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A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore



October 2008

Important Reminder for COP Walks in SBIC

There is a minimum of 5 participants required in order for our scheduled Citizens on Patrol Walks to take place. In order for SBIC to maintain this program in our neighborhood, we are asking for neighbors to participate on these walks - especially if there is a concern in the area that you would like addressed. If low attendance on these walks continues, the police and SBIC will assume that there is no need for the COP program. So please make a point to join us if you want to address police and crime concerns in our neighborhood.

A Fond Farewell and Thank You!

By Sharron McCulloch

After being a resident of South Baltimore for 11 years, and proudly serving SBIC as the Police/Community Relations representative, it is time for me to say my farewell. I am moving to the Riverside Neighborhood Association, and will officially be resigning from SBIC at the end of October. It has been an honor and pleasure working with the many volunteers and neighbors that reside within SBIC and beyond. Thank you all for a great 10 years! It has been a fun, challenging, and very rewarding position to say the least. But most of all, it has been a truly gratifying

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Reminder:

City Offices will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting
will be
Tuesday, October 7th

6:30p.m.—Pre-meeting social with
refreshments

7:00 p.m. - General Meeting

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, October 10th & 24th.



All recycling collected streetside

Get Out!

Fells Point Fun Festival

October 4th & 5th

11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.

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October 8th—11th

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Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 12th

1:00p.m.

Eastern Avenue

Visit www.columbuscelebrations.com or call
443.742.0238 for more info.

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 18th

11:00a.m.—5:00p.m.

Holy Cross Church, 100 E. West Street

Enjoy authentic German food & beverages, silent
auction and kids' events. See page 11 for more
info.

Historic Federal Hill Wine Festival

Saturday, October 18th

12:00p.m.—8:00p.m.

Cross Street, North Side of the Market

Enjoy samples from over 15 wineries and seminars
on tasting and food pairings. Tickets \$20 in
advance, \$25 at the door. See page 6 for more
info.

Art Under Glass

Sunday, October 19th

11:00a.m.—4:00p.m.

Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory &

Botanic Gardens

See page 9 or visit
www.baltimoreconservatory.org 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

Play Ball!

Home Ravens' games:

October 5th vs. Titans
October 26th vs. Raiders

Save yourself a ticket and a tow and watch for restricted parking during stadium events in Area A and Area 30 parking zones.

Other Stadium Events:

October 11th—
Baltimore Marathon

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From the Prez Desk

By Donnie Fair

The chill of autumn is here, and the end of a beautiful summer is past. I hope that you were able to enjoy the temperate weather as much as I did – which is: NOT ENOUGH!

This month's president's report is very similar to last month's; there are important changes happening with the neighborhood association, so a little repetition is in order. I preface this report with this: If you have not already become a member of the association, please pay your \$5 dues to become a member so that you may participate and vote on the following business:

Officer Elections

The neighborhood association is holding its officer elections at the November General Meeting, which will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in November, the 11th. The meeting is moved from the 1st Tuesday in order to accommodate the Presidential General Election. (Don't forget to get out and vote! Remember that you may vote via Absentee Ballot by simply requesting one – you don't need to be infirmed, out of the country or in the military to vote Absentee!)

The Elections Committee of the neighborhood association is still accepting nominations for all four of the elected offices of the association, which are the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Elections Committee is assembling a list of nominees and will present this list at the October and November General Meetings. The nominating period will close just prior to the actual vote on November 11th.

Open Committee Chair

I am very pleased that the General Membership confirmed the committee chair appointments of Marianne Armstrong to the Clean & Green Action Committee and Tom Jones to the Liquor License Advisory Committee. Marianne and Tom both bring additional energy and talent to the Executive Board. On behalf of the rest of the Board, we are very happy to have them.

Nevertheless, as these two committee chairs have filled, another has opened up: Sharron McCulloch, our long-standing chairperson of the Police & Community Relations Committee is stepping down. Sharron has been a vital and contributing Board member for an astounding almost 10 years! Her presence on the Board will be missed, and I wish she didn't have to resign, but she will soon settle into her new house just outside of our association boundaries, and when she finally moves, she will no longer be eligible to chair one of our committees. I wish her all of the best! She has promised to visit often...and promised to help find someone to replace her. If you're interested to chair this particular committee, please get in touch with me at your convenience. Thank you Sharron for your investment into the neighborhood!

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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.

BOOK BUNCH

October 2 & 9, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Calling all readers: join us for book discussions, fun activities, and an after school snack.

BEDAZZLED: 5000 YEARS OF JEWELRY

Wednesday, October 15, 4 p.m.

Just for Teens. Learn about the exhibition at the Walters Art Museum and create your own bedazzling jewelry. Presented by a representative of the Walters Art Museum.

SOUNDS OF OKTOBERFEST

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

The local polka band Joy of Maryland will perform a variety of Polish, Czech, Slovenian, and American dance music.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 5-17. Explore different art forms and learn to make original artwork using a variety of materials. Presented by Sandy Anderson.

SMALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

Monday, October 20, 7 p.m.

