

# SoBoImCo



A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore

March 2008

## Liquor Advisory Committee

By Al Evans

The Liquor License transfer from Clayton's Tavern to Mugsys' (1236 Light Street) was approved on 2/14 by the Liquor Board with the support of the SBIC community. The new owners entered into an agreement with the SBIC community that addressed the issues and concerns of the majority of the residents. Some highlights of the agreement are:

- The Licensees will make "last call" at 12:30 a.m. on all nights, except New Year's Eve, and will provide crowd disbursement and control for at least thirty minutes after closing, but in no event for less time than is necessary to remove all patrons from the premises, including the outside area of the premises. They will not permit loitering outside of the premises and will not allow any alcoholic beverages to be taken or consumed outside of the premises.
- Licensees agree to remove as necessary and no longer permit any gambling or gaming devices, such as video poker machines, and limit the number of entertainment devices, such as "Mega Touch" and "Golden Tee", to not more than two (2). Notwithstanding, it is understood and agreed that Licensees will have dart boards on the Second Floor.
- Licensees will not sponsor or co-sponsor any pub crawls or drinking games, including but not limited to "tournament" style or all-you-can-drink events.
- Licensees will devote particular attention to cleanliness of the outside areas of the premises and ensure prompt trash disposal.

The liquor board hearing for the transfer of the license from Fort Charles Pub to

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## Get Out!

Boat Fishing Season Begins  
March 1st

*Liberty & Prettyboy Reservoirs*

Neighborhood Cleanup  
Saturday, March 1st  
9:00a.m.—11:00a.m.

*Charles Street & Fort Ave*  
Brooms, bags & gloves provided.

2008 Legacy Film Festival  
March 1st & 2nd  
9:00a.m.—11:00a.m.

*Reginald F. Lewis Museum*

Not to be missed! Baltimore's premier film festival celebrating contributions, talent and stories of people of color while encouraging conversations within the community. Visit [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org) for more info.

South Baltimore Learning Center's  
7th Annual Gala  
Saturday, 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 11 for more info.

Mad Hat Party  
Friday, March 14th  
6:00p.m.—9:30p.m.

*Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens, Druid Hill Park*

Dust off your wildest hat and come kick off Spring at a benefit for the Baltimore Conservatory Association. Tickets are \$25. See page 9 for more info.

St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Sunday, March 16th  
2:00p.m.

*Pratt Street to Market Place*

## REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Begins March 9th.  
City offices will be closed on  
Friday, March 21st in observance of Good Friday.  
No trash will be collected.

## Community Meeting

The next General Meeting  
will be  
Tuesday, March 4th

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

## Recycling Days

All paper, cans, glass, and numbers 1-7  
plastics shall be collected on the 2nd &  
4th Fridays, March 14th & 28th.



All recycling collected streetside



### SoBoImCo

SoBoImCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee, Inc. whose mission is "to encourage, through regular meetings, the formal exchange of ideas; to work with local law enforcement in promoting safety; and to assist individuals and families in the continuing process of neighborhood renewal." We welcome articles, ads and photo submissions via mail or email:

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We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBoImCo. We believe all sources of information are reliable, however, we do not guarantee completeness or accuracy.

### Membership

Residents of South Baltimore are encouraged to become members of SBIC. Just contact an SBIC officer for more information.

### Meetings

Community meetings of SBIC are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

### Website

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

## President's Corner

By Donnie Fair

The neighborhood association has geared up for a busy 2008. I have set some ambitious goals not only for myself, but also for my Executive Board, with the expectation that by the end of the year, we can all share in the satisfaction of having continued to produce demonstrable progress within the neighborhood. From conducting ordinary meetings to testifying before city agencies, and from routinely publishing newsletters to organizing special committees, there is a lot of work to be satisfied about!

With that in mind, each of the committee chairs and officers deserves special recognition for their service to the community. I am continually surprised by each of their hard work and dedication to make the neighborhood a safer, cleaner and, among other things, a more vibrant place to live. Every bit of effort is important, and considering that we employ an all-volunteer team, the coordination and movement this team achieves is, at least to me, impressive by all measures.

