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South Baltimore Improvement Committee • March 2006



A LOTTA GOOD STUFF

School 33 Art Center and The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts invite you to attend the Fourteenth Annual LOTTA ART Benefit at School 33 on Saturday, April 22, 2006. The LOTTA ART Benefit is School 33's largest and most popular fundraising event. More than 100 local artists generously donate works in all mediums and styles to benefit School 33 Art Center's exhibition and education programs. At the event, a lottery-style drawing is held and each ticket holder brings home a work of art. Tickets are \$150 and \$135 for Annual Fund Supporters and participating artists. Tickets go on sale March 2. All guests accompanying ticket holders must purchase guest tickets. Guest tickets are \$25. Guest ticket holders are not eligible to select a work of art. School 33 Art Center's LOTTA ART Benefit was recently named by City Paper in its Best of Baltimore edition as The Best Way to Buy Art.

Continuous cocktail buffet begins at 5:30 p.m. Drawing begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to the April 22 drawing, it is recommended that ticket holders visit School 33 to note their selections of artwork in order of preference. For this purpose, the LOTTA ART exhibition will be on view for two weeks prior to the benefit. School 33 is located at 1427 Light Street, just 8 blocks south of the Inner Harbor. For further information on LOTTA ART, please call (410) 396-4641, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., email at school33@promotionandarts.com or visit the Center's website at www.school33.org.

GET OUT!

BARCS Adoption Meet & Greet
Saturday, March 11th
Noon –2:00p.m.

Lucky Lucy's, 1126 S. Charles St.
Maybe meet the four-legged love of your life! See page 7 for more info.

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, March 12th
2:00 p.m.

Charles St. to Central Ave.

Neighborhood Cleanup
Saturday, March 25th
Corner of Fort Ave. & Charles St.
Gloves, brooms and bags provided.

SPCA March for the Animals
Saturday, April 2nd
11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Druid Hill Park
See page 7 for more info.

LOTTA ARTwork on View
April 8th—21st
Mon—Tues, 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.,
Wed—Fri, 10:00a.m.-7:00p.m.,
Sat, 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
School 33 Art Center
1427 Light Street
Preview artwork available at the LOTTA ART Benefit. See page 1 for more info.

LOTTA ART
Saturday, April 22nd
5:30p.m.
School 33 Art Center
1427 Light Street
A great way to add art to your life.
See page 1 for more info.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, March 7, 2006
7:30 p.m. at Olive Branch
United Methodist Church
(corner of Charles & Fort Ave. S.)

Guest Speaker:
Claudia Randall
School 33 Art Center

RECYCLING DAYS

Paper recycling is the 2nd & 4th
Fridays, March 10th & 24th



Bottles, Cans & Jars
are the 2nd & 4th
Mondays, March 13th & 27th
All recycling collected streetside



SoBoImCo

SoBoImCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee, Inc. whose mission is "to encourage, through regular meetings, the formal exchange of ideas; to work with local law enforcement in promoting safety; and to assist individuals and families in the continuing process of neighborhood renewal." We welcome articles, ads and photo submissions via mail or email:

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We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBoImCo. We believe all sources of information are reliable, however, we do not guarantee completeness or accuracy.

Membership

Residents of South Baltimore are encouraged to become members of SBIC. Just contact an SBIC officer for more information.

Meetings

Community meetings of SBIC are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

Website

www.soboimco.org

YOUTH COUNCIL

By Marie Sennett

National Service Learning Project Weekend is coming upon us fast. April 21-23, 2006 is a time when all around the country teens will be earning service learning hours. Our Youth Council has chosen three projects to work on. First, they will be painting murals at the Ella Bailey Rec Center and the Riverside Park Pool. Second, they will be repairing the fields at Riverside Park so the community can use them. Third, they are creating a Trash Awareness Program to encourage adults, teens, and kids alike to pick up their trash. Here is the schedule of prep and fun for March. All events are at the Ella Bailey Rec Center, 100 E. Heath Street – entrance is the back door of the Johnson Elementary School.

Thursday, March 2, 2006: Brainstorming for service learning projects 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2006: Teen Olympics 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2006: Meeting with Councilmember Ed Reisinger. 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2006: Art with Ms. Sandy

SANITATION & BEAUTIFICATION

By Amy Mutch

Before we leave old man winter behind I must thank a number of volunteers who participated in the February clean up. Steve (leader of the pack), Donnie, Marie, Jim, Peter, Larry, Shani, Lori, Diane, Philip, Rickie, Tom, Boo, Dennis, Jack, Willette, Erin, and Barb for her wonderful fliers. I hope I haven't missed anyone. A larger area was covered even with the developing snow storm!! Thomas Johnson Elementary was also a beneficiary of a volunteers special attention.

