

# SoBoImCo

South Baltimore Improvement Committee • October 2006



## GET OUT AND VOTE

Election season is upon us, and whether your color is Red, Blue, Green or otherwise, it's time to exercise your rights! And you can start by voting, and/or running for SBIC's new corps of Officers. The organization's elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The duties of Officers are as follows:

**President:** Shall preside over all Executive Committee and General meetings using standard parliamentary procedures as defined in Roberts Rules of Order; appoints chairs of the standing committees with approval of the membership by majority vote; appoints chairs of ad hoc committees, as necessary; acts as the official spokesperson for SBIC; initiates official correspondence of SBIC that deals with non-routine committee matters.

**Vice President:** Is responsible for membership development and communications, including notification of general meetings to the residents of the SBIC area; Presides over meetings in the absence of the President; Assumes the duties of the President if the office of President becomes vacant, until a new President can be elected by the membership.

**Secretary:** Responsible for the taking or assigning the taking of minutes at the Executive Committee and General meetings; Maintains a record of all motions and decisions of the meetings; Maintains a list of names of committee members; Keeps a record of official correspondence to and from SBIC.

**Treasurer:** Maintains the funds of SBIC, manages bank accounts, keeps all financial records; Responsible for making or assigning the preparation of financial reports to the Executive Committee subject to periodic review; Makes a financial report at all General meetings; Maintains the organization's membership list

## GET OUT!

**C'mon and Take a Free Ride**  
**Saturdays & Sundays in October**  
**Noon—5:00p.m.**

*Baltimore Street Car Museum*  
1901 Falls Road

Through streetcar rides and interaction with volunteers, come see and feel what it was like to travel around Baltimore in the pre-automobile era.

**Fells Point Fun Festival**  
**Saturday, October 7th**

**11:00a.m.—7:00p.m.**

*Broadway & Thames Streets*

Visit [www.preservationsociety.com/fpff2006.html](http://www.preservationsociety.com/fpff2006.html) for more info.

**Baltimore Marathon**  
**Saturday, October 14th**  
**8:00a.m.**

*Russell & Camden Streets*

Visit [www.thebaltimoremarathon.com](http://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com) for more info.

**Neighborhood Cleanup**  
**Saturday, October 21st**  
**8:00a.m.—**

*Throughout the neighborhood.*

Gloves, brooms and bags provided with a traveling dump truck.

**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**  
**Saturday, October 21st**  
**8:00a.m.**

*M&T Bank Stadium*

See page 10 for details.

**Open House/Open Heart**  
**Sunday, October 29th**  
**10:00a.m.—6:00p.m.**

*American Visionary Art Museum*  
800 Key Highway

A day-long open house spotlighting the newest exhibition, "Home and Beast", an artistic exploration of how we live in, impact and share our homes, our community, our planet. Free admission. Visit [www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org) or call 410.244.1900 for more info.

**REMINDER:** City offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day. No bottle/can recycling.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, October 3rd, 2006**

**7:30 p.m. at Olive Branch**

**United Methodist Church**

**(corner of S. Charles & Fort Ave.)**

**Board Elections!**

## RECYCLING DAYS

Paper recycling is the 2nd & 4th  
Fridays, October 13th & 27th



Bottles, Cans & Jars si the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 23rd.

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](http://www.soboimco.org)

## LOTS HAPPENINGS AT THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH LIBRARY

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays in October, 10:30 a.m.  
An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement for children to age three and their caregivers.

### FAMILY READING CIRCLE

Mondays in October, 6 pm  
Join us for this 6-week program that brings families together to read books, discuss books and share a meal. Free books and free box dinners will be provided every week. Space is limited. Call 410-396-1096 to register.

### ANIME ADVENTURES

Wednesdays in October 4 pm  
Ages 10-17. Join us for free screenings of action-packed episodes of *Dragon-BallZ*.

### BEDTIME STORIES

Mondays in October, 7 pm  
Ages 3-5. Books, finger plays and songs. Registration required.

