

## SBIC Membership Application

Are you in? For just \$5 per person, you can become a member of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee, a non-profit 501(c)3 community organization. Your dues help SBIC promote and support a number of activities in the neighborhood, including youth events, social events, community clean-ups, public safety, beautification projects, newsletter printing and distribution, and donations to other local non-profits. All members must be residents of SBIC which is bounded by Light, Cross, Race, and McComas Streets.

To become a member, please fill out and return this form with payment to: SBIC, PO Box 6364, Baltimore, MD 21230, or bring it to a General Membership meeting. Please do not mail cash.

Name 1 : \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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All dues are tax-deductible under Federal guidelines.

## Be Above the Fold

SoBoImCo has just successfully launched the first all-mailed newsletter on the South Baltimore peninsula, guaranteeing delivery to over 1900 households per month. We are currently seeking a premier advertiser for the mail face of the newsletter, which will include a 1/2 page ad and sponsorship label on the address side.

If you have a business that you'd like to promote with consistent, monthly delivery, please contact Julie at eastend-design@att.net or 410.547.7467 to discuss rates and terms.



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## To Our Neighbors

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# SoBoImCo

South Baltimore Improvement Committee ~ June 2007



## Leaving the Bars in the Evenings? We Need Your Help!

By Jocelyn Rodgers

Imagine a tree, about to topple over, with about a third of its roots out of the dirt. This was the view out of my front window because a group of people on their way out of the bars were having "fun" trying to knock over a tree in front of the parking garage. The tree wasn't replaced by the City until the next spring, and this May, the replacement tree was ripped down by a drunken crowd.

When my husband and I moved to South Baltimore, we were thrilled with the neighborhood - restaurants, bars, and shops all within close walking distance along with a nice mix of residents. For about three years between graduation and moving here, we lived in similar neighborhoods in Washington DC and had been pretty happy with the lifestyle. And for the most part we have enjoyed living in South Baltimore. I've met a lot of nice people here, both residents who have lived here for years, and those who recently moved in like me.

One big downside to South Baltimore for me has been seeing the frequent destruction in the neighborhood caused by people leaving the bars. We have replaced multiple plants and pots in front of our house because inevitably someone yanks the plant out or kicks the pot on their way home from the bars. Urination, vomiting, leaving or smashing bottles on the ground, dropping paper plates and pizza crusts, and property destruction like yanking wires off the side of someone's house, all leave messes that our neighbors have to clean up the next morning. Many of these acts are not just nuisances, but crimes.

(Help, Continued on page 8)

## Election Season Now Open

It's election season, and many of the local candidates will be attending SBIC meetings between now and Election Day. Often, we don't know they're coming until they show up, so if you're interested in hearing from the people running for office, please join us at our General Meetings.

## Community Meeting

Next General Meeting:  
Tuesday, June 5th

Guest Speaker:  
Dave Rather, Mother's Grill  
To discuss proposed expansion  
See page 2 for more info

7:30 p.m. at Olive Branch UMC  
(corner of S. Charles & Fort Ave.)

## Recycling Days

Paper recycling is the 2nd & 4th  
Fridays, June 8th & 22nd



Bottles, Cans & Jars are the 2nd & 4th  
Mondays, June 11th & 25th  
All recycling collected streetside

## Get Out!

National Federation of the Blind Night  
June 4th

Rub BBQ, 1843 Light St.

A portion of the proceeds from the evening will go to the NFB Transition to Independence Club for blind high school students. See page 4 for more info.

Locust Point Neighborhood Yard Sale  
June 9th (Rain date is June 16th)

8:30a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Latrobe Park

10X10 space is \$20. All proceeds go to the Locust Point Civic Association.

For info call Sarah Clarkson at 410-783-0013 or sarahclarkson33@hotmail.com

HonFest

June 9th—11:00a.m.—10:00p.m.

June 10th Noon—6:00p.m.

36th Street, "The Avenue" in Hampden

C'mon downy Avenue, hon, for two days of honderful fun!

Jazz & Blues Festival

June 10th

11:00a.m.—7:00p.m.

S. Charles Street, between West & Hamburg Sts.

Enjoy three stages of live entertainment, craft & food vendors. See page 7 for more info.

Survivor Harbor 7

June 10th

Inner Harbor

A 7-mile run & 3-mile run/walk for survivors of illness.

Visit [www.activesurvivor.org/programs](http://www.activesurvivor.org/programs) for more info.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, June 23rd

9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

Corner of S. Charles St & Fort Ave.