With thoughts turned to Spring some of you may be considering a tree in front of your home. The procedure for acquiring a tree from the city will be posted on our web site in the near future. We are always interested in beautification projects and look forward to hearing from anyone with ideas. Even a simple flower pot can make an appreciated difference. Our next clean up is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at the corner of Fort and Charles Streets. You'll find a committee member at the dumpster who can direct you to a team. All supplies are provided. We've got a good thing going lets keep it up!!

Please be sure to join us at our April General Meeting—the Guest Speaker will be Dale Thompson, Assistant Chief of Sanitation.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

This committee is asking the neighborhood to help be the eyes and ears for construction projects within the geographic borders for SBIC. We encourage you to report any concerns that may arise resulting from construction projects on your block. If you believe that the integrity of your home is compromised by work being done on an adjacent property or without permits, please call 311. Make sure you get a conformation number from the operator. If you suspect a dumpster has been placed without a permit call Office Of Permits 410-396-4508 they will investigate and issue fines.

We are supportive of improvements but ask that builders "play by the rules"!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Shani Ahearn

Almost everyone knows the old adage about how it takes a village to accomplish large goals like raising a child or transforming a neighborhood. I am constantly reminded of this saying as I live and work in the amazing community that is South Baltimore. I am so inspired by the many ways in which a community can band together to accomplish major goals for the good of its members. I have been fortunate to witness numerous instances of this SoBo spirit last month – from the incredible turnout at our February clean-up, to the lively discussion with Major Jordan at the General Meeting, to the surveys that you have so thoughtfully spent your time on and sent in. As one of South Baltimore's residents,

you are the village that lifts up this neighborhood and everyone in it.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the other SoBo villagers who work so hard (often behind the scenes with little or not recognition) to make this neighborhood a great place to work, live, and play. SBIC is incredibly fortunate to have the support of the following remarkable board members:

Lori Hardesty, who is without a doubt the best vice president I could imagine having and the ultimate working partner; **Marimargaret Reichart**, our new secretary extraordinaire and an overall wonderful person; **Julie Tice**, our past

president who never says no to a request for help and is always ready and willing to lend a hand – and a foot, if need be; **Amy Mutch**, who is forever going above and beyond and fights tirelessly to keep our streets clean and safe and reflective of the wonderful people who live here; **Sharron McCulloch**, recognized by everyone as the best darn police and community relations representative in the Southern district and, in my opinion, the entire city of Baltimore; **Marie Sennett**, an unbelievable advocate for South Baltimore and a person for whom, I am convinced, absolutely nothing is impossible; and **Steve Zaleskiwicz**, our champion of responsible development and over-all clean-up hero.

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POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

By Sharron McCulloch

We are very excited to introduce a new member of the Southern District Police Station to our neighborhood. Deputy Major Michael McDonald has been promoted to our district after working with the Baltimore City Police Department for the past 19 years. Deputy Major McDonald is a distinguished veteran of the police department and brings notable strength, enthusiasm, and communicable vitality to his new position as Deputy Major.

Deputy Major McDonald has been a resident of Maryland since he was 10 years old, attended Loyola College, and started as a cadet when he was just 20 years old. He has worked in various areas throughout Baltimore, and has been promoted several times from different Operations and SWAT Team positions. You can tell just by meeting him for a few minutes how happy he is to be working in the BCPD for all these years. We are very pleased to have the expertise of our new Deputy Major in this community, and expect to see great things come from him in this honored position. Welcome!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

On April 22, 2006, The South Baltimore Youth Council will need adult volunteers to assist them with their Service Learning Projects from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All day long the teens will be working on murals, trash, and repairing the fields at Riverside Park. They will need the following types of adult volunteer help:

Physical Labor – for the Fields project. The teens will be grating the fields, installing benches and fences and just working hard.

Water Suppliers – the teens will need fresh water brought to them periodically to keep them hydrated.

Dining Staff – we will be serving breakfast and lunch to the teens to keep their strength up.

Party Staff – at the end of the day we will have a party celebrating our hard work

Clean up – cleaning up from the party.

If you can give even just one hour, please contact Marie Sennett at 410-837-1132 or msennett@believewireless.net

CLARIFICATION OF THE ALLEY GATES MEMO

If you want to gate the foot path or paper alley behind your house (one that is approximately 5 feet wide) and you do not want to be fined, you need to follow the guidelines in last month's memo on gating an alley.

