESENTS



SATURDAY FEB. 25th
St. John's Church, 2640 St. Paul St. Baltimore

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CVCA MEETINGS

General Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 7 PM
SS. Philip & James Church Hall
2801 N. Charles Street. Enter downstairs.

CVCA Board Meetings
Wednesdays, February 15, March 21, April 18
Charles Village Community Benefits District Office
2434 St. Paul Street

Go to www.charlesvillage.net for info

CV Seniors Thrive at Renaissance Institute

Gil and Jan French, 50-years-plus residents of Guilford Avenue, are among the 300 students that are actively engaged in the Renaissance Institute of the Notre Dame of Maryland University in north Baltimore. Only minutes away from Charles Village, the Renaissance program is open to active 50+ men and women who are interested in lifelong learning and continued intellectual growth plus trips and social activities.

The Renaissance Institute is similar to a learning cooperative where members design and lead non-credit courses on a wide variety of topics. About fifty courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays during each spring and fall 13-week semester. Members can take a single course, or as many as six courses at a time. Course offerings vary from year to year, but generally include a wide mix of public affairs; writing and poetry; art, music, and film; science and philosophy; literature and history; personal health and yoga and T'ai Chi. Members also participate in clubs such as books, bridge, Italian conversation, knitting and Scrabble.

During the winter and summer breaks, a range of fun and educational trips, pot luck meals, and dining out experiences are offered. Last summer a group decided to visit national parks in the West on a two week bus trip. This January, a group is travelling together in Costa Rica. The Frenchs have been members of the Renaissance Institute for six years and, "Love everything about it, but especially the people." They have both developed new friendships and become involved in every aspect of the program. Jan led the organizing of the *Winter in the City Program* with many offerings during December and January. She also started the knitting club. Gil will be teaching a six-week class this spring on *Mad Scientists and Their Contributions*. In the past he has taught a variety of courses focusing on math and computers.

Some of the additional benefits of membership include getting a Notre Dame of Maryland University student identification card that allows one to use the Loyola Notre Dame Library with its significant collection of DVDs, and obtain student tickets to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. A book exchange with a wide variety of titles is also available to members. Members also may sign up to audit an undergraduate lecture course.

Zora Salisbury and Karen Olson, both Guilford Avenue residents, are members from Charles Village in addition to Bob Greenfield, formerly of E. 26th Street and now living at Roland Park Place.
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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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President's Letter

Patricia McLane, CVCA President

Hello Charles Villagers!

Winter is finally here, so please remember to be good neighbors and clear your steps and sidewalks as soon as possible to avoid slips and spills. Keep being a good neighbor when disposing your trash. Targeted enforcement will go into effect starting in February. That means that the City will be handing out citations to households that put trash out improperly. If you notice a neighbor who might be cited, stop by and offer to help. Remind them that trash needs to be placed in a secure can with a lid. The less trash that is in the alleys and streets, the less our not so neighborly rats have to feast on! I have seen some pretty bold rats lately: one literally walked down the street with me as if we were friends! Be vigilant about your trash and that of your neighbors, and hopefully the rats will take the hint, and take a hike.

Speaking of hiking, don't forget to hike over to the Waverly Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings, which is open year round. Don't suffer through limp looking produce at the supermarket; you can have wonderful and fresh produce from local suppliers! And the freshly brewed coffee from Zeke's will keep you warm as you stroll through the stalls.

Don't let the cold weather dissuade you from enjoying all the activities going on in the community this month. Warm yourself up by boogeying down to the Annual Spaghetti Disco on February 27, held at St. John's Church at 2640 St. Paul Street. This event brings together delicious food, crafts and games for the kids, and great neighbors challenging each other to a dance-off! All proceeds go to the Village Learning Place (VLP) which offers excellent programs and activities to the entire community.

One such program offered by the VLP is Baltimore History Evenings. My husband took the History of Maryland while a student at College Park, and claims to know all things about Maryland (and annoyingly, he does!) but I could use a little schooling on this topic. This year the program will be co-sponsored by the Baltimore City Historical Society. The series will be held on the third Thursday of each month, January–June. Each evening begins with a reception at 7:00 pm, and the speaker begins at 7:30.

Winter is a great time to get some reading done. Even though I have a NOOK for riding the bus and traveling, I like nothing better than curling up with a real book on a cold, snowy day. Why not head over to the Book Thing on Vineyard Lane and pick out a few for yourself. There are literally thousands of books available to our community. Thousands. Remember that the Book Thing takes in donations of books as well, although truth be told, I am guilty of sometimes bringing home more books than I brought to donate! As an aside, I am just finishing up Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett,

which I got at the Book Thing a month ago. It's a great book, although a little long on the technical side of how to build a cathedral. I can safely say I will never build a cathedral, so I've been skimming through those parts! If anyone wants to borrow it, let me know – or you might find this copy back at the Book Thing soon.

For those of you are already "over" winter, there are lots of things to look forward to this spring. First and foremost of course is the Charles Village Festival which will be held the first weekend in June. There are lots of Festival volunteer opportunities for those of you that are looking to become more involved in the community, including setting up on opening day, and helping out with the 5K race. Contact the Chair, John McLane at johnpmclane@gmail.com for more information. You could also contact me with inquiries at cvcapresident@charlesvillage.net.

Patty McLane, CVCA President

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

Neighborhood Matters

Connecting you to the
Homewood campus of
The Johns Hopkins University

CHARLES VILLAGE FESTIVAL

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June 2 & 3 at Wyman Park Dell

Inviting Volunteers— The Charles Village Festival showcases this wonderful place where we live, study and work. A committee of volunteers with the Charles Village Community Foundation puts together all of the activities for the weekend in partnership with the four organizations benefiting from the Festival— Charles Village Civic Association, Charles Village Recreational League, Friends of Wyman Park Dell and Village Learning Place. For developing details, go to www.charlesvillagefestival.com.

