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A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore



February 2008

It's Membership Renewal Time

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- Monthly clean-ups with free dumpsters
- Coordination of free street trees and tree pit cuttings
- Sitting Park & Bocce Ball Court maintenance
- Five social events and outings
- Youth events
- Mailed monthly newsletters
- Annual Area A parking permit pickups
- Representation at State, City and quasi-City Agencies, including the Baltimore City Liquor Advisory Committee, Parking Authority, Southern District Police Community Relations Council, Baltimore City Arts & Entertainment Task Force

Just fill out the application form on the back page of this newsletter, and send \$5 per person to: SBIC, PO Box 6364, Baltimore, MD 21230 (please do not mail cash) or come to the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, February 5th.

Please show your support and join, or renew, today.

REMINDER:

City offices will be closed on
Monday, February 18th in honor of
Presidents' Day.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting
will be
Tuesday, February 5th

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

Recycling Days

All paper, cans, glass, and numbers 1-7
plastics shall be collected on the 2nd &
4th Fridays, February 8th & 22nd.



All recycling collected streetside

Get Out!

Fridays at The Walters

February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
5:00p.m.—

Walters Art Museum

It's Friday, and you want more than just another happy hour. Visit the Walters for exciting live music and special guided tours as well as beer, white wine and light refreshments available for purchase. For more information, visit the Walters' Web site at www.thewalters.org.

Saturday Monitoring Bird Walk

February 16th

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.

Federal Hill Fest-of-All

February 16th

7:00p.m.—11:00p.m.

Baltimore Museum of Industry

Celebrate all things Federal Hill, including live music, food, open bar, fashion show featuring neighborhood boutiques, and a raffle. Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$90 at the door. See page 7 for more info.

Neighborhood Cleanup

February 23rd

9:00a.m.—11:00a.m.

Light & Heath Streets

Brooms, bags & gloves provided.

South Baltimore Learning Center's

7th Annual Gala

March 8th

7:00p.m.—11:30p.m.

Montgomery Business Park

Support adult literacy with this fun-filled event, featuring live music and tasty food and beverages. See page 5 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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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.

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www.soboimco.org

In a Minute

By Joe Costa

The following is a summary of presentations and New Business from the January 8, 2008 meeting:

1901 Charles Street Project

This project originally proposed to have 64 town homes is now planned as a higher density apartment complex. The complex will be surrounded by Charles, Wells, Marshall and Winder Streets. It will have a mix of 128 efficiencies, one and two bedroom units (total of 360 bedrooms) targeted at young professionals; a parking garage and on-street (Winder) parking, totaling approximately 360 spaces. The developers are seeking SBIC input and a letter of support to the zoning commission

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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.

GET OUT OF TOWN: POETRY IN MOTION

Monday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.

Poet Reginald Harris will stimulate your poetic creativity. "The Triggering Town" and other devices will be used to make your words dance across that empty page.

ALL THAT JAZZ

Thursday, February 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the Winston Middle School Jazz Band performing jazz standards.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, February 9, 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.

TEEN CAFÉ

Tuesday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Crafts, games and refreshments.

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE

Tuesday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Stories and crafts for Valentine's Day.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

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

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

SONGS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Lea, recently nominated "Best New Artist" by the Washington D.C. Area Music Association, captures the essence of the Civil Rights Movement with songs from the period.

STATEWIDE MARYLAND TAX DAY

Saturday, February 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate Statewide Maryland Tax Day by having your taxes prepared by AARP tax volunteers. Drop-ins welcome, but there are income level requirements. Call the branch for details.

READ ME

Tuesday, February 26, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

Design Review Committee

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

At the last GM meeting January 8th, Mr. Brian Dusek of JLB Partners presented the new proposal for the development of 1901 S. Charles Street. This site was rezoned to R-8 and approved to build 64 townhouses in 2006, but the new proposal is to build a complex that will house 188 apartment units with one off-street parking space per bedroom for the entire complex. There will be additional parking on surrounding streets that will be repaired and re-opened to traffic. With the change in the housing market this project should bring some affordable housing to the area that SBIC has always supported. The developers will need a zoning variance for the higher density of the project. A vote was held and the membership approved the variance at the January GM meeting. SBIC will send a letter of support to the BMZA.