You also must obtain the consent of all the property owners whose property is adjacent to the alley. Fresh copies of the Gates Memo will be available at the March 7, 2006 SBIC meeting.

LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

Don't be kept in the dark! Let's help deter crime and loitering at night, by lighting up our streets. By turning your outside lights on overnight (both front and back porch lights), you are helping to protect yourselves, your neighbors, and your house. Criminal elements in the neighborhood thrive on dim or poorly lit areas to conduct their crimes.

MISSING MRS. RAY

By AMY Grace

The house at the corner of South Charles and Ostend has been looking untended and lonely recently since our neighbor, Catherine Ray, suffered a stroke in December and was transported to the hospital. Since then, on the eve of her 100th birthday, Mrs. Ray has been transferred to the Keswick Multi-Care Center on West

40th Street across from the Rotunda. She is recuperating well - eating, walking around and visiting the other residents. It's not certain if she has started sweeping the halls there as she used to sweep the sidewalk on the corner every day. She appreciates card and visits from her South Baltimore neighbors; she is in Room 360.



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LOTS HAPPENINGS AT THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, March 9, 6:15 pm

Monthly meeting of the Friends Group.

BOOK GROUP EXPO

Monday, March 13, 6:30 pm

Member of a book discussion group? We are looking for you! Come share the successes of your group & learn new ideas from others as we celebrate book groups and clubs of all kinds. Refreshments will be served. Call 410-396-1096 to register.

CURIOUS GEORGE PUPPET SHOW

Wednesday, March 15, 1 pm

Ages 3-7. Are you curious to discover what happens on Curious George's birthday? Come join Curious George on his latest exciting adventure as he makes new friends!

IRISH STEP PERFORMANCE

Monday, March 27, 7 pm

Come enjoy a dance recital performed by members of Catholic Community School. A clogging good time will be had by one and all.

DESIGN A SIGN

Tuesday, March 28, 3:30 pm

Ages 10-17. In preparation for the April 1st National Library Week Kick-Off Parade, teens will be making posters to display and carry during the event. All materials will be provided.

HARRIET TUBMAN: MEET THE WOMAN

Thursday, March 30, 6:30 pm

Known as the "Moses of Her People," Harriet Tubman led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Her life was filled with courageous acts, as she fought for the freedom guaranteed to all Americans. Join us as Gwendolyn Briley-Strand, actress and Tubman authority, brings this remarkable woman to life through her words and in photographs. Sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council.

TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

Saturday, April 1, 11 am

All Ages. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Change Your World @ Your Library." Join us for a Kick-off Parade. Come show your support for the library!

STITCHING B'S KNITTING CIRCLE

Saturdays, April 1 & 15, 11 am

Join our group of experienced & amateur knitting & needlework enthusiasts. Come socialize, meet new people and trade tips & tricks.

MARYLAND TRIVIA

Monday, April 3, 6:30 pm

Test your knowledge of all things Maryland by attending this entertaining and educational program. Jeff Korman, Manager of EPFL's Maryland Department, will share interesting facts and tidbits.

THE FROG PRINCE

Tuesday, April 4, 3:30 pm

Ages 5-12. Listen to frog stories & play a game to see if you can find the Frog Prince. Call 410-396-1096 to register.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING

Want to help clean drugs off our streets? You can help accomplish this by calling Baltimore City drug detectives with information. Dial **"410-666-DRUG"** for feeding specific information to the drug detectives when you have facts such as names, tag numbers, and locations of drugs and dealers in our neighborhood.



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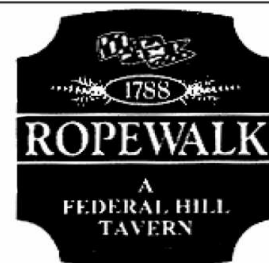
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WE'RE WORKING ON IT!

The newly reformatted SoBoImCo.org website is live! While the look hasn't changed, the contact information has been updated, as well as the schedule for this year's meetings. We still have a few wrinkles to iron out, but we're really excited to make the website a relevant source of information, once again.



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To celebrate Women's History Month, Mount Clare Museum House is pleased to offer a special exhibit entitled *Margaret Tilghman Carroll – Revolutionary Woman*. From March 1, 2006 until May 13, 2006 this exhibit will focus on Margaret's life at Mount Clare from 1763 until 1817. Visitors will be treated to special guided tours in which they can experience the lifestyle of a wealthy plantation mis-

tress in 18th and early 19th century Maryland.