### HUNTING CIVIL WAR GHOSTS

Thursday, October 5, 6:30 pm  
All Ages. Mark Nesbitt, author of *A Ghost Hunter's Field Guide: Gettysburg & Beyond* and the *Ghosts of Gettysburg* series, will be at the library to weave ghostly tales of intrigue and strange occurrences. His stories have been seen on The History Channel, A&E, the Discovery Channel & Unsolved Mysteries. Copies of his books will be available for purchase after the program.

### COLONIAL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 11, 3:30 pm  
Ages 6-12. Learn about colonial days and have fun with stories, games and a craft. Registration required.

### DEAD OF NIGHT

Thursday, October 12, 7 pm  
Join us for a ghostly tale of supernatural horrors.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, October 12, 6:15 pm  
Monthly meeting of the Friends Group.

### GRANTMANSHIP 101

Tuesday, October 17, 10 am – 4 pm  
This workshop will provide a basic introduction to the grant seeking process. The morning session will introduce you to the Grants Collection and resources that you can use to find information about the potential funders. The basic process of researching grant opportunities will also be discussed. In the afternoon session, we will go over the process of writing a proposal.

### CLASSROOM SCARE FILMS

October 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:45 pm  
Join us for a look back at the classroom scare films of the 1950's. Including such classics as "Soapy the Germ Fighter" and "Dating Do's and Don'ts."

### FRIENDS SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, October 21, 6-9 pm  
Join us for a special evening at the Light Street Branch sponsored by our Friends. Enjoy competitive bidding on numerous items donated by local businesses, live music, beer & wine and refreshments.

### SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Friday, October 27, 8:30 a.m.  
Attend this special breakfast event and learn about business resources at the Light Street Branch. Naomi Hafter, an EPFL Business Information Librarian, will provide an array of tools useful for developing your business.

### A GHOSTLY GATHERING

Tuesday, October 31, 10 am – 5 pm  
Celebrate a haunting Halloween at the library. Come in costume & get a sweet treat.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

## **(VICE) PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**By Marci DeVries**

As summer winds to a close, it is time for the SBIC annual elections. This year we have a good slate of members who will re-run for the positions they have held for the last year, but we also have a number of positions on the Executive Committee that are still vacant.

If you have ever considered becoming more active in your community now is the time. You can run a 5-minute campaign at our next meeting (Tuesday Oct 3) and become a leader in your neighborhood through a quick voting process.

The SBIC is always in need of new voices and increased participation.

As part of our interest in keeping everyone involved, I have made it a goal of mine to keep the meetings from running overtime and to keep the discussions moving forward as we head into the new year.

Please come to the meeting and take charge of your neighborhood. Participation is the glue that keeps us all working together.

## **SANITATION & BEAUTIFICATION**

**By Amy Mutch**

Fall brings cooler temperatures and the beautiful colors of Autumn. Some of you are anticipating an open window welcoming cooler breezes. Outside becomes part of our inside during this delightful season. Please consider this as you step outside your home and view your surroundings. TAKE THE TIME to SEE what is around you. You may notice a pot with dead flowers that asks for a fall mum or wind swept trash that is accumulating in a corner near your property. A broom and 10 minutes will solve the trash problem. A quick trip to nearby The Flower Box, Wal-Mart, or Sams Club will serve your gardening needs. All your efforts will be appreciated by pedestrians who are out about enjoying the season.

Heath alert (The Sun, 9/13/06)! Baltimore residents have become seriously ill with the West Nile Virus. Standing water becomes a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes carrying the virus. Citations are being issued by The Baltimore Health Department to city residents who fail to rid their property of standing water.

The Fall Clean up will be on Saturday, Oct 21st from 8am to 12 noon. Baltimore City provides a traveling dump truck as volunteers clean and direct city employees to troubled areas. Please join the effort and/or call with issues to be addressed.