Mr. Doug Thomas of Master Plan Builders presented plans to renovate 34 E. Heath Street. Mr. Thomas will make contact with the neighbors and have them sign a letter of support on this project. The Design Review Committee will review the plans and make recommendations to the builder if needed.

SBIC Design Review Committee requires a 30 day notice prior to BMZA hearings to review plans. We will not review plans on short notice and letters of support will not be sent. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 443-790-4520.

A Note from the Editor

By Julie Tice

Picture it—South Baltimore, mid-December 2007. Amidst the unusual backdrop of clear skies and relatively warm weather, there's the usual rush of the holiday season: the shopping, the parties, the frantic last-minute trip to FedEx or UPS or the Post Office. I even have the added bonus of finally moving back to my house on Ostend Street after over a year of renovation work, and the packing and hauling and cleaning that comes with that. So, imagine my relief when I finally (FINALLY!) get the January edition of the newsletter tidied up and sent on its merry way to WORK Graphics for printing (albeit from a wireless internet connection from my parents' living room on Christmas Day); And imagine my joy when Precision Postal emails me to confirm that they've picked up said newsletters and are taking them to the Post Office on January 2nd; Now, imagine my puzzlement when January 8th, our meeting date, rolls around and not one single household has received their newsletter. Then puzzlement gives way to frustration and thus begins the series of phone calls and emails and mental fist-shaking at the powers-that-be. Well, it turns out that this is not unusual in the world of bulk mailing—it appears that the madness of the holiday season puts a kink in the workings of the US Postal Service as well, occasionally resulting in misplaced and forgotten sacks of mail. So, now you know—yes, I did, in fact, put together a January newsletter (which just showed up in my mailbox as I was writing this), and I am, in fact, making a note that the December and January editions get out much sooner than the other months'.

So, to all you faithful readers out there: thanks for your patience as we figure this system out.

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South Baltimore Learning Center's 7th Annual Gala

The South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC), a nonprofit community organization providing adult literacy programs, is holding its annual fundraising event on Saturday, March 8th from 7:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Park Business Center. "Baltimore Bandstand" is this year's Gala theme.

The Honorable Mayor Sheila Dixon., a long-time supporter of quality education in our city will be this year's honoree. The event is chaired by SBLC Board Member Anne Heesters Schroth.

Guests will be entertained by live music, and dance to the sounds of the Baltimore Bandstand provided by the band The New Monopoly. Food and drinks donated by some of Baltimore's hottest restaurants will be available for guests. Exciting vacation packages, Ravens and Orioles tickets, weekend getaways and other items will be offered through silent and live auctions. The event is black tie optional or 50's or 60's wear.

Tickets are \$100 per person and \$1,000 for a reserved table with 10 seats. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also still available.

For information on sponsorships, to purchase tickets or make food or auction donations, call 410-625-4215 or email sbrantley@southbaltimorelearns.org.



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Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

My introduction to this article is very unpleasant. I was amazed by all the synonyms in my thesaurus for the word DIRTY. I will list them in hopes of recruiting more to help clean our streets, hear goes: unclean, unsanitary, unhygienic, filthy, polluted, nasty, slovenly, dusty, messy, squalid, sloppy, unkempt, unsightly, untidy, straggly, unwashed, stained, tarnished, smudged, foul, grimy, greasy, muddy, mucky, sooty, slimy, unswept, grubby, and scummy.

Unfortunately many of us have used these words to describe our trash concerns throughout South Baltimore from time to time. Some of you live on an unfortunate side of the street that collects windblown trash. Some of you live on a street with foot traffic that leaves behind red cups, beer bottles, cigarette butts, and pizza

boxes. Changing the wind direction is impossible but asking individuals to change their behavior and stop littering is possible. So let continue to support anti-littering campaigns, ask bars and restaurants to provide proper containers for cigarette butts, and keep cleaning until more individuals embrace civil behavior. The added trash cans are also helping keep litter contained. Please call 311 if you notice a full can in need of collection.

