

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 : _____

Name 2: _____

Street Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

All dues are tax-deductible under Federal guidelines.

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To Our Neighbors

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SoBoImCo

South Baltimore Improvement Committee ~ August 2007

Ooops!

Due to a printing error, the July edition was reissued instead of the August edition. Please accept our apologies for the confusion, and be sure to check out all the good stuff August's SoBoImCo has to offer.

Annual Summer BBQ

Please join us on Thursday, August 16th from 6:30pm-9:00pm at the Sitting Park at the corner of Light and Heath Streets for our annual summer BBQ. We'll have plenty of food and beverages, as well as a silent auction with items from local businesses.

SoBo Night at the Orioles

Mark your calendars for September 6th, make sure your orange shirts are clean, and come join your neighbors in watching the O's take on the Red Sox at Camden Yards! Tickets are available through SBIC for \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and seats are in Lower Reserve, Sections 11-15.

Catch up with your neighbors prior to the game! Ropewalk is offering pre-game happy hour, with drink specials.

Tickets are only available until August 21st, and seat selection is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact Julie at 410-547-7467 or EastendDesign@att.net for tickets.

Community Meeting

There will be no General Meeting in August.

The next General Meeting will be
Tuesday, September 11th

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

Recycling Days

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



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



Get Out!

PAETEC Jazz Festival
August 9th—11th

Pier 6, Power Plant Live! And Harbor East
Festival features both ticketed performances and free outdoor concerts throughout Baltimore. August 11th concert will feature B.B. King, Etta James and The Roots Band, and Al Green. Call 410.442.1221 for more info.

Owl Prowl & Night Hike
Friday, August 10th
8:00p.m.—10:00p.m.

Carrie Murray Nature Center

Learn about owls and other denizens of the night, including owl pellet dissection and short hike to find some of the park's wild owls. Admission \$3, recommended for ages 6 & older. Call 410.396.0808 for more info.

SBIC Summer BBQ
Thursday, August 16th
6:00p.m.—9:30p.m.

Sitting Park, corner of Light & Heath Sts.

Join your neighbors for some casual summer fun. See page 1 for more info.

Neighborhood Cleanup
Saturday, August 25th
9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

Corner of S. Charles St & Fort Ave.

Gloves, bags & brooms provided. See page 7 for more info.

Twilight Canoe Escape
Wednesday, August 29th
6:30p.m.

Middle Branch Park

Paddle the quiet waters of Baltimore's other harbor. Enjoy the grand view of the downtown skyline, the Hanover Street Bridge, and the brackish water at dusk. Pre-registration required. Admission \$5, recommended for ages 7 & older. Call 410.396.0440 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:

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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

President's Corner

By Jim Salvucci

News:

The SBIC and several residents testified against a proposed condo development for 1201 S. Charles at a Zoning Appeal hearing on July 10. The Developers had known for over a year that they had to present their plans for a five-story condo structure to the SBIC and had only just started making overtures after postponing a similar hearing in June. While the Developers had recently made a presentation to the SBIC Executive Board, the Board felt strongly that these plans needed to go before the General Membership before making any decision. Since the next GM meeting is not until September 11, the Developers decided to try their luck in front of the Baltimore Municipal Zoning Appeals Board.

The gamble paid off for the Developers who—despite the testimony of Board members and other residents against the project, a dozen letters in opposition and a massive protest petition—the BMZA approved the plans. The SBIC is considering its options.

Update:

The Swann Park Task Force, which is tracing the history of arsenic contamination in the park since the Allied Chemical plant closed in the late 70s, released an “interim” report on the park. The report is online at <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/>, and it concludes that Allied knew of high contamination at that time. As I wrote last month, a federal agency has preliminarily concluded that the present levels are high but acceptable. I guess the question on everyone's minds (particularly those who have lived, worked, and played in the area) is “what about the levels in the three decades between the closing of the plant and now?” We anxiously await the answer.

In Praise of SBIC Stars:

As you likely know, the SBIC is a volunteer organization, run by

neighbors for the neighborhood. People volunteer countless hours with little or no benefit directly to themselves because they love South Baltimore and want it to reach its potential.

Some serve on the Executive Board as officers or heading various committees. July's SoBoImCo newsletter described each Executive position in a piece compiled by Julie Tice, one of our greatest assets. Members of the Executive, such as Julie, sacrifice their time and take the lead on South Baltimore's continued improvement.

Others serve on committees or step up to help with specific projects, such as our monthly neighborhood clean ups (run by the amazing Mutchies, Amy and Pat) or our frequent C.O.P. walks (led by the steadfast Sharron McCulloch).