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## WANTED:

### ADULTS WILLING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH.

If you like to have fun, while being a role model for the youth of our community, then you are in need. The SBIC Youth Council meets Thursdays at the Ella Bailey Recreation Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to share experiences, have fun, and learn. The Steering Committee meets from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. the Second Tuesday of the Month. To Join In contact Marie Sennett at 410-837-1132 or e-mail at [msennett@believewireless.net](mailto:msennett@believewireless.net)

## YOUTH COUNCIL

By Marie Sennett

### HAPPENINGS FOR OCTOBER 2006:

**October 5, 2006** – Visit the Baltimore Museum of Art

**October 12, 2006** – Steering Committee Meeting 6 to 7 p.m.

**October 12, 2006** – Bowling at Ritchie Lanes

**October 19, 2006** - Drugs, Why and How to Help a Friend – a play and discussion

**October 21, 2006** - Haunted Baltimore Museum of Industry – see the frights of industrial accidents of the past.

We meet at the Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E. Heath Street, the back entrance of the Johnson Elementary School on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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## DESIGN REVIEW

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

The Design Review Committee recently held a meeting to discuss the results of the comprehensive rezoning study done by the City Planning Department. We feel there are some issues that deserve further discussion and clarification, especially the City's assessment that South Baltimore is the "Industrial Gateway to the City".

Additionally, there are currently three rezoning bills currently in the City Council for 1800 S. Hanover (Billy & Jeff's), 1834 S. Charles (Maryland Glass & Mirror) and 2 E. Wells (McCall's) that may be adversely affected by the Planning Department's assessment. The development team for these properties has been working with SBIC for several months on their proposals, and we would like to continue to work with them to create projects that are smart for the neighborhood.

As the concepts for these lots become more complete, we will continue to meet with the developers as a Committee as well as having them present at our General Meetings.



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## SOCIAL EVENTS

By Ugur Erickson

We had another great social on September 13 at Grumpies Pour House on Cross Street. I would like to thank Dan and Paul of Grumpies for their warm welcome for our gathering. The food was fantastic, and thumbs up for the cookies!

I hope, with the social events, people have a greater chance to get to know each other besides the problems we share on our blocks. My husband and I have met some great people in the neighborhood through these events. So please come out and join us at our next social. If you have any suggestions on future social events, please feel free to contact me.



## SBIC NEWSLETTER GOES ELECTRONIC

You can now receive an electronic copy of the SBIC newsletter in your email. Please visit our website at [www.soboimco.org](http://www.soboimco.org) and follow the links to join our newsgroup. By joining the newsgroup, you will receive a copy of the SBIC newsletter in your email and stay abreast of community news.

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## PLAY BALL!

Upcoming home Ravens games for October are as follows:

October 1—vs. Chargers  
October 15—vs. Panthers

Other Stadium events:

October 7—American Diabetes Walk  
October 14—Baltimore Marathon  
October 21—Race for the Cure  
October 28—Navy vs. Notre Dame  
October 29—Juvenile Diabetes Walk

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## Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc.

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**Chaos the Beagle**  
Kennel #81

Chaos is an older gentleman who still has a spring in his step. He loves treats and will stand on his hind legs for them! Quiet in his kennel, Chaos loves the sight of a leash and outdoors is a ton of fun where he can sniff, sniff, sniff. He appears to be very housetrained and loves visit all the trees on his walk.

Chaos is an old guy who would do best in a home without young children. He is kinda set in his ways and would be happiest in a quiet environment. 7 years old Beagle. 30 lbs. Brought to the shelter on 9/9 because his family no longer wanted him.

**Fanny and Wilbur**  
Kennel #99



Fanny and Wilbur are a sweet pair who have different interests and can easily go to different homes. One loves the spotlight and runs to greet you while the other sits back and purrs awaiting your touch. Each charming in their own way.

10 weeks old Domestic Short hair. No longer wanted by their family, they were brought to the shelter on 6/17.

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](http://BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org)

## ADOPTION MEET & GREET!!!



Stop by Lucky Lucy's Canine Café at 1126 S. Charles St. on Saturdays in October, from Noon—2:00p.m. to learn about the next adoption event and get to meet an adoptable dog from BARCS like those featured above. Call Lucky Lucy's for more info: (410) 837-2121.