Our next organized cleanup that always involves a large dumpster available to all SBIC residents is Saturday, February 23rd at the corner of Light and Heath Streets. We meet between 9am and 11am to clean troubled spots. Call 410-468-0118 or email amy@soboimco.org if you want to volunteer and inform us of a DIRTY location.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Every Wednesday in February, **Vibe Hair Studio** will donate 20% of proceeds to the Theresa Shoemaker Cancer Fund. Theresa is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

Vibe Hair Studio

Urban Chic at a Savvy Price
1539 Light Street, 410.347.2003
Tue-Fri, 11am-7pm, Sat, 10am-4pm

Celebrate Everything Federal Hill

Federal Hill Main Street presents

Federal Hill's 1st Annual

Fest-of-All

Saturday, February 16th

7pm to 11pm

In an exciting collaborative effort to celebrate the Federal Hill business district and support the Federal Hill Main Street program, the many and varied retail shops, restaurants, taverns and other businesses in Federal Hill are all getting together to hold a fantastic party and fundraising event, **Federal Hill's Fest-of-All**. The event will take place on **Saturday, February 16, 2008, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, (1415 Key Highway), from 7pm to 11pm.**

Virtually every facet of the Federal Hill business district is taking part in the celebration. The extraordinary restaurants and taverns of Federal Hill will provide an **open bar and delicious food**, with imported beer, a liquor and wine bar, and a variety of culinary delights. There will be **live music and dancing** featuring fan favorite *Love Seed Momma Jump*. The historically hip retailers of Federal Hill will be putting on a **fabulous fashion show** for the occasion. And Federal Hill businesses of every kind are participating in the **huge raffle**, exciting **silent auction**, and more. The neighbors on the South Baltimore peninsula, their friends, and all other fans of the neighborhood are invited to make it truly a celebration of everything Federal Hill! Tickets are **\$75** in advance (or **\$90** at the door).

All proceeds will benefit Federal Hill Main Street, Inc., a nonprofit organization formed to revitalize the historic business district of Federal Hill in ways that honor the character of the neighborhood while keeping the small businesses thriving and serving the needs of the people who live here. Log on to www.historicfederalhill.org for more information or call 410-727-4500.



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In Your Own Backyard

It's all in the details. Mount Clare Museum House will exhibit how the details in fashion make a clothing item or accessory truly out of the ordinary in its upcoming exhibit, *It's in the Details: Quality in Fashion - Clothing from the Carrolls to the Dames, 1760-1917* which will run from March 4, 2008 through June 28, 2008.

This exhibit will highlight and explore the smallest of details in clothing and accessories that often go unnoticed but help to make a garment truly unique and exceptional. Details such as the intricacy of minute hand stitches in pleating, lace, and embroidery, special tailoring, beading, weaving and other decorative elements will be shown and explained during guided tours of the exhibit. These types of details will be highlighted

in examples such as in a 19th c. infant dress with 49 hand sewn tucks in the skirt, women's early 19th c. shoes with chenille embroidery accents, an entire wedding ensemble from 1817 and an 1880's bustle gown with an elaborately pleated, gathered and draped silk skirt. This opportunity comes due to a generous loan from the Maryland Historical Society of a c. 1770 purple velvet suit that belonged to Mr. Carroll. The suit will be displayed along with a c. 1771 English silk gown that belonged to Mrs. Carroll.

Clothing and accessories will be exhibited throughout the house. Each room will have items that help to highlight a special event or era in the history of Mount Clare. Because clothing is such a personal choice, it is hoped these garments would help visitors make a more personal connection to the people who

lived at Mount Clare through the centuries.

Mount Clare, the 1760 Georgian summer home built by Charles Carroll, Barrister, is the oldest house in Baltimore City and is located in historic Carroll Park. Original furnishings of the Barrister, his wife, Margaret Tilghman Carroll, and their heirs have been preserved in the house and provide an accurate interpretation of 18th century colonial living. The house is open for guided tours on the hour, Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 10 o'clock. Admission is charged. The exhibit is included in the price of admission. For more information, or group tour reservations, please call 410-837-3262 or visit us on the web at www.mountclare.org.