Check out www.charlesvillagefestival.com. To volunteer for a Festival '12 activity, please e-mail me at johnpmclane@gmail.com.

—John McLane, Chair, Festival Committee

CV Community Foundation Grants

In our continuing mission to improve the visibility and promote the desirability of living in our 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, that are accepted and awarded on an ongoing process.
- ▶ Large grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, that are accepted and awarded on a quarterly basis. Applications are due on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

For more information, go to www.charlesvillage.org/Foundation tab.

—John McLane, Charles Village Community Foundation Board

WARNING!

City Targets Sanitation Scofflaws

City of Baltimore citations will be given to households that put trash out improperly. Trash and garbage are causing an explosion in the rat population! Rats are a serious health hazard. If everyone follows the rules, we will have a cleaner, healthier neighborhood for you and your family.

This is the warning— starting in early February, Baltimore City Targeted Sanitation Enforcement will resume in Charles Village. Everyone must follow the City's Sanitation Laws or risk getting a citation. Violations can cost as much as \$500 per citation.

Baltimore City Sanitation Code—the law— says:

- ▶ You Must use Durable Trash Cans with Tight Fitting Lids.
 - ▶ Do not store trash in bags and do not put trash out in bags— bags invite rats.
 - ▶ Never pile bags on the corner or the end of the alley.
 - ▶ Put out no more than three 32-gallon cans per address.
 - ▶ Put cans out between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the night before collection.
 - ▶ Do not block alleys and sidewalks with your cans.
 - ▶ Keep sidewalks, gutters and alleys at front/back of your house trash free.
 - ▶ Shovel snow on adjacent sidewalks and street parking spaces.
- Tell your neighbors and spread the word— so nobody gets a citation.

Call 311 for bulk trash pickup and for general information.

You can drop bulk items, trash and recycling at the Northwest Sanitation Yard, 2840 Sisson Street, nearby in Remington. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

For more sanitation information, call the Charles Village Community Benefits District at 410.235.4411.

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Contact Jennifer Erickson
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CVCA Works for You!

- ▶ Land Use— Zoning & Liquor Board Hearings
- ▶ Residential Permit Parking Areas RPP 12/12A & RPP 37
- ▶ Greening— Tree Stewards
- ▶ Beautification— Charles Village Garden Club
- ▶ Safety— Neighborhood Walkers
- ▶ Sanitation
- ▶ Traffic Calming
- ▶ *The Charles Villager* newsletter
- ▶ *Charles Village Cooks: A Taste of The Village* cookbook

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Holiday travels around the world...

It seems that Villagers had the travel bug these last few months. In December, Guilford Avenue residents, **John and Patty McLane**, took a two week to Eastern Europe. Patty had always wanted to visit Poland so they spent four nights in Krakow and two nights in Wroclaw. Then they spent two nights in Dresden where they enjoyed the German Christmas markets. It was on to Brno, Czech Republic. The spent the last four nights in Vienna and checked out its famous Christmas markets. The trip was made even more special by the fact that John has a former co-worker who lives there so they got to hang out with locals. Not familiar with Christmas markets, I turned to Google to learn more. It seems that Vienna and other European cities turn their prettiest city squares into decorated outdoor markets with vendors selling crafts, holiday decorations and food. Music, too. Sounds so charming.

Congratulations to 27th Street residents **John Spurrier and Odette Ramos**, who were married in an intimate ceremony at St Vincent de Paul Church on December 10. The following weekend they flew to San Juan where Odette's parents hosted a reception for them attended by their extended families. They then flew to Vieques for the first

part of their honeymoon, returning to Puerto Rico to celebrate Christmas with both sides of Odette's family. A few days later they continued their honeymoon with a week on Culebra. Anyone who is Facebook friends with John was treated to fabulous pictures of beautiful beaches they visited.

Also on the road were Guilford Avenue residents **Bud Beehler and his partner, Robert Schuster**, who took a three week trip to Thailand, Cambodia and China. Highlights included hanging out at the beautiful beaches of Phuket, Thailand and riding an elephant! The elephant used his trunk to give Bud a hug after he got off, leaving a swath of dirt across his chest.

St. Paul Street residents **Linda and Steven Rivelis** just returned from traveling around the world in sixty days. Stops included Stonehenge, Cairo, the Pyramids, the Nile, Israel and Jerusalem, Jordan and India (including the Taj Mahal). They then went on safari in Ranthambhore (elephants, monkeys and tigers, oh my!), Singapore, Cambodia, Japan, Bora Bora and Easter Island. Then it was on to South America—Chile, Cusco and Machu Picchu. For some amazing photos of their trip, see www.sixtyin60.com. Steven told me, "Having circumvented the globe... it is clearer to us now that the people

and communities of this world are even more magnificent than we thought. It is a stunningly wonderful playground. We encourage everyone to go out and play in it more often."

Thanksgiving in warm Georgia...

Sandy Sparks recounted her greatly expanded tradition of Thanksgiving in Savannah at her niece Yvette and husband's home. Steven's six brothers and sisters plus children came in from Dallas, Boston and Washington, DC to celebrate their mother's 80th birthday. Yvette and Sandy spent five days preparing a banquet set up on the fenced patio on Thanksgiving evening. The next day everyone traveled to Jekyll Island for the official birthday luncheon on Saturday in the sublime Riverview Room in the Jekyll Isle Club Hotel, overlooking the Intercoastal Waterway. The island is a delightful restored resort retreat from the truly grand 1880–1920s. Sandy highly recommends adding Jekyll Isle resort to your lifetime list of great places to visit.