Myself being a representative of the com-

munity, it's a very interesting and rewarding experience to operate in at least some capacities to help mold and direct the fabric of South Baltimore. I suppose it's an experience akin to many things – like voting, serving on Jury Duty, picking up trash on your sidewalk, working out, or putting money in a savings account; most of the satisfaction realized is usually realized afterward. But when it's over, you're glad to have done it.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to make a difference, and to make a difference through the neighborhood association. I ask that you make a \$5 commitment to show your support, to become a member, and to recognize the efforts of people you might not know who are voluntarily shouldering the work to make your streets safer, to make your homes more valuable and to represent your interests before the city – all as a service to you.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on March the 4<sup>th</sup>!

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Taps Baltimore (1439 S Charles Street) was held the same day and was approved by the Liquor Board, but does not include outdoor table service and expanded live entertainment at this time. A summary of the Taps transfer is:

- The new licensees refused to sign an agreement with the community.
- They withdrew their request for outdoor tables and live entertainment after the hearing began and community representation and letters of protest from residents within the immediate vicinity of the bar against these two issues were presented.
- The new owners have agreed to maintain the existing conditions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entertainment as part of the liquor license.
- The new licensees were unwilling to voluntarily open at 1pm on Sundays, as the previous owners did. They may open as early as 6am.
- The applicants agreed to eliminate and never include video poker machines, but will be allowed to have other amusement machines.
- They will not organize, but will participate in pub crawls.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

All protests against the Liquor License Renewal must be filed at the Liquor Board by March 31, 2008 and must be signed by at least ten (10) resident in the immediate vicinity of the place of business.. Protest must be based on specific complaints as to the operation of the establishment.. Please contact me at [al@soboimco.org](mailto:al@soboimco.org) as soon as possible to let me know if you and your neighbors wish to file a protest.

# Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

**Renovating Your Baltimore Home**  
 Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.  
 Essential information about home renovation in Baltimore from representatives of LiveBaltimore.

**Teen Techno Time**  
 March 3-7, 3 p.m.  
 Celebrate Teen Tech Week with hands on demonstrations of Pratt databases.

**Pig Out on Books**  
 Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.  
 Ham it up with pig calling, pig Latin, and a reading challenge. For every book you read this month, enter our plush pig giveaway. Prizes will be awarded on March 31.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**  
 Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
 An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement. For children up to age three and their caregivers.

**Preschool Storytime**  
 Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
 Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers.

**The Book Bunch**  
 Thursdays, March 6-27, 6 p.m.  
 For children ages 6-12 accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Join us for four weeks of book discussions and activities. Books and dinner provided.

**Creative Expressions**  
 Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.  
 For ages 5-18.  
 Explore different art forms and learn to make original artwork using a variety of materials. Presented by Sandy Anderson.

**My Big Fat Greek Cooking Class**  
 Monday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.  
 Don't be afraid of the feel of phyllo! Learn how to make spinach pies and stuffed grape leaves in this hands-on demonstration.

**Teen Café**  
 Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m.  
 Crafts, games and refreshments.

**Poetry Blooms**  
 Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m.  
 Haiku and flower fun for the start of Spring. All ages.

**Friends of the Light Street Branch**  
 Thursday, March 13, 6:15 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Light Street Branch Friends. All are welcome.

**Shamrock Shindig**  
 Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.  
 Live Irish music to put a jig in your step on St. Patrick's Day.

**Read Me**  
 Tuesday, March 25, 4 p.m.  
 Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

**Small Business Connections**  
 Monday, March 31, 7 p.m.  
 Learn how to start, manage and finance your small business. Presented by Naomi Hafter of the Pratt Library Business Center.