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eating tonight?**

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WEEKLY SPECIALS

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Liquor Advisory Committee

By Al Evans

The Fort Charles Pub is under contract of sale, and the current liquor license will be transferred to the prospective owners who will change the bar's name to "Taps Baltimore". Public hearings will be held by the Liquor Board on or after February 7, 2008. The prospective owners, David Holter and Jeffrey Londow, have appeared before the SBIC Executive Board and at the SBIC general meeting in January and presented their business plans for this new adventure. David and Jeff have assured the SBIC community that they intend to operate an upscale establishment serving food, wine and beer. They plan to eliminate poker machines, juke box and pool tables and install tables and chairs, seating booths and expand the kitchen. The second floor will be used for events such as weddings and retirement parties with valet parking provided as stated in the original license. They will have on-site security, will strive for an upscale clientele and will seek to avoid the weekend "Cross Street" bar crowd. The new owners assured us that the Taps Baltimore staff will be trained and knowledgeable in the establishment's rules and will enforce them. The new owners are also engaged in talks with local politicians about removing or relocating the bus stop along side the tavern. The SBIC-LAC is presently drafting an agreement with the new owners based on the information that was presented at the two meetings. This agreement is required as a condition for SBIC support of the transfer and will become part of the license. Although not discussed at the general meeting, their liquor license application states that they are also requesting outdoor table service. Should you have any issues or concerns about this transfer, please attend the February general meeting on Tuesday, February 5th at Olive Branch Methodist Church.

The SBIC-LAC is also currently involved with our neighboring communities, FHNA, FHSNA and Sharp/Leadenhall regarding the transfer of liquor license to "Spoons" on Cross Street, which will allow them to serve beer and light wine. The Community Law Center is coordinating the effort with our community associations in negotiating a contract with the owners.

The following establishments were cited on December 3, 2007 and had hearings before the Liquor Board on January 17, 2008 for violation of Rule 4/01 (a): "No licensee shall sell or furnish alcoholic beverages to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age or to any person with the knowledge that such person is purchasing or acquiring such beverages for consumption by any person under twenty-one (21) years of age"

Regi's American Bistro, 1002-04 Light Street
Old Federal Hill Liquors, 1238 Light Street
Nevin's Cross Street Station, 31-33 E. Cross Street
Smitty's Cut Rate Liquors, 1044 S. Charles Street
Charles Street Liquors, 1122 S. Charles Street

Results of the hearings were unavailable at the time of publication.

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for a required zoning variance from the original project. Motions were passed approving the proposed higher density project on the condition that there be parking in the number of one space per bedroom for the entire complex, and that each rental unit price include one assigned parking space. Steve Zaleskiwicz will draft a letter, which conforms to the approved motions, to the zoning board in support of the project zoning variance request.

Transfer of Fort Charles Pub Liquor License

Jeff Holter and Dave Lando are in the process of purchasing the Fort Charles Pub which they will rename TAPS Baltimore. They plan on making TAPS Baltimore an upscale establishment. They are seeking SBIC's support with the Liquor Board for the transfer of the BD-7 liquor license held by the current owners of the pub. A motion was made to support the transfer of the liquor license to the new owners pending the new owners and SBIC entering a contractual agreement on how the establishment is run and its fit in the community. Al Evans will continue with his efforts to develop such an agreement.

34 E. Heath Street Project

Doug Thomas outlined plans for a 13 foot add-on to the rear of the current structure and a third story add-on. He is seeking SBIC support for the zoning permit required from the city for these changes. SBIC asked that letters be sent out to neighbors about the project seeking their input. Mr. Thomas indicated that the zoning board hearing is scheduled for January 22. He said letters would be sent to neighbors and neighbors canvassed the next day. He will e-mail Steve Zaleskiwicz about these efforts and provide the addresses of those canvassed and addressed letters. Steve, Julie Tice and Dennis Plouff will look into this project further and make a recommendation.