Congratulations to Guilford Avenue's Jeff and Lesley Noll, whose baby boy **Henry Carroll Noll** arrived on Christmas Eve—an 8 lbs. 11 oz. holiday gift!

CVCBD board service farewell...

David Hill, Ron Griffin, Salem Reiner, Shaun Carrick, Charlie Kelly, Michael Haynie, Bob Cooke, Derek Demaree, Emil Volcheck, Gary Letteron, Jason Pyeron, Jennifer Burdick, Jennifer Erickson, Kirsch Jones, Mariann Millard and others with CVCBD links gathered for dinner at **Meet 27** to thank **Jeff Millard** for his many years of service on the Charles Village Community Benefits District Board. During his time on the Board, Jeff served as the Board's treasurer and on several committees. Thank you Jeff for the countless hours you spent balancing the books and the meetings you attended in support of the CVCBD and our neighborhood!

What a mild winter we are having.

Until the third weekend of January, we had not had any snow. Do you hear anyone complaining? Not long ago, I was walking through the neighborhood with one of the Painted Ladies house painting contest judges and ran into **Sue Webb**, who was tending her garden on 28th and St. Paul Street. She pointed to her irises which were just about ready to bloom. Indeed we noticed other confused flowers as we walked throughout the neighborhood. Speaking of **Painted Ladies**, winners will be announced on February 19, 3 p.m. at my house, 2942 N. Charles Street. All contestants are invited, and the community will learn of the winners in the Spring *Villager*.

The Snowflake Holiday House Tour

was a huge success. Our house was on the tour and we were thrilled with the number of visitors, including many from outside of the City, including several from southern Pennsylvania and even California. Tour organizer **Ron Tanner and his wife, Jill Eicher**, hosted a post-

tour dinner potluck attended by those who opened their homes for the tour as well as other Village friends. **Jeff and Mariann Millard, Joe Rexing, Brad and Jennifer Erickson, Charlie Kelly, Sandy Sparks, Rich and Sue Walther, Ron Griffith, Shaun Carrick and his mother, Patricia Carrick and Shirley Brewer**, among others enjoyed the potluck. Ron and Jill's house is an inspiration. If you don't know the story about how they rescued and restored this incredible house, check out www.houselove.org. Ron is studying to become a home inspector. Not what you might expect from a college professor and writer!

My husband Paul and I were eating dinner at the bar at Donna's on a recent night when we struck up a conversation with 31st Street residents **Corinne and Peter Gottlieb**. Peter was dressed in a three piece black suit complete with black bow tie. Turns out he is a teacher at Lakeland Elementary School and that day served as a host of a game show activity at his school. We learned that Corinne and Peter met as neighbors on 31st Street. They fell in love, got married, sold one of the 31st Street houses and moved into the other together. They were married at a church in Mt. Vernon. Following the ceremony, their hired New Orleans Dixieland band marched the wedding party and guests up Charles Street to the reception at The Belvedere. How fun! We also had fun chatting with former Donna's waiter **Alex Broome**, who now works at the Corner restaurant in Hampden. During the day he is busy rehabbing a church at 37th and Falls Road into a multi-purpose theatre space. Opening in March, the Baltimore United Social Hall will feature all sorts of interesting activities including entertaining dinner parties featuring chefs from around the City.

Calle's Cucina, an Italian BYOB restaurant at 2431–2433 St. Paul Street, opened in January. From Sweden and trained in Italy, **Chef & Owner Carl Vahl**, offers fine dining, gourmet pizza and desserts from the open kitchen and entry in 2431. The elegantly renovated dining room is a few steps up in 2433. Online a mom of 6 and 7 year old kids raved about the pizza and ice cream. Photos of the food on Calle's Facebook page are beautiful. Call 410.235.0128 or go to www.callescucina.com for menus and reservations.

Despite losing, The Ravens gave their fans (and our City) a lot to be happy about these past few weeks. I have loved all the buildings with purple lights—even the BMA was bathed in purple light.

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CVCBD Spring Meeting on Financial Plan Set for March 27 at Lovely Lane Church

The Spring Meeting on the FY2013 Financial Plan will be held on March 29 from 6:30 to 8 PM at Lovely Lane Methodist Church Hall, 2200 St Paul Street. This meeting will allow CVCBD property surcharge taxpayers the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed CVCBDMA Budget and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-13, beginning July 1, 2012.

CVCBD Elects New Officers for 2012

At its January meeting, the CVCBD Board of Directors elected these new officers:

President: DEREK DEMAREE
 Vice President: JASON PYERON
 Secretary: JENNIFER ERICKSON
 Treasurer: THAYNE MOYES
 At Large: BOB COOKE

This year, the Board has four new members:

BUD BEEHLER, CVCA
 FRANK RICHARDSON, Quad 2
 ANDREW STILLER, Quad 1
 VERDELL SMITH, Waverly Merchants Association

The CVCBD Board and Staff extend their special thanks to Gary Letteron and Jeff Millard, who both stepped down from the Board at the end of December after serving six years. Jeff served as Treasurer for five years and as President in 2011.



Residents spreading mushroom compost at the 23rd & Hunter Community Garden.

23rd & Hunter Community Garden Grows

Progress is happening at the Hunter and 23rd Street Community Garden project! The garden, located at 206-210 East 23rd Street, will have both communal and individual plots. Gardeners of all skill levels will manage the large communal plot in the north section of the garden lot share the harvest. A limited number of individual plots will be available, but all gardeners at the lot will share in general maintenance responsibilities at least once a month.