No one expects every resident to volunteer as tirelessly as the people whom I have named, and I am neglecting many others. (For a still-partial list, please see the gray box of “Committee Contacts” elsewhere in this newsletter.) But for South Baltimore to prosper, more of us have to come together to participate in meetings, clean the streets, distribute petitions, help at the recreation center, report crime, organize events, testify at hearings, generate ideas, monitor construction, state an opinion, assist the elderly, and even just attend social gatherings.

No one should do all of these things. No one could. But if we each do one every once in a while, South Baltimore will become a better place for all.

So thanks again to all the volunteers. You are South Baltimore's stars. And a sincere welcome to new volunteers. Your neighborhood needs you.

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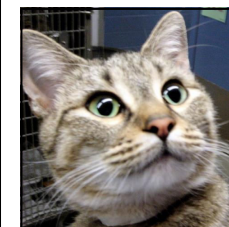
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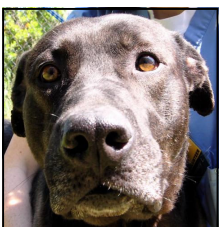


Lucky, kennel 91

Lucky is a nice girl likes to be petted and held. This well-rounded brown tabby is both soft & loving as well as very playful & inquisitive, and has beautiful green eyes. Her former family reports that she is good with children and appears to be housetrained. Already spayed so she can go home today!

*** Here longest of all the cats-- over 3 months. ***

3 years old and 7.14 lbs as of arrival date. Brought to the shelter on 3/3.




King, kennel 12

To know King is to love King. He is a beautiful big lug who is mellow and cuddly. This Chocolate Labrador Retriever Mix enjoys going for walks and leaning against your side. Walks nicely on leash and isn't frazzled by young pups barking and jumping to get his attention. More interested is sniffing the air and hanging with you.

4 years old and 70 lbs as of arrival date. Brought to the shelter on 5/7 because his family could no longer care for him.

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




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READING ROAD TRIP

Be sure to sign up for Summer Reading Programs for all ages. We have programs for the “read-to-me” set, elementary school and teens AND for adults as well. There are prizes and give-aways and reading adventures for everyone! Sign up at the Light Street Branch beginning June 9. The programs end on August 4. Don't get left in the dust – sign up now!

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, August 9, 6:15 pm
Monthly meeting of the Friends Group. Come make a difference.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

August 1 & 8
An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. For nonwalking children and their caregivers.
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. For walking children up to the age of three and their caregivers.

LIFE IS A HIGHWAY

Monday, August 6, 6 p.m.
The road ends for the summer reading program. Refuel and refresh at the Light Street Cruise In.

SLIME, SCALES AND SOLUTIONS

Tuesday, August 7, 11 a.m.
Meet live reptiles and amphibians and learn about the problems facing their homes. Presented by the Aquarium on Wheels.

HIP HOP DANCE

Tuesday, August 14, 4 pm
Teens. Learn some of the same hip hop dance moves used by your favorite artists.

TOOTLIN' ALL DAY

Wednesday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.
Ages birth to five. Experience a musical “Summer Fun” adventure filled with songs, stories, sing-a-longs, and puppetry.

Call 410-396-1096 to register
for all programs

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Wednesday: 4PM-7PM
\$10 Bottomless Bud Drafts on our Patio

Thirsty Thursday
Thursday: 5PM-Close
\$5 Absolut and Red Bull in Bar Area or Patio

98 Rock Happy Hour
Friday: 5PM-7PM during the summer
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Liquor Advisory Committee

By Al Evans

On Thursday June 28th at 7:00 p.m. the Liquor Advisory Committee met with Joe Flynn and his business partner Patrick, the new owners of 1400 Light St. to review their plans for the liquor license. Joe showed us the Business Plan that he had presented to his bank, which includes creating an upscale/casual restaurant, something on the order of The Bicycle, maintaining the "D" 6 day liquor license with closing a 1:00 a.m., using the first floor for a bar/lounge area in front with a dining area and renovated rest rooms and kitchen, and using the second floor for a bar, dining area and unisex restroom. The downstairs dining area will hold about 25 people and the second floor will hold about 45. There will be no “poker” machines nor pool tables, nor outdoor seating. Joe is hopeful that renovation will start in August and they will open by October.

Neighborhood residents and community associations concerned with quality of life issues are at a great disadvantage when it comes to being given timely notification of liquor license changes in their neighborhoods. The present and antiquated Liquor Law (Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland) has the deck stacked against citizen concerns and in favor of licensees.

Prior to the November 2006 election and at the request of the Chairman of the Baltimore City Liquor Advisory Committee (BCLAC) , Senator Della sponsored Senate Bill 344 that gives communities a voice with the Board before approving applications for changes and transfers. As a direct result of the passage of SB 344, the BCLAC reached an agreement with members of the Liquor Board under Chairman Mark Fosler to change the notification procedure to be at least thirty days. This agreement with former Chairman Fosler did not automatically carry forward to the present Liquor Board under Chairman Stephen Fogleman, although the Board has honored all requests for postponements that we have presented. The BCLAC will be working with the present Chairman to reactivate the agreement reached with the previous administration.

