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South Baltimore Improvement Committee • July 2006



BRA BALL: LET YOUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 22, 8pm-1am— It's Mondo Exotica revisited!

AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM presents a Gender-bending JUG-ernaut event: Sew, weld, or chisel your own extreme blinged-out Bra, Bro, or Bustier, and take to the Runway at this Mid-Summer Night's Undergarment Dream. Celebrity Judges preside over a Runway Competition of Divine proportions. Costumes, Live music, All-night Dancing, Open Cocktail Bar, Beer, and Food.

Modeled after visionary artist Andrew Logan's famed Miss Alternative World Contest in Britain;

inspired by Emily Duffy's Bra Ball on display in the museum, it's a celebration of catwalk creativity for women, men, and anyone in-between.

TICKET CATEGORIES: \$58-D CROSS-YOUR-HEART (available only to AVAM members until June 12); \$78-DD PUSH-UP; \$98-DDD EXTRA-SUPPORT. Tickets limited in each category.

A portion of proceeds benefits the Alvin & Lois Lapidus Cancer Institute for mammogram testing and transportation to chemotherapy treatments for those in need.

For tickets call: 410.244.1900

GET OUT!

Visionary Pets on Parade

Tuesday, July 4th

9:30a.m.—Registration

10:00a.m.—Noon

American Visionary Arts Museum

Dress your pet & strut your stuff. Animal prizes will be awarded. Pets must be leashed or carried. Call 410.244.1900 for info.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, July 8th

8:00a.m.—Noon

Corner of Fort Ave & S. Charles St.
Gloves, brooms and bags provided.

Artscape

July 21st—23rd

Mt. Royal Avenue

The Mid-Atlantic's largest celebration of the arts, featuring over 120 arts & craftspeople, visual arts exhibits, incredible live concerts & more!

Visit www.artscape.org for more info.

Bra Ball

Saturday, July 22nd

American Visionary Arts Museum

Mark the finale of Artscape with a mid-summer night's undergarment dream. \$58 early for members, \$78 early, \$98 at the door. See page 1 for info.

Baltimore Restaurant Week

July 24th—28th

Enjoy a fabulous three-course dinner at 50 of Baltimore's finest restaurants for just \$30.

Visit www.opentable.com for more info.

REMINDER:

City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.
No trash collection.

COMMUNITY MEETING

There will be no
meeting in July

RECYCLING DAYS

Paper recycling is the 2nd & 4th
Fridays, July 7th & 21st



Bottles, Cans & Jars
are the 2nd & 4th
Mondays, July 10th & 24th



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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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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Lori Hardesty

Summer is officially here! Days are longer and weather is warmer. School is out for students and those that teach them – a much-deserved break for both! At work, more people are off and out, making some of the day-to-day work a little slower at times, sometimes busier if we're covering for those who are out. We work hard and it's time to equally enjoy time off! Yep, we're ready for it...this is the season for **vacations!**

Regardless of how and where we choose to relax, we come on back home to our neighborhood of South Baltimore. As you get back into the swing of things, you might wonder what has changed or what you've missed. You notice flowers a neighbor just planted, wonder if expecting friends in the neighborhood have given birth, or whether a friend had heard back from that job interview.

These are all things that entered my mind as my husband and I just returned from a great family vacation. We've been out of town a bit within the last several weeks due to a death in the family. We feel truly blessed in having some terrific neighbors who collectively kept an eye out on our house, collected mail and papers, and simply checked in to see how we were doing. "Neighbors" in our case also includes our neighbors at Lucky Lucy's, who have been tremendous in the same capacity!

SANITATION & BEAUTIFICATION

By Amy Mutch

As chair of this Committee, I am pleased to report for the first time in clean up history we were unable to fill the dumpster!!! We had our traveling dump truck, thanks to Steve; We had a crew of 12 volunteers; We combed the alleys; We swept Heath Street from Light to Hanover and several other troubled blocks; Donnie weeded and cleaned The Sitting Park on Heath; We had neighbors bringing their bulk trash to the dumpster—which many expressed appreciation for the convenience and cost savings because they didn't have to pay someone to haul it away; And after a full morning of work we still looked in amazement at the 3/4 filled dumpster. So there is only one conclusion: South Baltimore is a cleaner place to live!!!