Call 410-396-1096 to register  
 for all programs

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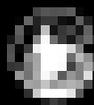
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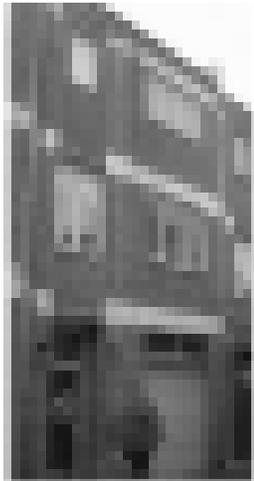
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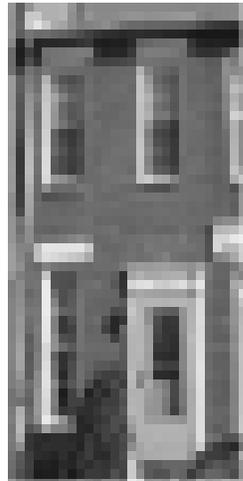
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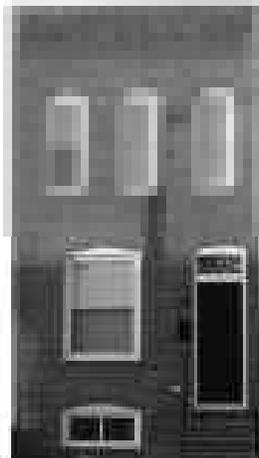
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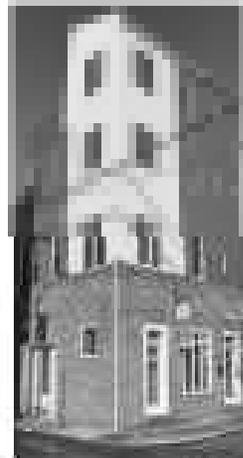
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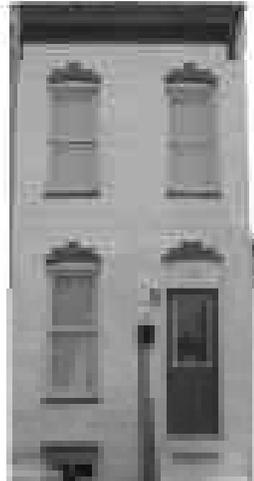
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## In a Minute

By Joe Costa

**SBIC has City Recycling Bins**—South Baltimore residents can get recycling bins from SBIC. Contact Amy Mutch if you wish to purchase a bin. Depending on size, bins are \$7 or \$10. Proceeds from bins' purchases will go to SBIC.

**Fundraising**—SBIC is seeking ideas for fund raisers and volunteers to carry-out fund raising activities. If you have an idea and want to help contact an SBIC executive committee member or come to a monthly general meeting and tell your neighbors about it.

**Lotta Art/School 33 Fund Raiser**—Mary Bramman and Jody Albright announced that on April 26 School 33 will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> annual fund raiser—Lotta Art. Tickets are \$150/\$35 for guests. A pre-event will be held on March 5 at the school, where tickets may be purchased at \$135 each, the school toured, and the art to be raffled viewed. For more information on the fund raiser and spring art class sessions visit [www.school33.org](http://www.school33.org).

**Parking Update**—Cynthia Griffin of the City Parking Authority reported that city parking laws had been strengthened. Violations will now be considered misdemeanors punishable by fines of \$500-\$1000, cars may be More information on area parking rules and regulations may be found at [www.area30parking.com](http://www.area30parking.com).

**Area A Parking Permits Distribution**—On January 29, Debbie Alt, Amy Mutch and other SBIC members distributed 2008 Area A parking stickers at Olive Branch United Methodist Church. Debby Alt is now officially SBIC's Area A parking representative.

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# Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

Recycling Bins For Sale! SBIC continues to offer both large and small recycling bins for sale in your neighborhood. We are selling small bins for \$7 and large cans for \$10. You can purchase one at the general meeting on March 4th or come to 1515 S. Hanover Street between 8pm-9pm Monday thru Thursday. If anyone needs delivery call 410-468-0118. Thank you for recycling. Mother earth and future generations need your commitment to be better stewards of our planet!