Gloves, bags & brooms provided.

See page 6 for more info.



#### 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:

**South Baltimore Improvement Committee**  
P.O. Box 6364  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
eastenddesign@att.net

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

## President's Corner

By Jim Salvucci

I would like to thank Marci DeVries for her fine service as the president of SBIC. She stepped up when she was most needed and ably guided the SBIC for the past eight months. On behalf of the SBIC executive board and membership, I would like to extend our appreciation and best wishes to Marci.

In the weeks that I have served as president, some neighbors have contacted me to find out how they can get more involved in our neighborhood. Many residents have long contributed to improving South Baltimore by taking care of their own properties and streets and by working directly with the SBIC. We welcome participation of any kind.

If you are interested in your neighborhood and want to contribute to its ongoing progress, then the SBIC has many opportunities for you. We hold meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, and everyone is welcome to attend. Most meetings feature city and state officials and politicians as speakers, so you can hear directly from the people who make decisions that affect your life and ask them questions. (Please come to the next meeting, June 5 at 7:30 in the basement of the Olive Branch Church—the SW corner of Charles and Fort.)

Also, every month, the city provides the neighborhood a dumpster, and the Sanitation and Beautification Committee

organizes a neighborhood clean up. The more people who help clean, the more we accomplish.

Our Police-Community Relations Committee features COP walks that allow citizens to walk the streets along with police officers and help identify potential problems. Also, the NICE subcommittee brings neighbors together with police and prosecutors to tackle difficult issues in the neighborhood.

The Youth Committee works directly with the Ella Bailey Recreation Center to provide productive outlets for our neighborhood teens. Once a year, we even sponsor a Take-a-Teen-to-Work-Day.

The Social Committee arranges gatherings that allow us to kick back and enjoy all our progress. Often these events take place in local establishments that have generously donated space and even food.

This list shows just a few of the many opportunities that SBIC offers our neighbors to contribute and to socialize. We welcome your participation and your ideas for improving South Baltimore. If you want, you can even become a voting member. The dues are \$5.00 a year per individual.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Mother's Proposed Expansion to be Presented at June General Meeting

Dave Rather, the owner of Mother's Federal Hill Grill, will be at the General Membership meeting on June 5th to present his plans for expanding his restaurant. His proposal includes increasing his space to 3800 square feet, and includes expanding the kitchen, restaurant seating, pool tables and restrooms, and improving the Patapsco Street façade.

If you're interested in learning more about this project, please join us on June 5th at 7:30p.m.

*Recently, a petition has circulated in opposition to the proposed expansion of Mother's. Although the SBIC's name and website have been associated with the petition, the SBIC has not authored, endorsed, or distributed and petition regarding Mother's proposed expansion.*

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# News on Parking Laws

By Cynthia Griffin, Area30Parking@gmail.com

There have been quite a few changes in the parking laws for Residential Parking Areas and it is very important that all residents be made aware of them. Please share these with your friends and neighbors...RPP laws have more teeth in them now, and quite significant consequences, one of which could be the loss of permit privilege for the entire household for a period of time.

## Permits Per Household:

One of the most significant of the changes in parking laws is the new limit in place of four (4) permits and one (1) visitor pass per household which will be in place for the 2008 renewal. There will be exceptions of course, but the exceptions must be approved.

## Contractor Passes:

The red contractor passes that are issued to contractors doing work in the area, are going to be stamped "NOT VALID DURING GAME DAYS." There may still be some out there without this condition but going forward all red contractor passes will have this stamp.

## Permit Display:

Get ready to clean the windshield off of all old permits. Only one at a time should be displayed. Whether or not this gets enforced is in question but could mean the difference between ticket or no ticket.

## False Information:

Falsifying documentation, counterfeiting or altering permits, using expired permits or permits that have been

voided, charging a fee for the use of a permit, or allowing someone to use a permit in violation of any rule or regulation, including landlords who control any permit issued to a tenant may result in immobilization of vehicle with a boot, impounding of the vehicle, and one can even be found guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both.

These are just a few of the new laws which have greater penalties attached now than they ever did before.

To see the entire law, go to <http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/charterandcodes/> Select Art 31 Transit and Traffic.

# Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

## CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.

Ages 6-17. Explore the artistic world of watercolors in an open painting session.

## MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. For nonwalking children and their caregivers.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. For walking children up to the age of three and their caregivers.