The garden planning committee coordinated two successful work days in December and January to prepare the lot for the winter months. Prior to the January work day, Master Gardeners Larry Kloze and Derek Joost from the University of Maryland Co-Operative Extension program assisted with designing the garden space and marking the plot locations with guides for the work day.

More than 20 residents with support from the Benefits District's VISTA Volunteer, Allison Wilhite, offered a helping hand at the January work day on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The volunteers laid cardboard, spread mushroom compost over the plots to help kill weeds, and build up a great soil base in preparation for planting season starting in mid-March. The Old Goucher Community Association and CVCBD made donations for the cardboard and compost.

The planning committee is submitting a Neighborhood Greening grant application to the Parks & People Foundation for purchase of a new gate and fencing to secure the lot as well as a shed for communal garden supplies to be stored.

For membership details and more information on the garden, contact Allison Wilhite, CVCBD at 410.235.5544, extension 16 or allison@charlesvillage.org.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

CVCBD Buys Blowers to Clean Sidewalks

In mid-December, the CVCBD purchased two gas-powered Echo blowers to help staff clean the sidewalks and gutters more quickly and effectively. The blowers enable staff to remove debris from under parked cars, which was impossible using only a broom, and also for removing small items like cigarettes from gaps in the sidewalks. Residents have commented that the sidewalks and gutters appear to be cleaner. In fact, the blowers quickly proved to be so effective that the CVCBD purchased another one at the end of January.

CVCBD Purchases 27 More Trash Cans

Thanks to grants from the Charles Village Civic Association (\$5,000) and the Charles Village Community Foundation (\$9,900), the CVCBD has purchased an additional 27 trash cans. Thank you CVCA and CVCF! When the new cans arrive in early February, they will immediately be distributed in the neighborhoods. This brings the number of new cans to 72 out of the total of 85 in the District. CVCBD has submitted a grant request to the Abell Foundation for funds to purchase the remaining 13 new cans for the grand total goal of 85.

—David Hill, CVCBD Executive Director

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Wednesday	Noon– 8 pm
Thursday	10 am– 6 pm
Friday	10 am– 6 pm
Saturday	Noon– 4 pm
Sunday	Closed



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Liesje Gantert, Executive Director

VLP Calendar

14th Spaghetti Disco — Saturday, February 25, 5:30 to 11 pm

It's time once again for our favorite wacky neighborhood tradition, the Spaghetti Disco! This amazing party brings together delicious food, kids' crafts and games, and great neighbors on a groovy dance floor happens at St. John's Church, 27th & St. Paul Streets. All proceeds will benefit the Village Learning Place. Visit www.villagelearningplace.org to purchase tickets!

Read Across America Day 2012 — Friday, March 2

During Read Across America Day, sponsored by the National Education Association, the VLP will celebrate reading and delighting in books by the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss.

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

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

2nd Wednesdays — 2nd Wednesdays of the month, 7-9pm

2nd Wednesdays is a series of free lectures, concerts, and special arts events. This series spotlights local talent and provides a first-rate cultural experience for adults

March 14. Kim Barnes, native plant gardening

April 11. TBD

Baltimore History Evenings — 3rd Thursdays of the month, 7-9pm

Baltimore History Evenings, presented in partnership with the Baltimore City Historical Society, is a monthly series of presentations and discussions on Baltimore.

February 16. Mapping Baybrook: Environmental Justice in Industrial South Baltimore

March 15. "The Invasion" of a Northwest Baltimore Suburb: Suburbanization, Restrictive Covenants, and Property Rights

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

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

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



2nd Wednesday attendees play a role in the story of Margaret Brent of Maryland portrayed by actress Mary Ann Jung. The Maryland Humanities Council presented this performance for the 2nd Wednesday series of special events.

Senior Tea — 2nd Tuesdays, 11 am to Noon

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

February 14. Ballroom dancing with Dave and Anne Green

March 13. Philip Easter recounts memories of his many travels

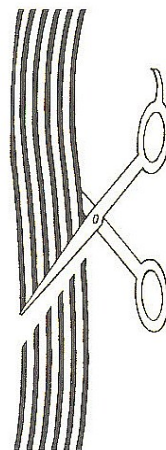
April 10. Bernice Turner presents on her Healthy Homes line of products

WiFi at the VLP Library!

The VLP Library has WiFi available to the public. Bring your laptop, and check it out today!

**The Spaghetti Disco
Noodle Wranglers
welcome
internationally acclaimed
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DJ Disco Ro**

**Just
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It!**



*Celebrating
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3100 St. Paul Street

Join Friends of Wyman Park Dell to implement the master plan for this historic park...

**Wyman Park Dell
Public Workshop 2—
Union Monument Plateau and
Playground Area at Charles & 29th**

**Saturday, February 18
1 to 3 p.m.**

**Miller's Court Conference Room
2601 N. Howard Street**

Weather permitting, a portion of the workshop will include a walk to the park. Children are encouraged to participate.

This public workshop is an opportunity to discuss and develop ideas to frame the design details for enhancement of the park. Discussion will include playground expansion, gateway signage, special planting areas, accommodations for festivals and other ideas.

We welcome and encourage your input!

www.wymanparkdell

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The Walters Art Museum
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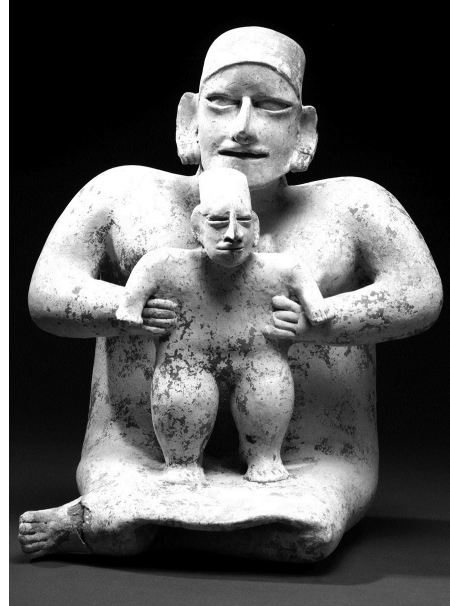
Also on view and rarely shown because of the delicacy of the medium, are **Leon Bonvin's Watercolors** created before his death by suicide at age 32 in 1866. William Walters collected over 50 items of his work and is the largest collection of Bonvin's work.