March and April are the hallmark months for Spring cleaning. How lovely to look down a block and see the trees sprout with leaves and no trash to distract the view. Our next scheduled cleanups are March 1st at Charles and Fort and April 26th at Heath and Light. We will meet around 9am at the dumpster where all tools, gloves are provided. You may choose to do your in-house spring cleaning and use the dumpster as a convenience.

We will also participate in the Mayor's clean sweep that is yet to be announced. So you have many opportunities this Spring to tidy up South Baltimore and let it be known WE CARE!

## What a beauty!

29 Fort Ave.



The preservation & restoration of the original heart pine floors, brick walls and stair cases set this home apart from all the rest. This home offers even more! 29 Fort Avenue is beautiful. On 4 finished levels this town home has 3 BR's, 2 full baths & 1 half bath. Come see the gourmet kitchen containing SS appliances, butterfly verde granite counters & dual bowl sinks. The master bedroom en-suite is the ENTIRE 2nd floor. A spacious bedroom, sitting area, dressing area, huge master bath AND a laundry area. Imagine! The 3rd floor is 2 more bedrooms, a hallway full bath & roof deck access. The partial basement is completely finished! Oh and the patio can be a parking pad if you want!! Call this home!



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## WOW - What a restoration

1737 Olive St.



1737 is a beautiful, EOG restoration. This town home has 2 BR's, 1 full bath & 1 half bath. This is the only town home on the east side of the block approved for a 10 foot bump out including a doghouse w/wet bar and a roof top deck. The 1st floor is complete with a gourmet kitchen containing SS appliances, a new back deck, a powder room, hardwood floors & exposed brick. The second floor is all wall to wall carpeting, 2 bedrooms, a hallway full bathroom & room for a stackable washer/dryer. The third floor is the doghouse with lots of windows, counters, space for a wine or bar refrigerator & low maintenance roof deck. The basement is finished! All new systems. Oh and an option for potential parking!!



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# RPP Parking Update

By Cynthia Griffin, Area 30 Representative

As announced last year, the law has been changed with regard to expired permits. Not only is it illegal to use an expired permit to park in a residential parking permit area, but it is also now illegal to display more than one residential parking permit on your windshield at a time. That does not mean you cannot display a sticker from your work, it applies only to residential parking permits.

The specific law, § 10-43. Using Invalid Permit, carries with it a penalty of a \$500 Civil Citation:

No person may display in any vehicle:

- (1) any counterfeit or facsimile of a residential area parking permit;
- (2) any permit altered to change its expiration date or any condition of its use;

or

- (3) a residential parking permit that has expired or is otherwise void. (Ord. 06-316.)

For updates on all things AREA 30, including an updated list of block petitions, the latest Area 30 blocks, and the current parking fines, visit [www.area30parking.com](http://www.area30parking.com).



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### Thirsty Thursday

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### Rocky Mountain Friday

Friday: 5PM-8PM  
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### Coming in late March...

Our 22-seat outdoor patio area will soon reopen. Look for patio happy hour specials.

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## B'more Green

By Nicole Killion, RN; bmoregreen@yahoo.com

I recently received a gift subscription to the magazine, *Parents*. Reading through it, I have been struck by all the antibacterial and disinfectant ads and articles. One article instructed readers to clean phones, door knobs, light switches, computer keyboards, toys and other commonly touched items every day. I barely have time to clean the bathroom once a week, and they expect me to clean all that every day!!! A vacuum ad claims that this particular vacuum uses the same disinfectant technology used in hospitals. People, your house is not a hospital!! You don't need to sterilize your home.

Everything these days is antibacterial- soaps, lotions, and now even clothing! But is this a good thing? My answer to you is NO, it is not. The best way to prevent the spread of infection is good old fashioned hand washing with plain soap and water. Let me repeat that again: the best way to prevent infections is hand washing. Scrub your hands and underneath fingernails with soap for 15 seconds and then thoroughly rinse.