Our next clean up will be on Saturday, July 8th from 8am-12noon. We will gather at the dumpster throughout the morning, so if you only have an hour to spare, it is appreciated and does make a difference. Contact me if you have identified troubled areas at amyemutch@yahoo.com, or 410-468-0118.

A group of volunteers is organizing to do light gardening at the Sitting Park on August 12th from 9am-1pm, with all materials to be provided, along with lunch. The effort is being organized through Baltimore Believes Projects and The Thomas Johnson Elementary School, but SBIC has been asked to recruit 3-4 individuals. Green thumbs are not required and our children will be the direct beneficiaries. Please call me if you have an interest.

And with all the rain and humidity lately, please remember to weed around your property.

LOTS HAPPENINGS AT THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH LIBRARY

MOTHER GOOSE MUSIC 'N' MOTION

Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 am

You and your preschooler will enjoy a creative exploration of music and an imaginative program in which music, dance, stories, puppetry, sign language & riddles capture the attention & engage the imagination.

AMERICA'S PATRIOTIC MUSIC

Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm

Join us for a fascinating audiovisual presentation by storyteller Ed Okonowicz, examining the composers and origins of America's best patriotic songs, including music inspired by the events of 9/11.

PUT THE STORY IN YOUR FEET

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 am

Add music & a beat, & put the story in your feet. A child-centered, interactive program of songs, chants & dramatic storytelling that supports emerging literacy skills.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, July 13, 6:15 pm

Monthly meeting of the Friends group – make a difference: become a Friend!

STRIKE A POSE! TEEN MODEL WORKSHOP

Monday, July 17, 1 – 3 pm

Ages 10-17. Learn the ingredients for successful entry into the modeling industry, acquire information on agencies, auditions & modeling techniques. A mock fashion show will occur at the end of the work-

shop. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 410-396-1096 to reserve your spot.

MONDAY MYSTERY MOVIES

Monday, July 17 & 31, 6:00 pm

A family friendly movie will be revealed to all. Bring your own food and drink. Popcorn will be provided. Come have a mysteriously good time.

SUMMER READING CLUBS!

We have programs for babies through adults – read, participate, learn, enjoy, and get prizes! Visit the Information Desk at the Light Street Branch for details.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs



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DESIGN REVIEW

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

The Design Review Committee is currently reviewing two new projects in our neighborhood. The first is 1212 S. Charles St., which has been vacant for several years. The Owner has scheduled a zoning appeal to construct 2nd & 3rd floor additions, and reduce the 1st floor for parking and proposes to use the 1st & 2nd floors as an animal hospital with the 3rd floor to be the Owner's private residence. Hopefully, with the occupancy of this building, people will stop trashing the adjacent alley, which was recently cleaned by SBIC Sanitation & Beautification Committee. If the Zoning Appeal is approved, I would urge the new owner to help educate pet owners on how to properly dispose of pet waste, and not in neighbors' trash cans or alleys or lots and parks that people use.

The second project is 1702 S. Charles Street. The Owner wishes to construct 2nd floor rear addition & 3rd floor addition with a roof top deck. Recently on a COPS walk, this property was singled-out for construction trash in rear yard. Please remember that keeping construction sites clean and free of all debris is part of permits process and should be followed.

There is another big project under design at 1201 S. Charles Street – a 5-1/2 story, 12-unit condo building that is proposed to be 60 feet tall, which is twice as tall as the adjacent properties. While the ground floor is proposed to be retail, which is appropriate for the business district, the condos are proposed to be three-bedrooms, with only one parking space provided. The Committee is interested in working with the City Planning Department to try to improve the scale of the building so that it is more com-

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POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

By Sharron McCulloch

Our goal once again is to get as many neighbors out of their houses and onto their front steps starting at 7 pm. We as a community can help deter CRIME and DRUG ACTIVITY from our streets. What a fantastic time to exchange ideas about ways to improve our neighborhood. It is also a great opportunity to meet neighbors and talk to friends!

This is how it works: When the Baltimore Oriole's are OFF, Stoop Night is ON. It's that easy!