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) opens **The Common Object**. Zeuxis Still-Life Painters Association and MICA have brought together 60 paintings that incorporate the same everyday object—a dishtowel. Meyerhoff Gallery in the Fox Building, 1303 W. Mt. Royal Avenue. Thru March 11.

Bezalel on Tour, an exhibition showcasing some of the best contemporary creations by more than two dozen Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem alumni who graduated in the past five years. MICA is the first U.S. venue for this touring exhibition, which introduces to the world some of Israel's emerging artists while providing a fresh and creative outlook on the country's society.

Join Charles Villager Gil French who performs with **Bach in Baltimore Sunday**. FREE concert First Movement from *Brandenburg Concerto #1 Cantata 83: Erfreute Zeit im neuen Bunde*; and *Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor* by J. S. Bach March 4 at 4 PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles. www.bachinbaltimore.org/

The next production at the **Lyric Opera House** is Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro)*. March 9 & 11. Tix: 410.900.1163 or www.Modellpac.com



Mother and Child, El Arenal, Jalisco, Mexico, 100 BCE-200 CE, Earthenware, white slip with black and red paint, Gift of John Bourne. View in *The Walters Art Museum Exhibit, Exploring Art of the Ancient Americas: The John Vourne Collection Gift* through May 20.

The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra
Mozart's *Symphony No. 41 in C Major, Jupiter*. Sunday, February 19 at 3 pm at the SDS Room, Mattin Arts Center. Free.
Samuel Barber, *Piano Concerto, Op. 38* and Igor Stravinsky, *Petrouchka*. Sunday, March 4 at 3 pm in Shriver Hall. Tix: 410.516.6542 or www.jhu.edu/jhso.

Also at JHU, the **Shriver Hall Concert Series** will feature Wolfgang Holzmair, baritone and Russell Ryan, piano in the Helen Coplan Harrison Concert. Sunday, February 26 at 5:30 pm. Tix: www.shriverconcerts.org or call 410.516.7164.

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Everyman Theater, 1727 North Charles Street, brings Michael Weller's **Fifty Words**, a Baltimore Premiere. Watch Adam and Jane finally have an evening alone—a suspenseful nightlong roller-coaster ride of revelation and passion. Thru February 19. Box Office: 410.752.2208 or www.everymantheatre.org. Celebrate African-American History Month with these productions about artists who thrived during the Harlem Renaissance.

Audrey Herman's Spotlighters Theatre presents **Ain't Misbehavin'**—the music of "Fats" Waller and a tribute to the black musicians of the 1920s and '30s. Thru February 12. 410.752.1225 or www.spotlighters.org.

Theatre Morgan presents August Wilson's **Jitney**, directed by Shirley Basfield Dunlap, who is also directing *Ain't Misbehavin'* at The Spotlighters. This play is set in the Hill District of Pittsburgh in the 1970s— one of the ten Wilson plays depicting the 20th Century decades with Roscoe Orman (Gordon of "Sesame Street"). Through February 12. Gilliam Concert Hall of the Murphy Fine Arts Center, 2201 Argonne Drive. Tickets: 443.885.4440.

Don't forget the local theatre companies located in Station North, that are doing great work.

The Strand Theater Company, 1823 N. Charles Street, presents **That Pretty, Pretty, or the Rape Play** by Sheila Callaghan. Radical ex-strippers and a playwright and Jane Fonda...and? Adult language! The Strand showcases women artists and has been doing terrific productions. Thru February 18. www.strandtheatercompany.org.

Single Carrot Theatre, 120 W. North Avenue, features Charles Mee's **Hotel Cassiopeia**. Prolific artist Joseph Carrell's boxes each represent a magical world all their own. Explore the mind of an American genius. Tickets at 443.844.9253 or visit www.singlecarrot.com.

Fells Point Corner Theater, 251 S. Anne Street in Fells Point, continues the season with Eugene O'Neill's **The Iceman Cometh**. Thru February 12. Welcome to Harry Hope's saloon. www.fpct.org, or 410.276.7837

The Vagabond Players, 806 S. Broadway in Fells Point, presents Neil Simon's **California Suite** and the travelers who occupy Suite 203. February 24–March 25. Tix 410.563.9135 or www.vagabondplayers.org

Baltimore Concert Opera at the Engineer's Club, will present **Lucia di Lammermoor** by Gaetano Donizetti on Friday, March 23 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, March 25 at 3 pm. 443.844.3496 or www.BaltimoreConcertOpera.com.

For weekly updates on the arts and culture scene, subscribe to **Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance's** listserv at www.baltimoreculture.org or go to BaltimoreFunGuide.com or funsaver@baltimorefunguide.com

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- **E. 33rd Street** between St. Paul Street and N. Charles Street.

While the reports also noted N. Charles Street, from 28th Street to University Parkway required improvements, these will be addressed in the forthcoming N. Charles Street Reconstruction Project.

In addition, SWA recommended various approaches involving education, enforcement, best practices, changing the built environment and placemaking. The School of Public Health Report focused on needs related to behavioral modification—pedestrians focusing on traffic as opposed to electronic devices, reading, and/or socializing while crossing the street and enforcement of associated laws and regulations.