There are several problems with antibacterial soaps, lotions, body washes, etc. The main antibacterial ingredient is usually triclosan, a broad spectrum antibacterial and antifungal agent. Triclosan breaks down rapidly in the presence of chlorinated tap water and produces many toxic byproducts, including chloroform, a respiratory irritant and possible carcinogen. In addition, a little known fact about triclosan and triclocarbon is that they must stay on the surface for two minutes to be truly effective. Do you wash your hands for two minutes? Neither do I.

Many in the research community believe that the widespread, and often inappropriate, use of antibacterial agents is contributing to the rising incidence of antibiotic resis-

tant bacteria. Antibiotic resistant bacteria (such as MRSA and VRE) are no longer killed by antibiotics that they were once susceptible to. The medical community is running out of antibiotics to combat these bacteria as they continue to mutate and become more resistant. Unfortunately, pharmaceutical companies don't spend much time or money researching new antibiotics because they make more money on drugs such as Lipitor and Prilosec. Researchers are also blaming the rise in allergies among children on our too sterile environments. In studies, children who have grown up on farms and around pets (more "dirty" environments) have fewer or no allergies compared to children who weren't exposed to dirt. So, ladies and gentlemen, free up a few hours a week by not cleaning so much! We are naturally colonized by bacteria and most of them actually help protect us from invasive, pathogenic bacteria. They are one of our first lines of defense. Furthermore, most common illnesses, such as colds and the flu, are viral and are not killed by antibacterial agents.

What about the MRSA that everyone has been hearing about in the news lately? Again, the best way to prevent the spread of any infection, including MRSA, is hand washing. This community acquired MRSA colonizes skin wounds, which is why it has been seen among athletes, who commonly have injuries and skin abrasions. For a good website on community acquired MRSA, go to: [www.doh.va.gov/Topics/Antibiotics/MRSA.htm](http://www.doh.va.gov/Topics/Antibiotics/MRSA.htm)

If you do need an antibacterial product, look for tea tree oil, lavender, sage, and other natural antibacterial ingredients.

The bottom line is: to prevent the spread of infection (and save a little money on the way) wash your hands with plain soap and water.

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**South Baltimore Police District**—Officer Sloan of the district was available to take questions and discuss issues. He reported that crime in the district is down. Persons reporting something suspicious, wanting a police call back, should request one when making a report. Donnie Fair suggested that folks reporting an incident be as specific as possible about the location, what is going on, numbers of persons involved, and description of those persons to help ensure a police response.

**Federal Hill Fest-of-All**—Amy Mutch reported on the Main Street fundraiser on February 16 at the BMI.

**West Covington Urban Renewal Plan**—This project sponsored by the Baltimore Development Corporation, is proposed for a 40 acre industrial area south of I-95 and West of South Hanover Street. Existing businesses and residences are proposed to be replaced through condemnation with a mix-use complex of offices, shops, private residences, ball fields, etc. SBIC and other area citizens groups are concerned that the community be provided ample opportunity to have input to the project to express their concerns and interests. On February 7 there was a meeting to obtain citizen input, at which SBIC and other area associations were represented. On February 21 a meeting at the City Planning Commission will be held to discuss and possibly give final approval to this project.

**Liquor License Protests** –March 31 is the deadline for interested parties to file liquor license protests with the Liquor Board. SBIC members should provide complaints they may have to the SBIC Liquor Advisory Committee as far in advance of the deadline as possible.

**Claytons at 1236 Light Street**—SBIC has been working with the prospective licensees on their request for a liquor license transfer. Based on their negotiating and signing an agreement, SBIC has agreed to support this application for a license transfer.

**TAPS Baltimore (Currently Fort Charles Pub)**—SBIC continues to work with the prospective licensees on their request for a liquor license transfer from the current owners of the bar. Because there remain outstanding issues with regard to outdoor tables and unlimited live entertainment, which the new licensees are requesting in their transfer application, SBIC requested that the Liquor Board's February 14 hearing on this license transfer be postponed.