Under the current provisions of Article 2B, “proper” notification to residents and communities of liquor license change requests can be a simple as only requiring a cardboard sign (approx. 24” x 36”) to be posted by the Liquor Inspector on the door or in the window

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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!

All walks start at 7:00p.m., unless noted otherwise. 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.

Wed, 8/1
BARRE CIRCLE
Shahrazad's Restaurant, 771 Washington Blvd

Thu, 8/2
MORRELL PARK-ST PAUL'S
Italiano's Restaurant, 2229 Washington Blvd

Tue, 8/7
NEW SOUTHWEST MT CLARE
Wilkins Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkins Ave

Thu, 8/9
OTTERBEIN / SHARP LEADENHALL
S. Sharp & W. Henrietta Sts

Mon, 8/13
FEDERAL HILL / FEDERAL HILL SOUTH
Porter's Pub, E. Cross St. & Riverside Ave.

Wed, 8/15
LOCUST POINT
To be determined

Mon, 8/20
RIVERSIDE / SBIC
Riverside Park Gazebo, Riverside Ave. & E Randall St.

Tue, 8/21
CARROLLTON RIDGE
Samuel F. B. Morse Rec Center, Pulaski & Ashton Sts.

Wed, 8/22
PIGTOWN
The Village Center (Bath House), 904 Washington Blvd.

Thu, 8/30
BROOKLYN
The Hargrove District Courthouse, 700 E Patapsco Ave.

Consider Running for Office

By Jocelyn Rogers

Election season is approaching. We all see the signs for City Council candidates and mayoral candidates, but our neighborhood association also has its elections coming up. In the October meeting, SBIC will hold elections for all four of its officers.

Last month, each of the committee chairs and officers gave a short plug for 'who we think we are.' SBIC is always looking for residents willing to volunteer for its many committee activities, but I'm writing today to encourage you to consider running for office. While the officer positions are more 'administrative' in nature than volunteering for one of SBIC's committees, each of their roles is crucial in SBIC's function and in helping residents work together for the good of our neighborhood.

In particular my husband Mike O'Hara and I (the current Treasurer and Secretary) will not be running for office again. We are graduating next spring (knock on wood), and are not sure of our plans afterwards.

The Secretary's main duties are taking minutes at the general and executive meetings and writing a general meeting summary for each newsletter, as well as keeping all the records. The Treasurer's main duties are balancing the SBIC ledger, maintaining the accounts, writing checks, and maintaining the membership lists. These functions are relatively well defined, but serving as an officer has also taught me so much about all the committee activities and how residents can make a difference in South Baltimore. In addition, I've gotten to know many more neighbors; now that I know the people in the organization, I just wish I had gotten involved sooner.

Please consider putting your hat in the ring for elections. If you have questions about what is expected of a treasurer or secretary, please feel free to get in touch with Mike or me. If you are interested, please let people know you would like to run, and don't forget to bring your membership up to date before running. Help support SBIC!

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 Michael McDonald & Deputy Major Charles Carter .

Agenda includes, but is not limited to:

Southern District Update
Officer of the Month Award
Guardian Angels Update
C.O.P Update
Neighborhood & Council Updates

This month's meeting is scheduled for *August 16th, 2007* at *7:00 PM* at the Southern District Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road.



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Down on Main Street



Federal Hill Main Street is just completing the renovation of the Public Comfort Station on Cross Street turning it into the new Federal Hill Visitors Center and new Main Street office. The beautiful new facility will give visitors to Federal Hill a central location for getting information about the business and residential neighborhood as well as the history of our region.

You now have a chance to become a permanent part of the renovation by purchasing a brick for the front sidewalk with your name engraved on it. We are nearly ready to start accepting orders. Please email us to let us know that you are interested in getting a brick; we'll email you back with more information about how to order. Email: organization@historicfederalhill.org. Thanks for helping to build our neighborhood!

Get Those Kids Off the Streets!

Our South Baltimore Youth Council, just beginning to get to know themselves and what they want to do after they graduate from high school. The street corners are still calling to offer the quick money of crime. Our teens have come so far on their journey. They just need your help to complete their trip and become contributing adult members of our South Baltimore community.

Please join us for a planning meeting for this school year on August 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E. Heath Street (the back entrance of the Johnson Elementary School). We will spend an hour dreaming, brainstorming, and planning for the coming year as we enjoy seeing how our teens have grown. For more information, contact Marie Sennett at 410-837-1132 or msennett@believewireless.net



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Authorized by Friends of Terry Hickey, Jason Weesner, Treasurer

B'more Green

By Nicole Killion, RN, bmoregreen@yahoo.com

Remember my list of things in the March issue that you can do to decrease global warming? Here's another idea that goes under the "easy" category: replace your light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). For those of you who have no idea what I'm talking about, here's the 411 on CFLs.

