

SoBoImCo

A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore



January 2008

Design Review

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

Members of the Design Review Committee met with the development team concerning 1901 S. Charles St. Because of the change in the real estate market and the success of the 101 Wells apartments, they are proposing a 188 unit apartment building with off street parking, instead of the original plan for 64 townhouses that was approved by the City and SBIC over two years ago. The development team will present their ideas at our January GM meeting. The plans to be presented at this meeting are concept only, and will be developed further as the project moves thru the planning stages. Affordable housing and location of this project on a property that has sat vacant for years will be a good fit.

This is a must-attend meeting for all members of SBIC who have any concerns or questions about this project.



REMINDER:

City offices will be closed on
Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day & Monday,
January 21st for Martin Luther King's Day.
No trash will be collected.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting
will be
Tuesday, January 8th

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

Recycling Days

New single-stream recycling
starts January 8th!

All paper, cans, glass, and numbers 1-7 plastics shall be collected on the 2nd & 4th Fridays. Please see page 11 for more info.



All recycling collected streetside

Get Out!

Leaf Collection Season

October 4th—January 26, 2008

Use clear or labeled bags. Collection will be the 2nd collection day of each week (Fridays or Saturdays)

BMI Bridal Show

January 15th

5:30p.m.—8:30p.m.

Getting married? Tons of vendors, caterers, event planners and more will be on hand to help make your wedding day special. Free admission. Call 410.727.4808, ext. 144 for more information.

Saturday Monitoring Bird Walk

January 19th

8:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

Fort McHenry

Join Jim Peters, wetland ornithologist, for a morning bird walk. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather, and be prepared for insects. Call 410.962.4290, ext. 224 for more information.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day @ AVAM

January 21st

10:00a.m.—6:00p.m.

American Visionary Art Museum

Enjoy free admission, and special programming throughout the day, including guided exhibition tours, theatrical performances, a screening of "I Have a Dream", and birthday cake. Call 410.244.1900 for more information.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Monday, January 21st

12:00p.m.

MLK Blvd, southbound from Eutaw Street.

Baltimore Restaurant Week

January 28th—February 3rd

Enjoy prix-fixe, three-course dinner menus for just \$30.08. Visit baltimorerestaurantweek.com for participating restaurants & online reservations.



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 Donnie Fair

Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

For children up to the age of three with their caregivers. An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Stories, songs and fun for preschoolers.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO EDITING PHOTOS

Thursday, January 3, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of editing digital photography. Presented by John Jorde of the Pratt Library's Sights and Sounds Department.

TEEN CAFÉ

Tuesday, January 8, 4 p.m.

Crafts, games and refreshments.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Thursday, January 10, 6:15 p.m.

Meeting of the Light Street Branch Friends. All are welcome.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Ages 6-12. Explore different art forms and learn to make original artwork using a variety of materials. Presented by Sandy Anderson.

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

Don't become a victim of identity theft! Lesley Mason from the Federal Reserve will offer tips on protecting your good name and keeping your financial records out of the hands of identity predators. Ms. Mason will also present information about the new five dollar bill – all to make you a more well-informed consumer!

READ ME

Tuesday, January 29, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Thursday, January 31, 4 p.m.

Learn about the many fascinating African American figures in Maryland's history through books and activities.

Call 410-396-1096 to register
for all programs

Social

By Ugur Erickson

SBIC social gatherings took a break for a while due to my pregnancy and welcoming a baby girl to my life. It sure feels good to get back in touch with the community and get together during holidays and catch up. I would like to thank Julie Tice for filling in and organizing the SBIC Holiday party and our last social in 2007 while I was on break.

We were in two new establishments in December. The Holiday party took place in Don't Know Tavern on Light Street on December 11th. Their complimentary food was delicious and the place looks really nice (they even have flat screen TV's in the booths.)

The Holiday Social was held at Junior's Wine Bar on Charles Street, in the space previously occupied by Vespa, on December 19th. As we welcomed a great new restaurant to our neighborhood, we got to sample their food and wine just for \$7 and I must say they were pretty generous about both food and wine.

What is good about the socials is that we usually see different faces than we see in the general meetings. I personally enjoyed meeting some newcomers and chatting with the existing members in the neighborhood. This is a good way of getting a sense of what your neighbor's opinions or concerns on what's going on in the neighborhood. It's also a great way to make some friends...

Thank you for all who were able to attend to the Holiday party and the Social in December. Hope to see you all again at the next social. Happy new year to everyone in South Baltimore!

Area A Parking Permit Renewals

Current Area A parking permits will expire on January 31, 2008. Renewals for existing vehicle stickers and visitors passes may be completed online at www.baltimoreprefparking.com or at the Parking Authority Offices. Passes may be picked up at the Parking Authority Offices at 200 W. Lombard Street.

Parking Authority Offices will be open Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.—5:00p.m. Parking is available in the 1st Mariner Arena parking garage. Vehicle registration must be brought to the Parking Authority Office at the time of pickup.