Here is the Stoop Night schedule for July:

Monday, July 10th

Wednesday, July 12th

Thursday, July 20th

Monday, July 24th

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAJOR

By Deputy Major Michael McDonald

Be Prepared - Summer is Here!

To all law-abiding citizens of the Southern District, the warm weather is upon us and school is out: time for weekends away, summer vacations and spending time outdoors. From a law-enforcement prospective it is also a time for the criminal element to become very active. This time of year presents criminals with additional opportunities to ply their trade. A great deal of the crime that occurs is not a planned event, rather a spontaneous one when a target presents itself. Please make every effort to not be that target.

When leaving your home for an extended period advise a family member or trusted neighbor to watch your house, pick up mail, mailbox flyers and free papers so as not to advertise that no one is home. Leave a light or two on and if you can, get a timer which will turn lights on and off at different times. As always, whenever possible, take all items out of your car as thieves will steal anything. Be aware of your surroundings during your daily activity and remember to keep your money, cell phone and

other items of value out of sight as much as possible. Please call 911 whenever you see or suspect suspicious activity and provide specific information.

In closing have a fantastic and safe summer and Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!

- Your banker or financial advisor tells you to prepare now for retirement by planning ahead.

- Your doctor tells you to prepare now for your later years by eating healthy and exercising.

- Your dentist tells you to prepare now for the future by brushing and flossing.

- Your teachers tell you to prepare now for the future by getting a good education.

- Your auto mechanic tells you to prepare now for the future by getting preventative maintenance.

- Your police officers, as public servants, ask you to prepare now for summer and make it difficult for the predators in our society to prey upon us.

C.O.P. WALKS

Are you worried about crime in the neighborhood? You can change things by getting together with neighbors who share your worries. Anyone and everyone can take the most basic actions, like reporting suspicious behavior or crimes in progress to the police. Whatever the contribution of time, energy, talent, and resources you can make, small or large, it will help! Citizens on Patrol (COP) is just one way you can help in making our streets smarter and safer. Take a stand and help protect your neighborhood!

Wednesday, July 5th at 7pm -

**OTTERBEIN /
SHARP LEADENHALL**

Meet at S. Sharp and W. Henrietta Sts.

Monday, July 24th at 7pm -

RIVERSIDE/SBIC

Meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave and E. Randall St.

Monday, July 17th at 7pm -

CHERRY HILL

Meet at the 2700 Block of Spelman Rd.

Monday, July 24th at 7pm -

RIVERSIDE/SBIC

Meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave and E. Randall St.

Thursday, July 27th at 7pm -

BROOKLYN

Meet at the old Wendy's parking lot, 600 block Patapsco Ave (next to 7-Eleven)

Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm -

**OTTERBEIN /
SHARP LEADENHALL**

Meet at S. Sharp and W. Henrietta Sts.

Monday, August 7th at 7pm -

CHERRY HILL

Meet at the Senior Manor, 918 Cherry Hill Rd.

Please visit the Southern District Police Community Relations Council website for the latest COP scheduled updates (www.sdpcrc.org), or call Sharron McCulloch at 410-659-5159.

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patible with the existing streetscape and better addresses the parking problems in the neighborhood. There are more hearings coming for this project, so please contact me if you're interested in this project.

Once again, I want to remind you: if you are going to do some rehab work to your home, get references and ask to see any projects that a contractor has done BEFORE YOU SIGN A CONTRACT. Please read your contract carefully, and do not pay the last draw until all work has been completed and to your satisfaction. Also, make sure your contract includes trash removal and clean up. Too many of the area builders are using disreputable trash haulers instead of renting dumpsters, and these "haulers" are using the alleys and our community clean-up dumpsters. If you see anyone dumping call 911 make sure you get tag number of vehicle and location, or you can contact me and I will look into it.

CHRIS REDA

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"Results That Speak For Themselves"

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Ugur Erickson

I would like to thank all the neighbors who came out to our social event, held at the Bicycle Restaurant's courtyard on June 12th, and was attended by about 25 people. We even had some new members join - welcome to SBIC! I would also like to thank the owners of the Bicycle for having us—their great hospitality, excellent service, and hors d'oeuvre made the night a good time for all who attended. We are lucky to have such a fantastic restaurant in our neighborhood.