Key concerns presented in the SWA Report are:

- Wide roads with long pedestrian crossings
- Unprotected and undedicated pedestrian sites and bicycle facilities
- Desire by pedestrians to cross streets at mid-block rather than designated crossings locations
- Complicated pedestrian crossings with medians and skewed alignments
- Lack of safe mid-street crossing refuge
- Outdated and ineffective traffic control devices (e.g. signs, signals)
- Limited connectivity and ADA (Americans with Disability Act) access in the pedestrian and bicycle networks
- Poor visibility of pedestrians at street crossings
- Vehicles parking in pedestrian crossings
- Excessive vehicular speed
- Deferred streetscape maintenance

SWA recommendations focus on maintenance, safety and operational improvements and involve the

following recommendations at select locations and to varying degrees—installing raised crosswalks and speed tables; providing stamp print crosswalks to increase visibility and uniformity; shortening the distance at pedestrian crossings with sidewalk bump outs and pedestrian refuge areas at medians; upgrading traffic control mechanisms (e.g., new signals, new signing, and new pavement marking); establishing more clearly identified and protected bike lanes with markings, signage, as well as other physical components; improving traffic medians; repairing and installing new sidewalks; replacing storm water grates for bicycle compatibility; reducing vehicular speeds; adjusting traffic signal timing; adjusting lane uses and intersection geometry; changing traffic operations through modification of signs, signals and pavement markings (e.g. striping turn lanes and adding arrows to make lane configurations clear to drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians).

To concurrently foster a pedestrian and bicycle friendly area while encouraging pedestrian and bicyclist compliance with relevant safety oriented behavior, regulations, and laws, both the SWA and the School of Public Health Reports promote education, behavioral modification and placemaking. The School of Public Health recommendations are focused on JHU students as well the general public. An overarching recommendation is that members of both JHU and the nearby community be fully engaged in the process of making decisions about moving forward to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety around the Homewood campus. JHU hopes that there will be opportunities to implement the associated strategies concurrently among JHU's students as well as the nearby communities.

Recommendations from the School of Public Health report include: providing educational sessions on pedestrian and bicycle safety, especially to students new to Homewood; including additional information

on pedestrian and bicycle safety during the Hopkins Walkers on Patrol (a weekly citizens on patrol type tour for JHU students); developing a communications campaign on pedestrian and biking risks to improve awareness and knowledge about how to travel safely as a pedestrian and bicyclist; increase traffic, pedestrian and bicycling law enforcement—especially at the beginning of the school year; installing speed and red light cameras to help reduce traffic speed and increase caution at intersections; and encouraging the use of Complete Streets Framework when working on roadways (City Council Bill # 09-0433).

In addition, the Metro Council Street Smart Campaign, operated by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, aims to educate motorists and pedestrians on sharing the road through media and enforcement. Placemaking is a design and planning tool for creating a thriving space with a strong sense of community. Public spaces can be transformed through the use of public art, street furniture and amenities such as benches, planters, banners, flower baskets or decorative lighting. Programming such as food markets, book fairs, musical performances, poetry readings, yoga classes and board games also draw pedestrians together. Placemaking can also facilitate additional social interactions among area residents.

By working together on this important and complex matter, local community leadership, JHU, and the Baltimore City agencies are improving our community on yet another front that has long demanded attention. If you are interested in helping to improve traffic-related conditions in the community, and/or have questions, please contact Sharon Guida, Chair CVCA Traffic Calming and Land Use Committees at SLG2700@cs.com

—Salem Reiner, Director of Community Affairs, The Johns Hopkins Institutions



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Charles Hughes Recalls Greenmount Avenue's Prime since Waverly Childhood



Charles Hughes with his bubble lights.

An Abell Avenue resident since 1971, Charles Hughes moved west across Greenmount Avenue from his family's Gorsuch Avenue home. Born October 4, 1966 to a steelworker at Armco on Edison Highway and a secretary at Coca Cola on Kirk Avenue, Charles walked to school at Abbotston Public Elementary School and City College high school. His first job was as an usher at the Waverly Theater where he told patrons to stop smoking and be quiet, and also searched for lost personal items and changed the letters on the front marquis. After leaving high school he worked retail at Korvette's on Joppa Road before going into a small painting and contracting business from which he will retire soon.

At his 3049 Abell Avenue home shared with Jim Becker, he fondly recalls his next-door-neighbor, Marie Lombardi, whom he still misses. He also misses having two Greenmount Avenue movie houses to go to weekly, Sunny Surplus, the sub shop Tugboat Annie's, the three hardware stores—Boulevard on 32nd Street, Hardware Fare and Hoover's on Greenmount. At 7 p.m. he could decide to go to a game at Memorial Stadium on 33rd Street and Ellerslie and walk over and buy a ticket.

And he really misses the streetcars. Charles was on the very last streetcar ride which connected Towson to Catonsville and traveled regularly along Greenmount Avenue through the heart of Waverly. Since 1966, he has been a dedicated volunteer helping preserve Baltimore's great streetcar/public transit heritage at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum (BSM) on Falls Road, which he walks to in good weather. And while he would not tell you this, in the entrance to the museum along the Jones Falls, is a life size image of Charles being recognized for his role in keeping the BSM going.

Where does Charles shop? On Greenmount Avenue! He goes to Herman's Discounts, Goodwill, Ace Hardware, Pete's Grille and Rite Aid. For groceries he alternates between Waverly Crossroads Giant and Eddie's of Charles Village. Does he feel safe walking? Most certainly and he has never been frightened or hurt in walking around day or night.