Community Yoga at Salem Lutheran Church

- Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm
- 6 week session, January 1- February 5, 2008;
- \$30 for 6 weeks (\$20 for Salem Lutheran Church members); \$10 per class for drop-ins;
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- Please bring your own yoga mat and wear loose, comfortable clothes; come with an empty stomach;
- Beginners are welcome in this gentle Hatha yoga class.

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You do have to promise to water the tree 1-2 times a week, 20 gallons per time, for the first two years, not to prune the tree, and not to put anything around the base of the tree as it can harm the tree.

Although the tree itself is free, and the city will plant it at no charge, we do need to hire a contractor to jackhammer the sidewalk to make a pit for the tree and dispose of the concrete. We have applied for grants to offset some of this cost, but you may be responsible to pay as much as \$175 per tree (although hopefully less!) if we are unable to find alternative sources of funding. If this is the case, we will contact you after your address has been approved to receive a tree.

TREE REQUEST

I, the undersigned, agree to water, mulch and maintain my neighborhood street tree. I understand that my location may not be suitable for street trees due to utilities, signs, handicap ramps, or width of sidewalks and that if a tree is planted it is the property of the City of Baltimore in accordance with City Code 1879, Article 47.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL (please print clearly!): _____

SIGNATURE: X _____

☐ I am aware that I may need to help offset the cost of opening a tree pit (see information above)

IF YOU ARE A RENTER, PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE THE NAME & PHONE NUMBER OF THE HOMEOWNER:

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Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

New Collection Policy for RECYCLABLES will go into effect on January 8th!! Yes Baltimore City has made your life less complicated with the new streamline policy. All recyclables will be collected on the same day AND in the same bin. The 2nd and 4th Fridays will be our days for collection. Please refer to page ?? for details.

Now that you have more free time and less confusion regarding trash removal, please help your neighborhood by cleaning in front of your property or join in a monthly cleanup. Dumpster dates for 2008 are yet to be assigned so we will not have an organized cleanup until February. Also please remember to remove outdoor holiday decorations in a timely manner. Nothing looks more pathetic than to see dead garland falling off a railing onto the sidewalk.

The smoking ban will soon be in effect for bars/restaurants. Flicking a cigarette butt onto a sidewalk or street is littering. Not to mention the unsightly appearance when an accumulation of butts collect around a property. Please keep this in mind when smoking outside. Keep a small jar to collect your butts or ask for a proper container for disposal.

Our neighborhood has received a fall planting of trees in various locations. Thanks to Peter Shapiro and his team of helpers SBIC had its first organized effort to green our blocks! Note the tree request form on the newsletter for Spring plantings. Some locations are denied a tree due to size of the sidewalk and/or utility lines but we can try to get a location on your block that will work. Ask a neighbor that lives on the corner if your frontage is not suitable. Nothing is more lovely than a tree to soften and cool concrete!

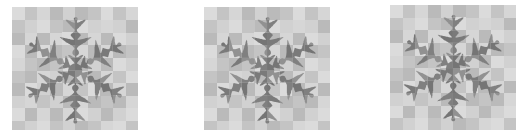
Save the Date!

Federal Hill Main Street's Fest-of-All, a ticketed event planned for Saturday, February 16th, 7pm to 11pm, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Fest-of-All will feature:

- ♦ An open bar and food "provided by the fabulous restaurants and taverns of Federal Hill."
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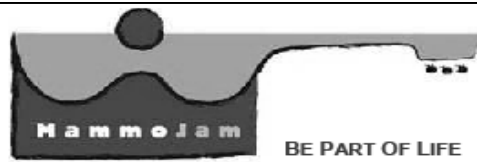


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MammoJam Music Festival adds national recording artists to support local breast cancer prevention and treatment programs

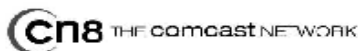
On Saturday January 26th, the 5th Annual MammoJam Music Festival will take place at the 8 x 10 on 10 E. Cross Street in Federal Hill from 6PM until midnight. In addition to a silent auction and great food from local restaurateurs, MammoJam is pleased to present national recording artists the Virginia Coalition, Erin McKeown, and Offbeat Magazine's 2007 "Performer of the Year" Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue to accompany festival favorites The Reserves. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, with \$80 VIP packages available.

'With our first class venue, top musical talent and media support from CN8 the Comcast Network and WTMD-FM, MammoJam is bringing support for women and families touched by breast cancer to a national stage,' said Bill Romani, founder of MammoJam. Please visit www.mammojammusicfestival.org for more information regarding the mission, tickets and sponsorship.

MammoJam is a non-profit, grass roots organization dedicated to promoting breast cancer awareness, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment programs. Created in October, 2003, MammoJam has established a tradition of supporting local organizations like the Hoffberger Breast Center at Mercy Medical Center and Harbor Hospital in their fight against breast cancer.