The social events are meant to meet new people, get to know our neighbors a little bit better and have some fun, and with this past event, I believe we succeeded. It was great to see people talking, laughing and having fun. It was also great to feel a part of a community where people care about their surroundings, neighbors and try to make it better for us; its residents.

Please look for the social event announcements in the newsletters, and come out to meet your neighbors!



Jim, Marie, Ugur, Casey, Nicholas Batey (Owner), Jane, Willette, & Albert

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Thursdays starting at 9 pm; Museum is open & free between 5 and 9 pm on Flick nights (donations welcomed). Rain location: Tall Sculpture Barn

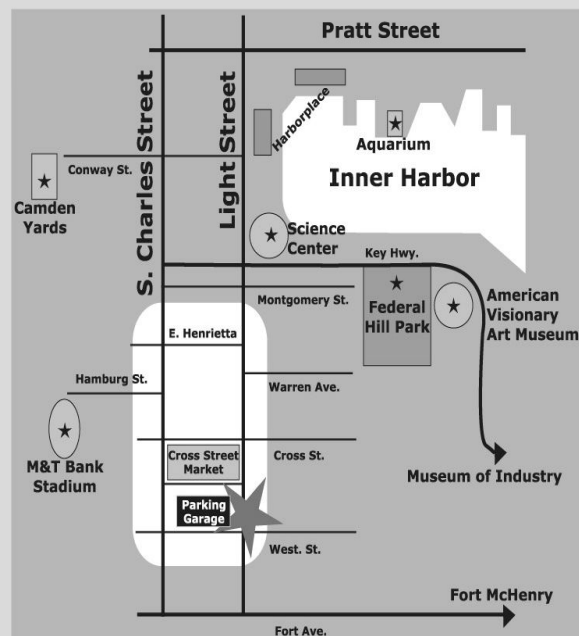
- July 6 TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD (1962)
 July 13 STRICTLY BALLROOM (1993)
 July 20 NO FILM We're preparing for Bra Ball on July 22. For Tickets: 410.244.1900
 June 27 WEST SIDE STORY (1961) Are you a Shark or a Jet?

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PLAY BALL!

Upcoming home games for July are as follows:

- July 13-16 vs. Texas
- July 17-19 vs. Oakland
- July 28-30 vs. Chicago WS
- July 31-Aug 2 vs. Seattle

Other Stadium Events:

- July 7-9: Franklin Graham Crusade
- July 23: Oriole Advocates Race

Please be mindful of the stadium event restrictions for Area A and Area 30 parking.



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Simi, kennel #16

Simi's favorite pastimes are carrying around her teddy bears, chasing tennis balls, and catching toys out of the air. She likes to stand near you for petting, especially under her ears. This smiley girl

likes going on walks and has a cute spring in her step!

Simi is a tall, muscular girl who loves treats. She already knows sit on command and is eager to learn more. She will be fun and easy to train because she will work for those yummy snacks.

2 years old, Rottweiler mix. 58 lbs. No longer wanted by her family, she was brought at the shelter on April 4th. Appears to be housetrained.

Poe, kennel #95

"Hey, there!" Poe says. He's a talkative, friendly guy who likes to come to the front of his kennel to greet you -- he'll even reach his paws out to draw you in closer. This charmer loves to give soft, dry kisses -- especially on your hands, neck and face! Lover boy!



He was brought to the shelter on April 26th because his family couldn't take care of more than one kitten. 1 year old, Domestic Short Hair.

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

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ADOPTION MEET & GREET!!!

Stop by Lucky Lucy's Canine Café at 1126 S. Charles St. from 12-2 PM on Saturdays in July to meet an adoptable dog from BARCS like those featured above.

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

THIRD THURSDAY

Our next council meeting is July 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM at The Southern District Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road.

AGENDA INCLUDES

- The Southern District Update
- Major Eric Jordan and Deputy Major Michael McDonald
- Guest Speaker
- Agent Sonya Moore
Community Affairs Section, Baltimore Police Department
- District Plan Committee Updates
- Buffet donated by Locust Point Civic Association

The Southern District Police Community Relations Council meets the third Thursday of every month. It is a non-profit organization designed to improve communication and understanding between the police department and residents.



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