Charles is a low tech kind of old school guy who expects to die without ever sending an e-mail or even owning a computer or car. When it's too wet or cold to walk, he does take buses which he considers to be adequate. They don't run with the frequency of streetcars, which he admits served many more regular riders prior to cars becoming affordable popular consumer items. When asked about atmosphere inside a bus rather than a trolley, he notes that any deterioration is really due to the general trend in the coarsening of our culture.

1963
104 years of streetcar service ends on Nov. 3, as the 8 and 15 lines are converted to bus. President John F. Kennedy is assassinated less than 3 weeks later.

Charles still reads the daily paper version of the *Baltimore Sun* as well as local community newsletters. For mystery novels, he visits the neighborhood's Barnes & Noble Johns Hopkins, The Book Thing and the Waverly Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library.

To beat the heat, he vacations in Maine—volunteering time in the Seashore Trolley Museum at Kennebunkport. Charles attends events at the Village Learning Place and Greenmount Cemetery to learn more about city history through lectures and guided tours. He does attend occasional neighborhood meetings when he considers an important issue is on the agenda.

A long-established holiday tradition—Charles helps Jacques Kelley, a life-long Charles Villager, set up a major train garden display from start to finish each year. Charles is well-known in serious Christmas decoration circles for his two ceiling-high, live Christmas trees on the first floor lit with his liquid bubble light collection. The bubble lights go beautifully with the gas lights that are original surviving features of his Abell Avenue home.

How have things changed over the past 50 years he has been on Abell Avenue? His answer is simply that they have gotten *more expensive*.

—Joe Stewart, Waverly historian

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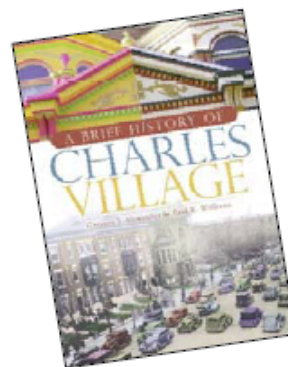
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Waverly Main Street Celebrates War of 1812 Bicentennial

Saturday, March 17, 10 am— Join Waverly Main Street and the Waverly Farmers Market for the unveiling of a sign commemorating:

- ▶ Historic Merryman Lane
- ▶ Segregated Baltimore City Public School 115 (once located on the present day Farmers Market lot)
- ▶ Roberta Sheridan, one of the first African American to teach in a Baltimore City public school
- ▶ Betty Williams, distinguished educator, an alumna of 115
- ▶ Former students of Public School 115

If you or someone you know attended PS 115, please contact Jo Ann Robinson at 410.338.1552 or jooiman@msn.com.

Sunday, April 1, Noon to 2 pm— Walk through history beginning on the site of the former American Revolutionary military barracks at 3009 Greenmount Avenue and Old York Road, now St Johns in the Village.

Stops along the way include:

- ▶ Waverly Fire House, which has protected and served the village for over a hundred years,
- ▶ Former U.S. Post Office Waverly Station, historically renovated for reuse as Ace Hardware
- ▶ Waverly Historic Marker on Olmsted Green
- ▶ Original Waverly Town Hall, 3100 Greenmount Avenue and 31st Street, a Baltimore Landmark where villagers voted for annexation into the city in 1888.
- ▶ A reception follows outside the landmark Waverly Town Hall

Poetry in the Community will recite revolutionary verse including Francis Scott Key's The Star Spangled Banner. The musical group **Midway Fair** will perform. **Baltimore City Historical Society** will be represented. *Village Life Historic Walking Tour* booklets will be given out compliments of Baltimore National Heritage Area. Locally prepared refreshments will be served compliments of **Baltimore Main Streets**.

The National Main Street Conference returns to Baltimore from April 1–4. Conference delegates from around the country will be our special guests. Free public event. For information, contact Joe Stewart at 410.243.4418 or joestewart31947@comcast.net.

Waverly War of 1812 History Notes

At least one small contingent of the army that wrested the colonies from George III was headquartered in Waverly. On the modern site of Saint John's Church, a stone barracks was built to house soldiers of the Revolution. Again during the War of 1812 the barracks served as a rest center for weary troopers. And it was this same barracks that became Waverly's first schoolhouse as well as headquarters for the village magistrate.

General Sam Smith, heroic defender of Baltimore during the War of 1812, chose Waverly as the site for his own lofty estate, Montebello. This architectural gem with its magnificently columned veranda stood at the east end of Thirty-Third Street until its destruction in 1907.

—From *Waverly A Narrative of Bygone Years 1731–1960* by John Allen Sipes & Patricia Ann Riggle (Baltimore 1979).

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The spring semester will run from February 2nd to May 3rd and there are a limited number of openings remaining for new members. The all-inclusive fee is \$192.50 for the spring term.

The Renaissance Institute provides free parking with convenient shuttle bus service. Nearly all of the classes meet in Fourier Hall on the corner of N. Charles Street and Homeland Avenue. The building is handicapped accessible.

For more information about joining, or just to ask questions, call the Renaissance Institute office at 410.532.5351 to speak to Diane Finlayson or Linda Kuehn. You can also Google *Renaissance Institute Baltimore* and *Like* the Renaissance Institute on Facebook to keep up with many wonderful activities.
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Stations of the Cross Fridays, 7pm Feb. 24– March 30

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

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

Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 12 Noon.