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## FIGHT THE FLYERS

The Baltimore City Council recently passed an ordinance that prohibits flyers from being left on private property, including but not limited to advertisements, menus, and political handbills. Newsletters such as SoBo-ImCo are exempt from this law. If you are tired of the unsolicited flyers that are left on your doorstep, stair rails and on your car windshield, there is a new 311 category just for you. You can either call 311 or 443.263.2220 or use 331 online at [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) and clicking on "311 Services". Once the complaint has been logged, the City will send an investigator to cite the party responsible for the flyer and issue a fine, and the flyer **must be left where originally placed until the officer arrives to gather evidence**. The investigating officer may cite the property owner for other violations that are observed while obtaining legal evidence for the flyer investigation.

Only the property owner or resident can request an illegal sign/flyer investigation.

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# CITIZENS ON PATROL

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

## Citizens On Patrol Schedule

*\*If it is over 90 degrees at 6:00 PM the scheduled walk is cancelled, unless otherwise noted.*

### **CHERRY HILL**

Monday, October 2nd at 7pm -  
Meet at Nehemiah Homes, 3100 block Round Rd.

### **CURTIS BAY**

Tuesday, October 3rd at 7pm -  
Meet at the Curtis Bay Recreation Center, Curtis Ave & Filbert St.

### **OTTERBEIN / SHARP LEADEN-HALL**

Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm -  
Meet at the corner of Sharp St. & Henrietta St.

### **RIVERSIDE/SBIC**

Thursday, October 12th at 7pm -  
Meet at the Riverside Park Gazebo; Riverside Ave & E. Randall St.

### **CHERRY HILL**

Monday, October 16th at 7pm -  
Meet at the 2700 block of Spelman Rd.

### **CARROLLTON RIDGE**

Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm -  
Meet at Samuel F.B. Morse Recreation Center, Pulaski & Ashton Sts.

### **FEDERAL HILL**

Monday, October 23rd at 7pm -  
Meet at Porter's Pub, E. Cross St & Riverside Ave.

### **RIVERSIDE/SBIC**

Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm -  
Meet at the Riverside Park Gazebo; Riverside Ave & E. Randall St.

### **PIGTOWN**

Wednesday, October 25th at 7pm -  
Meet at The Bath House, 904 Washington Blvd.

### **BROOKLYN**

Thursday, October 26th at 7pm -  
Meet at the old Wendy's Parking Lot, 600 block Patapsco Ave (next to 7-11).

## THIRD THURSDAY

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. Come by and listen to the *Southern District Update* with Major Eric Jordan & Deputy Major Michael McDondald. This months meeting is scheduled for **October 19th, 2006 at 7:00 PM** at the Southern District Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Rd. SBIC will be donating the buffet for this months meeting!

Visit [www.sdpcrc.org](http://www.sdpcrc.org) for more information.

## TRASHING BALTIMORE IS A CRIME

Sanitary enforcement was established in 1997 to crack down on violations of Baltimore's sanitation laws. Citations are issued by Sanitary Enforcement Officers. Citations can be issued to property and business owners, tenants, and anyone who violates Baltimore's sanitation laws.

### Citations can be issued in two ways:

1. **In Person** - The violation is observed and the citation is issued at the time it is written.
2. **Via Certified Mail** - When the citation cannot be issued in person, it is sent certified mail. If it cannot be served in this manner, the citation will be forwarded to the Bureau of Collections for

further action. Citations are also issued by special enforcement officers from the departments of Health, Housing, and Community Development (HCD), Police, and Fire.

### What to do if you receive a citation:

1. **Pay** - Simply pay the penalty amount indicated on the citation, if appropriate; or
  2. **Appear** - Appear in person at the Environment Control Board. If you choose to appear in person, your hearing may take several minutes or several hours, depending on the hearing docket.
- Failure to answer the notice of violation in one of the said two ways before**

**the due date indicated on the citation may subject you to significantly higher penalties.** These are examples of some of the violations for which citations can be issued. Fines are subject to change and can range \$25 to \$500 per offense!