## EXPLORE BALTIMORE

Thursday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

Discover tourist treasures in your own backyard. Presented by Peggi Powell of the Baltimore's Visitor Center.

## SUMMER READING KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 9

Kids of all ages. Stop by the library to sign up for the summer reading pro-

gram, participate in sidewalk chalk art and eat ice cream treats.

## ADULT SUMMER READING ROAD TRIP

Saturday, June 9

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Adult Summer Reading Program revs up at Light Street. Let the journey begin.

## DRAMA DAYZ

Monday, June 11 and June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Teens participate in fun theater games and improv exercises.

## TEEN CAFÉ

Tuesday, June 12, 4 p.m.

Crafts, games and refreshments for teens.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, June 14, 6:15 p.m.

Meeting of the Friends of the Light Street Branch. Come make a difference.

## WRITERS' LIVE! *ON MY OWN TWO FEET: A MODERN GIRL'S GUIDE TO PERSONAL FINANCE*

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.

Manisha Thakor and Sharon Kedar earned MBA degrees from Harvard Business School and are Chartered Financial Analysts. In their new book, they show women how to live within their means, invest wisely, and protect themselves from unseen circumstances. They also provide guidelines for talking frankly about money with one's partner, including five mistakes to avoid.

## SMOOTH SUMMER JAZZ

Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m.

House Band, Gerrell, performs jazz favorites celebrating Black Music Month.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

# First Annual Family Caregivers & Grandparents Information Fair presented by The Baltimore City Commission on Aging & Retirement Education

Saturday, June 9, 2007

9:00am—3:00pm

The Forum Caterers  
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Baltimore, MD 21215

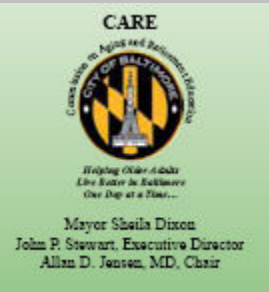
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Free admission & prizes. For more information call 410-396-1337

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## National Federation of the Blind Night at Rub BBQ

Come join us for dinner on Monday, June 4, 2007 at Rub BBQ at 1843 Light Street, South Baltimore.

A portion of the proceeds from the evening will go to support the NFB Transition to Independence Club for blind high school students in the Baltimore area. The club is working to raise money to attend the NFB National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer. This event is one of the largest gatherings of blind individuals in the country, and a great opportunity for the students to meet successful blind role models and learn about a variety of resources for the blind.

You can learn more about all this at [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org).



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Friday-Saturday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM  
\*Closed Tuesdays

## In A Minute

By Jocelyn Rodgers

The May 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting featured several speakers in addition to the committee reports.

First, Councilman Kenneth Harris (4<sup>th</sup> District), a candidate for City Council President, spoke about his past record and his campaign. For more information, he referred us to his website [HarrisForBaltimore.com](http://HarrisForBaltimore.com).

Next, Celeste D'Amato from the Initiative for a Cleaner Baltimore spoke about the campaign the City is launching to

- (1) *Create Awareness* with a multimedia campaign letting residents know their responsibilities in keeping their property and surrounding area clean.
- (2) *Lead By Example* by keeping city properties, public transit, and the gateways into the city much cleaner.
- (3) *Create Economy, Efficiency, and Effectiveness* by completely rethinking the way the Bureau of Solid Waste and the Enforcement Division work.

The new Bureau Chief of Solid Waste, Valentina Ukwuoma, was also there, and one of the big messages seemed to be call 311. The City is working hard to increase their effectiveness, and many neighbors have noticed an improvement in responsiveness. If you see trash cans overflowing or trash on the street or have other concerns about city cleanliness, call 311 so that the City can take care of the problem.

Finally, Officer Adam Long spoke briefly at the end of the meeting, reintroducing himself to the neighborhood and fielding a few questions about crime concerns in the neighborhood.

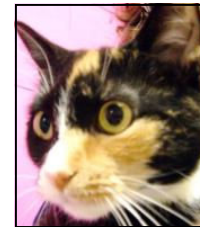
The meetings offer us all an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of politicians and city officials, and let them know our concerns as citizens. Hope you can make it to the next meeting.



**Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc.**

**301 Stockholm Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230**

[BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org](http://BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org)



Maxine, Kennel 113

This beautiful tortoiseshell loves to greet you at the door and play with string and toys -- a hunter at heart. Calm in her kennel, but wild and crazy when she gets a chase to play! Her former family reports that she is good with children. However, she would do best in a home without dogs. Already spayed so she can go home today!