Tenebrae Service, 7pm

Holy Saturday Great Vigil— The First Mass of Easter, 8pm

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Neighborhood Institute workshops include:

Engaging City Government— Odette Ramos, Strategic Management Consulting

Building Community Gardens— Miriam Avins, Baltimore Green Space

Energy Efficiency— Neighborhood Design Center

Creating Community Art— Julie Lin, MICA's Community Art Collaborative

Following the day's workshops and lunch, join neighbors for a panel discussion with Adam Bednar, North Baltimore Patch, Kristina Berdan, Youth Dreamers, Inc., and Regina Boyce, Waverly Improvement Association. Cap off the afternoon with a special happy hour at Alizée Boutique Bistro and Wine Bar.

This event is free and includes lunch. RSVP no later than March 17. Visit www.greaterhomewood.org/neighborhoodinstitute for more information.

Resident Opens Metal Restoration Shop

In Fall 2011, Guilford Avenue resident, Justin Howell-Clarke, started a metal restoration and fabrication business, Restoration Workshop at 140 N. Kresson Street in East Baltimore. Justin, formerly of Baltimore Metal Crafters, has worked for a number of years in metal restoration and also has a background in architectural drafting and home construction.

Restoration Workshop specializes in polishing, lacquering, faux finishing, lighting, electroplating and custom steel fabrication. The workshop refinishes a wide variety of items from 19th century church chaises to modern bath fixtures. They can recreate any finish— oil rubbed bronze, antique copper or satin nickel— and can repair or update the wiring on antique lamps and sconces. Restoration Workshop can also fabricate modern furniture, custom steel security window grates and doors. For more information, call Justin Howell-Clarke at 410.276.0606 or go to www.restorationworkshop.net.

CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

We make our voices known on planning, zoning, liquor, traffic and other issues affecting the neighborhood. We help prevent crime and build community through the Neighborhood Walkers in partnership with the Charles Village Community Benefits District. We beautify the neighborhood by organizing clean-ups and plantings. We support strong schools and recreation activities for our children and youth.

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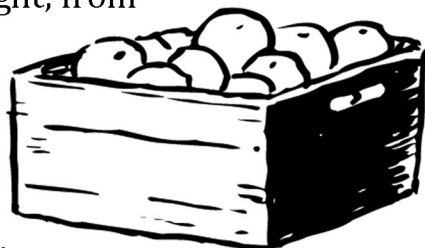
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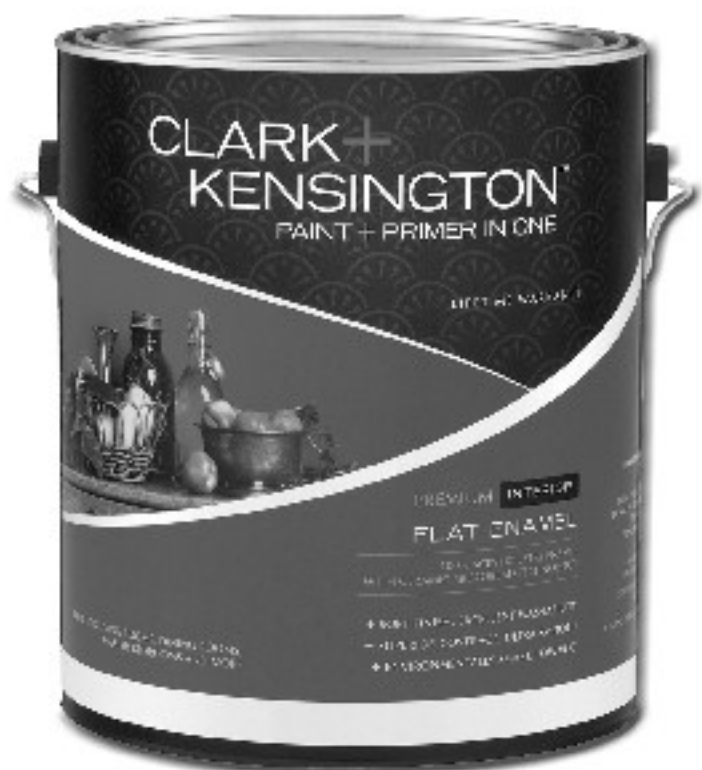
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RPP Area 37 Renewal Process Begins February 20

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February 20— First Day to renew RPP Area 37 online or downtown at the Parking Authority Offices; however, permit decals and visitor passes will not be available for pickup at the Parking Authority until March 20.

March 31— Community RPP Area 37 Pick-Up for new and renewal prepaid permit decals and visitors passes on the Front Porch, 2746 Maryland Avenue from Noon to 2 p.m.

April 1— City enforcement of 2012 Area 37 RPP decals and visitors passes begins.

Only residents who 1) renew online and pay with a credit card **prior to March 28** OR 2) who mail in the online application with a check or money order that is received by PABC **prior to March 28**, will be able to pick up their permits at 2746 Maryland Avenue on March 31. To pickup a permit, whether downtown at PABC or at the community pickup, Residents need to bring current proper documentation and identification papers— vehicle registration, driver's license, current lease, non-resident permits, notarized letters, student or military ID, etc.

The RPP application site is www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/parking/rpp or <https://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx>.

Please use your same password from last year or call 443.573.2800 to reset your password. For instructions on how to use the new website, go to www.charlesvillage.net. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Parking Authority by e-mail at rpp@bcparking.com or by phone at 443.573.2800, extension 819 or 863.

COST: \$20 per year for a Resident Parking Permit Decal. Limit of 4 registered cars per household.

\$20 per year for a Visitor Pass. Limit of 2 visitor passes per household.

Number of allowable households per property address to be determined by review of zoning records.

If you do not have online access, you can go to the Village Learning Place (VLP), 2521 St. Paul Street, for free access to a computer. See VLP hours on the top of page 6. For the step-by-step online RPP registration procedure and regulations, please go to the CVCA website at www.charlesvillage.net.

Note— A Parking Citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or pass in Area 37 is now \$52 for each occurrence.

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