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By Nicole Killion, RN, bmoregreen@yahoo.com

Let me tell you what really excites me about 2008: Single stream recycling in Baltimore City. Starting January 11, 2008, single stream recycling is coming to South Baltimore. The Department of Public Works has made some major changes to its recycling program and they are going to make your life so much easier. Here's the low down.

As of January 11, 2008, you can put ALL of your recyclables in ONE container. No more sorting needed. Recycling will now be every second and fourth Friday, the former paper recycling day. No more different days to keep track of. What is also really exciting is that now, instead of only collecting plastic bottles #1 and #2, plastic bottles #1 through #7 will be collected. This means more plastic will be diverted from landfills, which is a really good thing since plastic never decomposes or breaks down. It's unusual for municipalities to collect plastics #3-7, so it's a good sign that

City Hall is on the right track to make Baltimore one of the greenest cities in the country. You can find the number on the bottom of the plastic bottle within the recycling triangle symbol (sometimes it's on the side of the bottle).

Here's a quick review of what can be recycled in 2008:

- Metal (aluminum, tin, and steel food and beverage containers)
 - Plastics bottles and jars #1-7
 - Glass bottles and jars
- Paper (white and colored, mail, books, newspaper, folders, magazines, cardboard, cereal boxes, office paper, school paper, envelopes with plastic windows) Used food containers, waxed boxes (such as paper milk containers) and aluminum foil still cannot be recycled.

The City is selling large and small yellow recycling containers for \$12 and \$6

respectively. You are not required to purchase a container. You can use trash cans, cardboard boxes, paper bags or some other container for your recyclables as long as it is clearly marked as recycling. Plastic bags are no longer acceptable to place your recyclables. Trash collection is also on Fridays so make sure to differentiate the two for sanitation workers.

A quick word on a different topic. Baltimore City has asked for a voluntary water restriction due to a fall in water levels in the three reservoirs that the city uses. Please turn off the water while you brush your teeth, shave and dry your hands. Only run full dishwasher and laundry loads. Take quick showers and no baths in the tub. Don't wash your car with a running hose.

Make it your New Year's resolution to recycle more and save more water. Happy 2008!

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Lazy

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think I'd like to be called something more specific to my personality and general appearance, something like, Striking Lee Gorgeousfeline or Ms. Perfectpurr, would be more appropriate. We can discuss this further when you visit. Please come soon."

Lazy is here longest of all the animals -- since 8/5/2007 because her family could no longer keep her. She is affectionate, likes to rub against you and be held. Playful too! She is 3 years old and 8 lbs. Spayed and can go home today.

Champ



Champ is a happy, playful guy who has lived with children and is friendly toward people, big and small. Knows sit on cue and loves exercise. 1 year old and 39 lbs. Brought to the shelter on 11/4/07 because his family was moving and couldn't take him along.

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Same Day!

- This means all of your recyclables—paper, cardboard, glass bottles, plastic bottles and jars (with ♻️ on the bottom), metal, aluminum, and tin cans—can now go into **one** container, on the **same** day.
- **Do not use plastic bags** for your recyclables. Plastic bags are **no longer acceptable**.
- **Recycling will no longer be collected on Mondays.** Your current paper recycling collection day will become your new single stream recycling collection day.
- Single stream recycling will be collected on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays through Fridays; depending on your recycling zone.
- When setting out single stream recycling, citizens have 3 options: purchase and use a recycling bin; use a container of choice that is clearly marked as recycling material; or use a cardboard box.

Acceptable Material:

- **Metal** (Aluminum, tin, and steel food and beverage containers)
- **Plastic** (Bottles and jars with ♻️ on the bottom)
- **Glass** (Bottles and jars)
- **Mixed Paper** (All colors, mail, books, newsprint, folders, magazines, cardboard, cereal boxes, office and school paper)

ONLY the items above are acceptable!

For example: Do not put items such as window glass, used food containers, waxed boxes, or aluminum foil into your recycling container.

For additional information, including drop off locations and recycling bins, please dial 311, or go to www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org or www.baltimorecity.gov.



Recycling in Baltimore is easier!

Recycling bins will be available at our Bin Kick-off event on Dec. 15, 2007, 10am–2pm

Baltimore Polytechnic,
1400 W. Cold Spring Ln.
Montebello Elem.,
2040 E. 32nd St.
Patterson H.S.,
100 Kane St.
Edmondson-Westside Skill Ctr.,
601 Athol Ave.

December 16, 2007, 10am–2pm
Northwestern High School,
6900 Park Heights Ave.

25 gal. bins for \$6 (1/2 price)
and 18 gal. bins for \$5.
(Cash/Money Order Only)
After Dec. 15th and 16th, bins will
be available at 111 Kane Street,
Mon.–Fri., 8am–2pm

Regular price: 25 gal. bins for
\$12 and 18 gal. bins for \$5.

Don't make excuses. Make a difference.

SBIC Membership Application

It's dues renewal time! 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.

Be Above the Fold

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