WHAT: Compact fluorescent light bulbs are those weird looking swirl (or twist) light bulbs, although many now come in globes and look like regular bulbs. Buy the color "neutral" to get a similar light shade as an incandescent bulb. Here is a chart to know which CFL wattage to buy:

Incandescent Bulb	=	Compact Fluorescent Bulb
40 watts		9-12 watts
60 watts		13-18 watts
75 watts		19-24 watts
100 watts		25-30 watts

WHERE: Hardware stores, Costco, IKEA, online, almost anywhere that a regular light bulb is sold. They may not be labeled as compact fluorescent so read the packaging. Look for the Energy Star label.

WHEN: Available in stores now. Change every 5-7 years (talk about low maintenance!).

WHY: CFLs are 40% more efficient than incandescent light bulbs. This decreased use of electricity is what makes them so environmentally friendly.

HOW: Install into your light fixture, no conversion kit needed. However, if you have a dimmer, you must buy a CFL made for dimmers.

COST: CFLs are more expensive upfront but because they last for up to 7 years they end up being more economical in the long run. Cheaper brands may flicker so test a brand before you replace every light bulb in your home.

Here are some cool facts. If every household in the United States replaced one incandescent light bulb with a CFL bulb, it would be the equivalent of reducing the greenhouse gases created by one million cars. If every household replaced five incandescent light bulbs with CFLs, it would be the equivalent of taking 8 million cars off the road for a year. The average house has 15-30 bulbs. Imagine the huge decrease in global warming that we can achieve with such an easy change.

Even if you're not convinced by the environmental factor, how about the money factor? The Fannie Mae corporation estimates that over the course of 8 years a CFL will cost you \$24 while an incandescent will cost you \$51.50. Co-op America says that you will save \$45 per light bulb because CFLs last for so long. And StopGlobalWarming.org reports that if you replace three frequently used light bulbs in your house with CFLs, it will save you, on average, \$60 a year.

Because CFLs contain mercury, they cannot be disposed of with regular household trash. Baltimore City accepts CFLs at the household hazardous materials drop off which occurs twice a year. Call 311 for more information. Go to www.earth911.com or www.lamprecycle.org to find a place near your home where they are recycled year round. You can also drop off all brands of CFLs at IKEA for recycling.

Australia recently passed a law banning the incandescent light bulb. Hopefully the US will follow suit. Not to worry, it won't affect you since you will already have changed your light bulbs to CFLs.

or encourage the community and licensee to come to a mutual agreement that may not make everyone happy.

The lack of sufficient notification is unacceptable and can only be righted by changes in the liquor laws. First we must understand that liquor licenses in Baltimore City and the laws governing those licenses are controlled by the State. The Maryland State Legislature, more specifically the six Baltimore City State Senators, by a procedure known as "local courtesy" can make or change certain laws without objection from Senators of other jurisdictions. In addition to having the power to change the liquor laws, the six Baltimore City State Senators recommend to the Governor the three individuals that will serve as the Liquor Board Chairman and Commissioners who interpret and enforce the liquor laws. Senator Della's 46th Legislative District has a very large percentage of the total liquor licenses in Baltimore City (total city liquor licenses 1,470).



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Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

The beautification of South Baltimore is underway thanks to our newly established TREE PLANTING PROJECT. This group expects support from Mayor Dixon's initiative called TREE BALTIMORE. Peter Shapiro has organized a great group of volunteers from the neighborhood and local businesses. You may be contacted to sign a tree request form and help water a newly planted tree on your block. If you have identified a need for trees in front of your property or on your block please contact Peter Shapiro at 443-695-6244. Grant writing is also underway for additional money to support the effort. Thanks to Hawkeye Construction we have access to concrete removal equipment but will need volunteers to provide the manpower! Please consider helping this committee. Not only do trees add to the beautification of a streetscape but they also provide wonderful shade to help reduce electric bills in summer months and add value to your home. To those residents who have young trees please water them during these hot, dry months. Some are only "watered" with dog urine and they are dying.

I'm pleased that sanitation is following beautification for a change! Our July clean up was a success with a special thank you to Mad River for feeding lunch to our hungry, thirsty volunteers! Our next clean up is scheduled for Saturday August 25th at S. Charles Street and W. Fort Avenue between 9am and 12noon. Please remember to call 311 for illegal dumping. In a neighborly way, take the time to educate a new resident on trash containment and pick up procedures. Please contact the chair of this committee, Amy Mutch, if you have questions regarding trash issues. Citations are being issued for abuse of procedures. South Baltimore is improving regarding litter and trash so grab a broom make a clean sweep!

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