### For information on any of the following services please call 311:

- Sanitation enforcement
- Community clean-up
- Graffiti removal
- Recycling
- Street and alley cleaning
- Trash collection
- Environmental crimes unit



# POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

By Sharron McCulloch

## It's Time to STOP the Violence

### Let's Start With Weapons

When we talk about violence, we can't ignore weapons. Weapons make violence more deadly and less personal.

### Reduce the Risk

- Think hard about having weapons, especially firearms, in your home.
- Look at other ways to protect yourself and your home. Invest in top-grade locks, jamming devices for doors and windows, a dog, or an alarm system. Start or join Neighborhood Watch. Check with police, YMCA/YWCA or the recreation department about a self-defense class.
- If you choose to own weapons, make sure they are safely stored. That means keeping firearms unloaded, trigger-locked, and in a locked gun case or pistol box, with ammunition separately locked. Store keys out of reach of children, away from weapons and ammunition. Check frequently to make sure this storage remains secure.
- If you own a firearm, obtain training from a certified instructor in firearms safety for everyone in the home. Make sure it's kept current.
- Teach your children what to do if they find a firearm or something that might be a weapon - **Stop, don't touch, get away, and tell a trusted adult.**

### Stop Violence

- Show children how to settle arguments or solve problems without using words or actions that hurt others. Set the example by the way you handle conflicts in the family, at work, and in the neighborhood. Don't forget that common courtesies, like saying please, thank you, and excuse me; help ease tensions that can lead to violence.
- Discourage name-calling and teasing. These can easily get out of hand, moving all too quickly from "just words" to fists, knives, and even firearms. Teach children that bullying is wrong and take their fears about bullies seriously.
- Take a hard look at what you, your family, and your friends watch and listen to for entertainment - from action movies and cop shows to video games and music lyrics. How do the characters solve problems? Do they make violence appear exciting, funny, or glamorous? Are the real-

life consequences of violence for victims and families clear? Talk about what each of you did and didn't like.

- Stick with friends and family who steer clear of violence and drugs, and encourage your children to do the same. Research shows use of alcohol and other drugs is closely linked with violence, including the use of guns and other weapons.

### Take Action In The Community

- Participate in neighborhood Citizen on Patrol Walks (COP), and attend neighborhood association meetings.
- Be sure you know where and how to report potentially violent situations or concerns about conditions in the neighborhood that could lead to violence. Ask your police department for help in identifying what to report, as well as when, to whom, and how to report.
- Organize an event that lets people turn in weapons, or even objects that might be mistaken for real weapons, in exchange for books, coupons from local merchants, toys or simply the satisfaction of making the community safer.
- Support schools and youth clubs in their efforts to keep guns, knives, and other weapons from menacing the everyday lives of children and teens. Encourage children to report any weapons they know about in or near school to school staff or police.
- Look around to see what happens to your people after school hours. Are there supervised programs for younger children? Opportunities for teens and preteens to work with children, get or give help with homework, tackle neighborhood problems, or learn art, music, sports, or computer skills? In many areas, after-school programs are located in schools themselves and are called Safe Havens or Beacon Schools.
- Start a discussion of neighborhood views on weapons in the home, children playing with toy weapons, children and violent entertainment, and how arguments should be settled. A PTA meeting, an informal social gathering or a Neighborhood Watch meeting could provide the opportunity.
- Learn your state and local laws on firearms. Insist that these laws be enforced vigorously but fairly. Support police, prosecutors, judges, and other local officials who enforce laws designed to prevent gun violence.

## LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

A clean, well-lit place is last place you'll find the City's worst vermin—rats, roaches and drug dealers. Simply leaving your front (and back) exterior light on, and eliminating as much shadow for these creatures to hide in as possible, can help us take back our streets. Also, consider taking five to ten minutes a day to pick up trash and pull weeds in front of your house. It really does make a difference.

# IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

## 2006 KOMEN MARYLAND RACE FOR THE CURE

The Maryland Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is sponsoring their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Race for the Cure. Funds from the Race for the Cure® and other donations benefit residents of the state of Maryland in the form of education, information, treatment and research by reaching for a cure and spreading the word about early detection.

The 2006 Race has a new 5K and one-mile route through Federal Hill. Limited free parking is available for the race in some of the parking lots that surround M&T Bank Stadium.