**Wal-Mart Community Grant**—Wal-Mart has given SBIC a \$1,000 grant. Donnie has sent a thank you note to Wal-Mart for this donation.

**Cop Walk**—There will be a COP walk on March 6. Participants will meet at the Riverside Park Gazebo at 7:00 pm.

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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)

## Whole Lotta Art on the Way

On Saturday, April 26, 2008, School 33 Art Center is hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lotta Art Benefit. The event, recently named by the City Paper in its Best of Baltimore issue as **The Best Way to Buy Art**, features the donated work of over 130 local artists.

Tickets are priced as follows:

\$150 for non-annual fund supporters

\$135 for annual fund supporters

\$35 for guest (does not include art selection)

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.

For tickets to Lotta Art or more information about the programs offered at School 33, call 410.396.4641 or visit [www.school33.org](http://www.school33.org).

## Kennel Cough in Dogs

By Jill Shook, DVM—CityPets Veterinary Care & Wellness

Kennel cough is a term used to describe an infectious respiratory disease in dogs. The medical term for kennel cough is Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis because it is caused by viral or bacterial organisms that infect the trachea (windpipe) and bronchioles (small airways in the lungs).

There are several different types of viruses and bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Parainfluenza and Adenovirus Type 2 are the more common viral causes of kennel cough. Bordetella bronchiseptica is a type of bacteria that often causes kennel cough. Dogs can be infected with viruses and bacteria at the same time. Kennel cough is very contagious and spreads easily in any environment where dogs are in close contact with each other. Boarding kennels, grooming facilities, dog parks, doggie daycare centers, etc. are usually where dogs will be exposed and infected.

Symptoms typically appear 5-7 days after exposure.

The most common symptom of kennel cough is a dry hacking type cough. Sometimes the cough will be mild and resolve on its own over a period of a few weeks. Symptoms can be more severe and can include almost constant coughing, discharge from the nose and/or eyes, decreased appetite, lethargy, and swollen lymph nodes. Sometimes kennel cough can progress to pneumonia which is very serious and usually requires hospitalization for treatment.

There are no specific treatments for viral causes of kennel cough. However, because Bordetella bronchiseptica (a bacteria) and other secondary bacterial infections are often present, antibiotics are usually prescribed. Depending on the severity of the cough, medications to suppress coughing may be prescribed as

well. If symptoms are very severe, or are not resolving, chest radiographs are performed to look for evidence of pneumonia.

There are vaccinations for kennel cough; however immunity from both vaccination and natural exposure does not typically last very long. Vaccines for kennel cough do not prevent symptoms completely, but lessen the severity and duration of the disease. What I usually tell clients is that vaccination can be the difference between having mild symptoms versus developing pneumonia. Most kennels, doggie daycare centers, and groomers require dogs be vaccinated for kennel cough every 6 to 12 months. Vaccines are administered by injection or intranasally (drops in the nose). Bordetella vaccination is not a core (required) vaccine, but is based on the dog's lifestyle and risk of exposure.

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## Police and Community Relations

The Southern District Police and Community Relations Council is having its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. This month's guest speaker is City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the Southern District Police Station (10 Cherry Hill Road). As always, a buffet is provided!

### Citizens on Patrol

Please mark your calendar with the next five of our upcoming C.O.P. Walks:

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Citizens on Patrol meet at the Riverside Park Gazebo at 7:00 PM. We spend a little more than an hour walking through the community to share information and identify nuisance problems that need to be addressed by city services.

For more information, please check out the Police and Community Relations Council website at [www.sdpcrc.org](http://www.sdpcrc.org).

## South Baltimore Learning Center's 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Park Business Center. "Baltimore Bandstand" is this year's Gala theme, and features live music and dancing, food & drinks from some of Baltimore's hottest restaurants, and a live and silent auction. 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](mailto:sbrantley@southbaltimorelearns.org).

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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.

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