2 years old and 7.8 lbs. Brought to the shelter on 1/16 because her family could no longer keep her. \*\*\* Here longest of all the animals -- over 4 months. \*\*\*



Pooh, Kennel 3

This shepherd terrier mix is a handsome guy who's playful and loves to cuddle. His former family reports that he is good with other dogs and children. Good on leash. Pooh is currently engaged in good manners training, where he's learning 'sit' and other useful behaviors on cue. His new family is welcome to continue his training through June 23 for \$10 per lesson.

1 year old and 38 lbs. Brought to the shelter on 2/12 because his owner could no longer care for him. Already neutered so he can go home today! \*\*\* Here longest of all the dogs -- over 3 months. \*\*\*

To learn how to adopt these orphans, stop by BARCS at 301 Stockholm St (near Ravens' Stadium), phone 410-396-4695 or visit [www.BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org](http://www.BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org)

## Vaccination of Dogs & Cats

By Jill Shook, DVM—CityPets Veterinary Care & Wellness, [jssdvm@aol.com](mailto:jssdvm@aol.com)

You may have wondered what exactly all those “shots” are that your pet is getting when you take them to the veterinarian. Vaccination in dogs and cats has become a popular topic in the past several years. Several questions and concerns about benefits versus risk of vaccination, duration of immunity of vaccines, and which vaccines are truly needed have been raised. This is still a topic that is under some debate and there will likely be continued changes to products, protocols, and recommendations.

Vaccination (immunization) is a very important part of any dog or cat's health and well being. The purpose of vaccination is to stimulate an immune response to a particular antigen (bacteria, virus, or other microorganism) associated with disease. The introduction of these antigens into the body stimulates the animal's immune system to produce antibodies against that antigen. Then, if that animal were to be exposed to that disease in the future they would already have protective antibodies against that disease, and the ability to make more antibodies.

Immunity is a complex process that can be affected by several factors. Immunity can be overcome by exposure to a high dose of antigen, or a highly virulent strain of a disease, or if the animal's immune system is suppressed. Most vaccines are given by injection to ensure uptake by the white blood cells and adequate stimulation of the immune system. Some vaccines are given locally, for example, some Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines are given in the nose.

So which vaccines does your dog or cat need? Vaccines are typically divided into what are considered “core” vaccines and “non-core” vaccines. “Core” vaccines are recommended for all dogs and cats regardless of lifestyle, etc. “Non-core” vaccines are available and recommended depending on prevalence of those diseases in the area and depending on your pet's lifestyle and risk of exposure. “Core” vaccines for dogs include Canine Distemper virus, Parvovirus, Canine adenovirus-2, and Rabies. “Core” vaccines for cats include Feline Herpesvirus-1, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, and Rabies. “Non-core” vaccines for dogs include Leptospirosis, Lyme disease, Canine Parainfluenza, and Bordetella

bronchiseptica. “Non-core” vaccines in cats would include Feline Leukemia, FIV and Bordetella bronchiseptica.

One particular topic that has become of interest in terms of vaccination is duration of immunity. How long do vaccines last? Most vaccines were historically given on a yearly basis. Research has shown it is likely that many vaccines last for much longer, but no one knows how much longer. Most core vaccines are now given every 3 years, and there are now vaccine products that are FDA approved and labeled as 3 year products. “Non-core” vaccines are typically still given yearly, some every 6 months.

Most veterinarians have standard vaccine protocols that they recommend based on “core” vaccines and other vaccines they think may be necessary given the general environment. However, it is important to discuss your pet's lifestyle with your veterinarian so the best decision for your pet's health can be made. You can also visit the websites below for more information:

[www.veterinarypartner.com](http://www.veterinarypartner.com)  
[www.healthypet.com](http://www.healthypet.com)  
[www.aafponline.org](http://www.aafponline.org)