To register for the Race, visit [www.komenmd.org](http://www.komenmd.org) or call 410-433 RACE.

The 2006 local premier presenting sponsor is McDonald's and other presenting sponsors include The Baltimore Ravens, the Maryland Transit Authority and Advance Relocation Systems.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 21

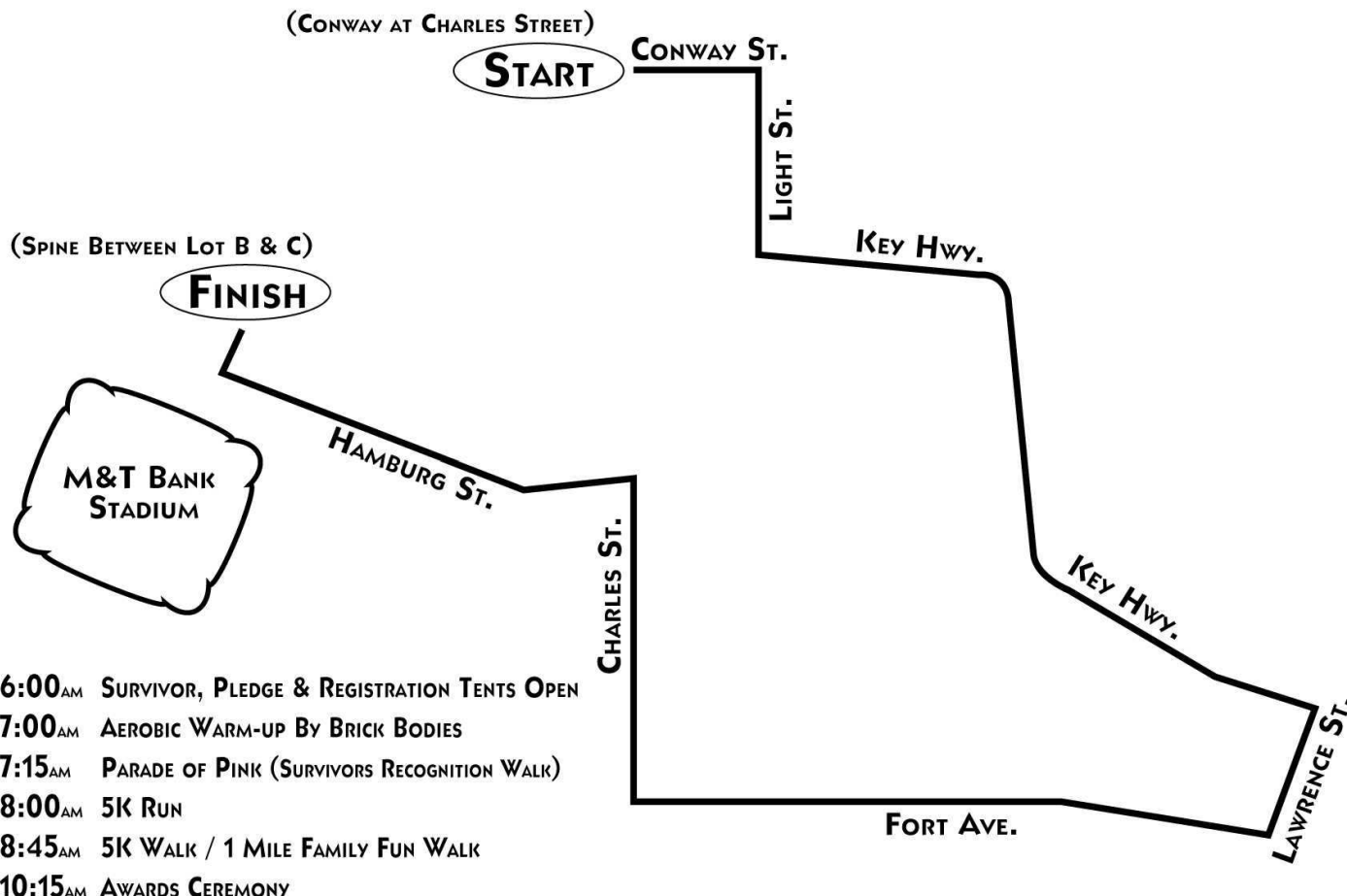
**TIME:**

6:00 a.m.	Survivor, Pledge & Registration Tents Open
7:00 a.m.	Welcome and Aerobic Warm-up with Brick Bodies
7:15 a.m.	Parade of Pink (Survivors Recognition Walk)
8:00 a.m.	5K Run
8:45 a.m.	5K Walk and 1-Mile Family Fun Walk
10:15 a.m.	Awards Ceremony

**WHERE:** Federal Hill

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure Series is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. Since its origination in Dallas in 1983, the Komen Race for the Cure Series has grown from one local Race to an international series of more than 100 Races with 1 million participants in 2006.

The Komen Maryland Race for the Cure is the largest footrace in Maryland and is among the largest races in the Komen Race for the Cure series. The Race is also one of the largest charitable events in Maryland.



## OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence is a crime perpetrated by an abuser primarily to gain or maintain control and dominance over another person in an intimate relationship. Abuse takes on many forms and is not always visible to people outside of the relationship. Its goal is always the same though - abusers want to control their partners through fear.

Physical abuse is the most well known type of domestic violence. However, sexual, emotional, economic or verbal abuse are just as detrimental to a person's well being and include behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It happens to couples that are married, living together or who are dating. Alcohol, drug abuse and poverty are risk factors that frequently intensify the severity and occurrence of domestic violence, but they do not cause it!

**Does your partner do any of the following? If so, you may be in an abusive relationship:**

- Embarrass you with put-downs?
- Control what you do, who you see or talk to or where you go?
- Stop you from seeing friends/family?