In 1763, the *Maryland Gazette* described Charles Carroll, Barrister's new bride as "a young lady of great Merit, Beauty, and Fortune." With her marriage to Charles, two of the most prominent families in the region were united. After Charles' death in 1783, Margaret continued living at Mount Clare until she died there in 1817 – having never remarried. Mount Clare today reflects the personality of Margaret perhaps more than any other single person. Several rare objects from the Mount Clare collection will be displayed for a limited time during this exhibit, including Margaret Carroll's c.1770 silk gown and her 1817 Will that provides freedom for the people enslaved at Mount Clare. Other exclusive objects include two portraits of Margaret by Charles Willson Peale, and personal objects be-

longing to other prominent American women.

Mount Clare - Minutes from the Inner Harbor...Centuries Away! This National Historic landmark is Maryland's finest example of a Georgian country estate. Baltimore's oldest house was the home of Charles Carroll, Barrister and his wife Margaret Tilghman Carroll. It sits majestically in historic Carroll Park in southwest Baltimore. Original family furnishings depict the grand style of 18th century colonial living. Managed by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Mount Clare became Maryland's first house museum in 1917. Open Tuesday through Saturday for guided tours beginning at 10am. Last tour begins at 3:00 pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students. 5 and under free. The Mount Clare Stable is located west of the mansion and is available for rentals.

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ADOPTION MEET & GREET!!!

Stop by Lucky Lucy's Canine Café at 1126 S. Charles St. the first Saturday after the SBIC meeting, March 11, between 12-2 PM to meet an adoptable dog from BARCS like those featured here.

Call Lucky Lucy's for more info:
(410) 837-2121

(President's Corner continued from page 3)

We are losing a few of our steadfast members this month and I would be remiss if I did not mention them as well:

Dakota Bailey, who has served us faithfully and well for two years and makes a killer vegetarian chili; **Amy Conway**, who revitalized our newsletter and had a tremendous impact during her tenure as newsletter editor; and **Tammy Brown**, who is leaving her post as social chair to pursue incredibly exciting things but promises to still be involved.

SBIC would be lost without the dedication of our current and former board members. For those of you who are continuing to serve as part of SBIC, it is such an honor to be a part of this work with you. For those who are leaving their posts, we cannot thank you enough for all that you have done - you will be sorely missed!

There are many others who have invested their time, energy, and creativity in improving our community and I wish I had the space to name them all. Thank you for all of your efforts - large, small, and everything in between - and if you have yet to become involved with SBIC please consider joining us at a meeting, a clean-up, or a social - whatever suits your fancy!



Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc.

301 Stockholm Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org

DJ Kennel #13

This big pile of fluff has stunning, engaging chestnut eyes and the signature purple tongue of a chow. DJ is a confident and curious guy who we are featuring as our Pet of the Week. No longer wanted by his family, he arrived at the shelter on 1/13. Sadly, he has been here longer than any of our other dogs -- big, black dogs are always last to find homes. 6 year old Chow Chow mix.



Barney, kennel #75

Barney is a sweet, calm fellow looking for a second chance -- he wants a loving home where he can live out the adult phase of his life. The young cats have been hogging the spotlight with their jumping, pawing, and meowing while this mellow guy sits back and waits for the perfect match. Can you love this not-so-flashy 'senior'? 7 years old domestic short hair. 9.4 lbs. Here because his family no longer wanted him, he arrived 12/12. Already neutered so he can go home today!



To learn how to adopt these orphans, stop by BARCS at 301 Stockholm St (near Ravens Stadium), phone 410-396-4688 or visit BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org

A DOGGONE GOOD TIME

Got a dog with talent? A good canine costume? Or just want to show your support for the area's homeless animals? The 11th annual Maryland SPCA March for the Animals will be held April 2 at Druid Hill Park from 11 am to 2 pm.

Animal lovers and their pets in the 1.5 mile walk-a-thon can register in advance at the SPCA headquarters at 3300 Falls Road on March 25 from 9 am to 1 pm or March 28 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Also, walkers can register online at marchfortheanimals.kintera.org or on site on walk day. Collect pledges and walk as a group or as an individual. This year, participants also can create their own webpages featuring a personal photo.

Parking is free on walk day. Water will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to top walkers and contest winners. Contests are \$5 and T-shirts and bandanna are available for participants with pledges of \$40. For more information, call 410-235-8826, ext. 133 or visit www.mdspca.org.



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