# 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), or call Sharron McCulloch at 410-659-5159

## Citizens On Patrol Schedule All Walks start at 7p.m. unless noted otherwise.

Wednesday, May 30th <b>RIVERSIDE / SBIC</b> <i>Riverside Park gazebo; 400 blk of Randall St. &amp; Riverside Ave.</i>	Thursday, June 14th <b>OTTERBEIN / SHARP LEADENHALL</b> <i>S. Sharp &amp; W. Henrietta Streets.</i>
Thursday, May 31st <b>BROOKLYN</b> <i>The Hargrove District Courthouse, 700 E. Patapsco Ave.</i>	Monday, June 18th <b>CHERRY HILL (C.H.A.T.)</b> <i>Cherry Hill &amp; Terra Firma Roads</i>
Tuesday, June 5th <b>NEW SOUTHWEST MT. CLARE</b> <i>Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkens Ave.</i>	Tuesday, June 19th <b>CARROLLTON RIDGE</b> <i>Samuel F.B. Morse Rec. Center, Pulaski &amp; Ashton Streets</i>
Thursday, June 7th <b>MORRELL PARK</b> <i>Italiano's Restaurant, 2229 Washington Blvd.</i>	Wednesday, June 20th <b>LOCUST POINT</b> <i>Meeting place TBD, check www.sdpcrc.org for more info.</i>
Monday, June 11th <b>FEDERAL HILL / FEDERAL HILL SOUTH</b> <i>Porter's Pub, E. Cross St. &amp; Riverside Ave.</i>	Tuesday, June 26th <b>LAKELAND</b> <i>Lakeland Recreation Center, 2921 Stranden Rd. &amp; Wegworth Lane</i>
Tuesday, June 12th <b>CURTIS BAY</b> <i>St. Athanasius Church parking lot, Church &amp; Prudence Sts</i>	Wednesday, June 27th <b>PIGTOWN</b> <i>The Village Center (Bath House), 904 Washington Blvd.</i>
Wednesday, June 13th <b>RIVERSIDE / SBIC</b> <i>Riverside Park gazebo; 400 blk of Randall St. &amp; Riverside Ave.</i>	Thursday, June 28th <b>BROOKLYN</b> <i>The Park &amp; Ride, Hanover St. at Frankfurst Ave.</i>
	Tuesday, July 3rd <b>NEW SOUTHWEST MT. CLARE</b> <i>Meet at the Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkens Ave.</i>

# 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 McDonald.

Agenda includes, but is not limited to:

*Southern District Update*  
Major Eric Jordan & Deputy Major Michael McDonald  
*Officer of the Month Award*  
Deputy Major Michael McDonald & Jack Baker  
*Guest Speaker*  
SHEILA DIXON – Baltimore City Mayor  
*Guardian Angels Update*  
Marcus “Strider” Dent  
*C.O.P Update*  
Shannon Sullivan  
*Neighborhood & Council Updates*  
Jack Baker and John Rehmert

This month's meeting is scheduled for *June 21st, 2007* at *7:00 PM* at the Southern District Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road.

*(Help, Continued from page 1)*

There are plans in the works to have citations handed out, holding people and their checkbooks accountable for such crimes. But any neighborhood resident who is part of the mass returning home after closing time can make a difference. If you see someone yanking at a neighbor's plant or about to urinate on someone's house or about to do even worse, speak up. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe approaching them, call 911 on your cell phone because it is a crime in progress. If you see a beer bottle left on the ground, pick it up and put it in a trash-can before someone else accidentally shatters it.

I certainly understand feeling awkward saying something, and at times calling the police can seem uneven with the magnitude of the crime happening. But the reality is that these destructive acts are crimes, and they change the feel of the neighborhood for many residents.

I didn't see as much destruction living in other bar neighborhoods, and I don't think it has to be part of city living in Baltimore either. Residents are a large enough part of the bar crowd that each of you speaking up when you see something happening on the way home could make a huge difference. An individual act may seem minor, but cleaning up after the sum total of them begins to ruin the fun of living here. We could really use your help!

# B'more Green

By Nicole Killion, RN, bmoregreen@yahoo.com

It's springtime and I'm in love...with the farmer's market. I have my Sunday morning routine. I go to the Baltimore City Farmer's Market as soon as I wake up. I fill up my reusable bag that I brought with me with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables from 2 organic farm stands, I stop by the cheese guy and get some delicious raw Amish cheese, and the peruse the other goodies such as nuts and honey or whatever suits my fancy that particular day. Then I buy a muffin from Cats Paw Organic Farm, a locally roasted coffee from Zeek's, and then I sit down with Urbanite magazine to enjoy my breakfast.