- Take your money or Social Security check, make you ask for money or refuse to give you money?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Destroy your property or threaten to hurt your pets?
- Shove, slap, choke, or hit you?
- Take advantage of you sexually?
- Threaten to kill you?

For more information, support, counseling and help:

**The House Of Ruth Maryland:** 410-889-7884 or [www.hruth.org](http://www.hruth.org)

**The Women's Law Center of Maryland:** 410-321-8761 or [www.wlcmd.org](http://www.wlcmd.org)

**Adelante Familia (En Espanol)** 410-732-2176

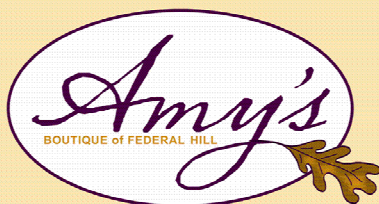
Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee

## ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7TH, 2006

Baltimore City needs registered voters to step up to the plate and offer their services to act as Election Judges. Please contact the Baltimore City Board of Elections at 410-396-5580 to learn how to become an Election Judge before the General Election on 11/7. You will be required to attend a training class to be instructed on how to operate the new electronic voting equipment. Judges are paid \$125.00 per day for their services. Please do something that you can be proud of...help your City and the election process and be an Election Judge.

### Now Open at 1133 S. Charles Street

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat—11am-7pm, Thurs— 11am-8pm  
Appointments available, call 410-244-1133



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### FREE FALL BALTIMORE

Experience the excitement of live music, dance, theatre, museum exhibitions and more, all for free in venues throughout Baltimore as part of Free Fall Baltimore in October and November. Visit [www.freefallbaltimore.com](http://www.freefallbaltimore.com) or call 410.752.8632 for more information.

All events listed on the website are free. However, many have limited seating capacity and advance reservations may be required by phone, on line or in person.



# TREE 311: BALTIMORE CITY'S TREE PLANTING REQUEST PROCEDURE

Urban forests make important contributions to society. They have environmental, social, aesthetic, and economic values. In general, the health and quality of urban forests and street trees indicates the health of neighborhoods and other urban areas.