South Baltimore Learning Center Annual Fund Raising Gala

Dennis Robinson of the Center advised that this event will be held on March 8 at Montgomery Business Park, from 7:00 – 11:30 pm. Tickets are \$100 per person. It will be a white tie event with food and drink. Sports memorabilia, vacations and other, similarly valued items will be auctioned.

Spoons Liquor License Transfer

The Spoons restaurant located on Cross Street is seeking a transfer of the Café Manet liquor license to enable it to serve beer and wine as well as food. SBIC has no position on the transfer at this time. It will monitor this issue and develop a position on it in accord with other South Baltimore citizen associations.

For complete meeting minutes, please visit www.soboimco.org.



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Anesthesia in Pets

By Jill Shook, DVM—CityPets Veterinary Care & Wellness

Pet owners are often very worried about their pets having to be anesthetized for surgical or diagnostic procedures. The biggest concern for pet owners is the safety of their pet, and owners often decline important procedures because of the fear of anesthesia. So what are the risks of anesthesia and how can they be minimized?

Anesthetic drugs used today are very safe and the risk of a pet dying under anesthesia is less than 1%. However, there is always risk involved when sedating or anesthetizing an animal. There can be mild reactions like swelling at the injection sites and minor decreases in heart rate and/or respiratory rate. There can also be much more serious complications like seizures, anaphylactic shock, heart arrhythmias, organ failure (heart, kidney, liver) or death. Even though there is an inherent risk in any type of anesthesia, there are things that can be done to minimize these risks.

Any type of underlying disease can increase the risk for anesthesia. Routine bloodwork should be done prior to anesthesia to try to identify underlying disease processes such as liver disease, kid-

ney disease, diabetes, anemia, and many others. Other testing such as chest radiographs or an ECG may be recommended based on age, physical exam or medical history.

Access to a vein is also very important when an animal is under anesthesia. An intravenous (IV) catheter should be placed prior to anesthesia. This catheter allows for the delivery of anesthetic drugs and IV fluids. Intravenous fluids keep the patient well hydrated, help maintain normal blood pressure, and help eliminate the anesthetics from the blood stream for a faster recovery from the anesthesia. The IV catheter also allows immediate access to a vein in case there are complications during the anesthesia and emergency drugs need to be given.

During general anesthesia the patient should be intubated. An endotracheal (ET) tube is placed in the trachea (windpipe) and the anesthetic gas is mixed with oxygen and delivered through this tube. The ET tube also allows the patient's breathing to be manually controlled if needed.

Patient monitoring during anesthesia is

key to a safe anesthetic event. A technician should be assigned to monitor the patient while the doctor is performing the surgery. The technician monitors the patient's vital signs, alerts the doctor to any changes, and adjusts anesthetic levels as needed. There are also several types of equipment typically used to monitor blood pressure, ECG, respiratory rate, heart rate and pulse oximetry (monitors the amount of oxygen in the patient's blood).

Pain medication is central to a good anesthetic/surgical protocol. Surgical procedures are painful and pain medication should be given prior to surgery and be continued after surgery. Pain medications will be administered by injection in the hospital and usually oral pain medication will be sent home. Depending on the procedure local anesthetic blocks or epidurals may be used.

While any type of anesthesia is associated with some risk, the benefits of the procedure being performed typically outweigh the risks of the anesthesia. If you are considering any procedures for your pet make sure to ask your vet what measures are being taken to make it as safe as possible.

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On February 5, School 33 representatives will be at the SBIC Neighborhood Association meeting to talk about School 33 and explain how you can register for a discounted Lotta Art ticket. Anyone who signs up at the meeting will also be invited to a special event on March 5, 2008 – "A Taste of Lotta Art" – during which you will receive your ticket, enjoy wine and cheese, and see samples of local area artist's work and the fruits of the Children's After School Art Program.

School 33 is Baltimore's Art Center for the contemporary visual arts. Lotta Art, which provides needed funding for our art education program, studio artist program and exhibition spaces, is our major fundraising event of the year. It is an exciting and highly visible event for the business community, artists and collectors, but more importantly, it underwrites School 33's art education program that serves adults and children throughout the year.

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