I love the farmer's market for several reasons. #1: The produce is so fresh that it lasts forever in the fridge because it was so recently harvested. Contrast that to the produce in the supermarkets, which is shipped from far away places and you have to eat it right away in order to avoid it going bad. For ex-

ample, lettuce from the farmer's market will last me a good two weeks in the fridge. Those salad bags at the store start going bad within a few days. #2: The produce is cheaper at the farmer's market. Last fall I purchased two sweet potatoes, two shallots, a bulb of garlic, a head of cabbage, a bunch of kale, and three onions all for \$7 from one of the organic farm stands. Try buying all of that for \$7 at a supermarket. This Sunday I purchased several heads of organic lettuce (probably about the equivalent of 3 salad bags) for \$3 total. #3: Even if the produce is not organic, it may still have fewer chemicals on it. Apples that come from Maryland don't need a layer of wax coating like they do if they are coming from California. #4: I discover new fruits, vegetables, cheeses, honeys, etc. Small farmers have the freedom to grow different varieties of fruits and vegetables that you won't see stocked in a large supermarket. This Sunday I discovered tazo, a green with an excel-

lent peppery flavor. I've been adding it to salads and plan to sauté the rest and drizzle it with white sauce. #5: I like to support local businesses and the local economy. When you buy at a large chain store with headquarters in a different state, your money store doesn't get reinvested in Maryland. It goes out of state.

I urge you to check out the Farmer's Market. There is something for everyone. Besides all the fresh produce, eggs, cheeses, honey, breads and other foods, there are flowers and plants, crafts, soaps, and prepared foods such as donuts, sausages, omelets, Caribbean, Thai, Spanish and more. The Baltimore City Farmer's Market is held every Sunday from 8am to noon under the Jones Falls Expressway at Holliday and Saratoga Streets. Look for me enjoying my coffee and muffin, soaking in the sun and the great atmosphere.

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## Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

Our business district will be getting a thorough cleaning every weekend as part of the city's "clean and green" campaign. Victor, our clean ambassador, will power wash the streets and clean up trash every Saturday and Sunday morning. This should greatly improve the appearance of the business district. Digital Harbor High School is also actively participating in the clean promotions.

The Examiner has provided SBIC with dime size chartreuse stickers to alert deliverymen NOT to leave a paper. The sticker can be placed on your door or railing. Stickers are available at the monthly SBIC meetings.

The next neighborhood clean up is Saturday, June 23rd at the corner of S. Charles and W. Fort from 9am-12 noon. A dumpster will be provided with all necessary supplies for cleaning our streets.

New trashcans are located along S. Charles Street. Please use them appropriately and NOT for personal bags of trash/garbage. Routine collections are scheduled 2x weekly but call 311 if the cans are full/overflowing. The city will make additional collections if contacted.

Tree planting is being promoted all over Baltimore City through the Tree Baltimore campaign. Peter Shapiro will be helping us with this initiative by mid summer. SBIC will try to organize the effort so city inspectors can assess multiple sites per inspection. Please volunteer to study your block for tree locations and watering. It is encouraging to see our streets much cleaner allowing beautification projects to move forward!




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Other Stadium events:  
June 2—Lupus Walk  
June 3—Ray Lewis 5K Race  
June 21-24—Dew Sports Tour

## In Your Own Backyard



Federal Hill Main Street's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Jazz & Blues Festival**  
Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
11am to 7pm  
S. Charles Street  
in historic Federal Hill

Federal Hill Main Street's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz & Blues Festival is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 7pm, on S. Charles Street in historic Federal Hill. After last year's success, Federal Hill Main Street is, once again, thanking its supporters by offering free admission! The event attracts a sophisticated crowd and a wide range of ages because of the diversity of its entertainment, including at least 10 of the region's best live jazz and blues bands, unique vendors offering arts, antiques, and crafts, and food and libations from many of Federal Hill's renowned restaurants. Children can enjoy the hugely popular "Little One's Lane," a special area featuring games, crafts, children's live entertainment and hands-on fun. Bring the family and invite your friends to stroll down the tree-lined streets of historic Federal Hill. It's a wonderful way to spend the day! For more information, log onto [www.historicfederalhill.org](http://www.historicfederalhill.org).

## Volunteer!

It's a unique way to enjoy the festival and meet lots of people. You'll be helping Federal Hill Main Street help the neighborhood. And it's fun! Volunteer positions are available in two shifts, 10:30am-3pm and 2:30pm-7pm, at beer ticket sales and beer pouring. All volunteers receive a free 2007 festival t-shirt and complimentary beverage tickets. Please contact [volunteers@historicfederalhill.org](mailto:volunteers@historicfederalhill.org) or call 410-727-4500.

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