Forests and trees reduce air pollution by absorbing gaseous pollutants and filtering dust, ash, and smoke. A dense grove of trees about 50 feet wide reduces apparent loudness of noise by as much as 50%. Forests and trees buffer glare caused by lights and the sun, provide wind protection, and cool the air. They provide habitat for wildlife and improve the quality of our lives. The average urban tree saves homeowners \$73 per year on air conditioning costs.

Runoff and erosion from storms is reduced because leaves slow water allowing it to soak into the soil. This reduces runoff by about 7% and reduces the need for erosion control structures. Smaller drainage pipes may be sufficient, thus saving money on materials, installation, and maintenance. Additionally, less sediment and pollution collects in stream bottoms and flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

The following is the process for procuring a street tree in front of your property. More information is available at [www.baltimorecity.gov/government/recnparks/forestry.htm](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/recnparks/forestry.htm).

## TREE PLANTING AGREEMENT:

The adjoining property owner submits a dated and signed agreement, requesting tree planting on City property to:

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Forestry Division, 2600 Madison Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217

Please include planting address, if different from owner address, location and species preference (final placement and tree selection is determined by the Forestry Division).

### The adjoining property owner:

- 1) Owns the property adjacent to the area to be planted.
- 2) Insures that no raised planter box or anything that impedes the free flow of water will be installed at any time around the tree.
- 3) Understands that any existing raised tree planter boxes will be removed prior to tree removal and/or tree planting.
- 4) Insures the roots of the tree will be saturated after planting with 20 gallons of water once to twice a week, April through November, for a minimum period of two years.
- 5) Understands that the tree is the property of the city of Baltimore and that pruning requires written permission from the Forestry Division.

### No Pit in Concrete (NPC) and provided a tree can be placed at this location:

- 1) A Tree Planting Agreement is submitted to Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Forestry Division – 2600 Madison Ave. Baltimore, MD 21217
- 2) The adjoining property owner requests Forestry to mark the pit location on the concrete.
- 3) Once the site is determined to be acceptable for planting by the Forestry Division, the surface of the concrete is marked with orange in order to trace the location.
- 4) The adjoining property owner agrees to contact Ms. Utility to mark the ground for any underground utility conflicts.
- 5) If there is no utility conflict, the adjoining property owner:

a) Has the pit cut.

b) Has all loose concrete removed and discarded.

c) Has the pit backfilled with topsoil, leveled to the surrounding ground to avoid a tripping hazard, and to add needed amendments to the soil.

6) After the pit is cut and leveled, the requestor must inform the Forestry Division (410)396- 6109 or 6110 (all of the above must be accomplished before the location is placed on the planting list).

## REQUEST FOR TREE PLANTING PERMIT:

Tree planting permits will be issued under the following conditions:

- 1) A Tree Planting agreement is submitted to Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Forestry Division – 2600 Madison Ave. Baltimore, MD 21217.
- 2) Spacing is available for tree. Site factors include overhead and underground utilities, sidewalks, wheelchair accessibility, driveway locations, other landscape features, tree lawn widths, signage conflicts, street lights, visibility hazards and land use patterns. In addition, the mature tree's characteristics, height and width, and the intended use determine the final spacing requirements.
- 3) Species selection and planting location is finalized by The Forestry Division.
- 4) The tree to be planted must meet the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1) and at no time will the minimum caliper be less than 2" to 2.5", with the lowest limb height no lower than 6' (feet) from the ground.

Height measurements shall be taken from ground level for field grown stock and from the soil line for container grown stock, which should be at or near the top of the root flare.

Caliper measurement of the trunk shall be taken six inches above the ground up to and including four-inch caliper size.

The height of branching specification shall bear a relationship to the size and kind of tree, so that the crown of the tree is in good balance with the trunk.

Once a tree is planted, the adjoining property owner is responsible for watering the tree at once with 20 gallons of water and at one-week intervals for a period of two years. A tree care maintenance door hanger with instructions and care tips will be administered by the Department of Recreation and Parks' Forestry Division at the time of planting.

**Raised planter boxes or any other object that limits the free flow of water to the tree are not permitted in or around tree pits.**

## DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

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Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks  
Forestry Division

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Baltimore, MD 21217

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(410) 396-6109 or 6110