Learn how to start, manage, and finance your small business. Presented by Naomi Hafter of the Pratt Library's Business Center.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.

Book discussion group for adults. Please call the branch for this month's selection.

READ ME

Tuesday, October 28, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to every day life.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS

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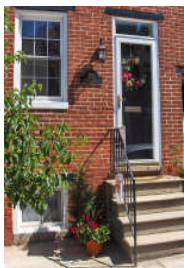
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A Strange Introduction

By Katie Stofer



It wasn't the most conventional introduction to a neighborhood, but the support I received when my cat went missing after only three weeks in South Baltimore sure was a warm welcome. To everyone who kept an eye out after seeing my flyers, hearing me call for the cat or after I personally told you of the kitty on the loose, a huge thank you! Thanks especially to Eddie, Cheryl, Janie, Wayne, Linda at Light Street Gallery and the staff at the Bicycle for their calls and sightings and for letting me poke around late at night. Thanks also to all the other neighbors whose names I didn't get but who offered advice, told me of where cats hung out or let me look around in their backyards, through fences, and under cars. Thanks to the construction workers, mail carriers, delivery folks, and others who are often in the area. Thanks to the folks at BARCS for showing me around the cat areas each day for nearly a week. Finally, thanks to Chris, Jason, and Summer the beagle who inadvertently provided shelter for at least a night and a day to Berki, who has made it home again.

I certainly know a lot more about my neighbors and new neighborhood now! Thanks again to everyone.

Katie Stofer and Berki
Marshall Street

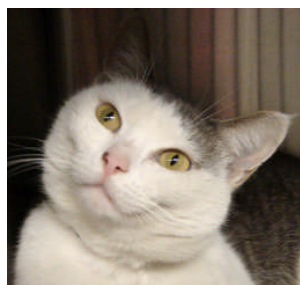
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Proposed Bylaw Revisions

The Bylaws Committee will hold a voting session at the November General Meeting concerning proposed isolated changes to the association's bylaws. A copy of these proposed changes, as well as a copy of the existing bylaws is available on our website, via email, regular mail, and at our General Meeting. Moreover, the Bylaws Committee will formally present these proposed changes at the October and November General Meetings.

The substance of the current proposed changes is to: 1) include specific verbiage regarding the transparency of the neighborhood association, 2) allow the neighborhood association to conduct business as the "South Baltimore Neighborhood Association", and 3) strike the requirement that the association must maintain a Committee dedicated to RPP (Residential Permitted Parking).

P.S. Don't forget that we have a new meeting time! Our General Meeting will be called to order at 7:00 pm, rather than 7:30 pm. Please show up early, at 6:30 pm, to enjoy complimentary food and drinks, and to socialize with the Executive Board and your neighbors about what is happening in the neighborhood.



Princess, domestic short hair

I am a sweet and lovable young lady who loves getting petted and quietly sharing gazes with you. I started out at the shelter but was adopted quickly as a kitten. I lived with another cat and we played together and I was friendly toward the children there, too. Enjoying an

indoor only life, I am housetrained. Well behaved all-around, I'd like to think! Unfortunately, I was returned due to landlord issues.

This time, as an adult, it's taking longer to find a home. I've been here nearly 4 months and I'm ready for my forever home.

2 years old. 7 lbs. Microchipped. Spayed. Felv/FIV negative. Brought to the shelter on 5/29 because her home didn't allow pets.

\$65 adoption fee includes Spay surgery, Rabies, DHLPP, and Bordatella vaccines, De-wormer, Flea preventative, Heartworm or Felv/FIV test, General examination, Pet License for Baltimore City residents.

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

Mulberry, hound mix

I was found on the corner of Mulberry & MLK with tar on my ears and missing hair on my shoulder. I nice lady picked me up and brought me here early one morning. It's a good thing, because now I can find a new family that will love me & take care of me the way I deserve.

A note from one of our dog walkers: "Mulberry went to the Baltimore's Week Fashion Show last night and did very well. Mulberry was good on the leash and strutted down the walkway with 2 different young girls. He was friendly, affectionate and at ease with all the touching, etc. I think he would be good with a family and he has the softest coat to cuddle. He did well walking the 3 blocks around City Hall and being in a parking garage and having multiple fire engines roaring by. I was very proud of Mulberry. Few dogs could handle this-I am not sure my own dogs could. He is soooo resilient."

1 year old. 44 lbs. Heartworm negative. Neutered. Brought to the shelter on 7/9 after losing his way home.



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ALL WALKS ARE AT 7:00 PM EXCEPT AS NOTED

WE ALWAYS WALK WITH A POLICE OFFICER, but we must have at least 5 community members from the scheduled neighborhood or the walk will be cancelled and the officer/s sent back on duty.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

SUMMER - If it is over 90 degrees at 6:00 PM the scheduled walk is cancelled.

WINTER - If the Baltimore City Schools are closed or closing early or if it is 32 degrees or below at 6:00 PM the scheduled walk is cancelled.

RAIN - If it is raining at 6:00 PM the walk is cancelled.

DOG POLICY - Owners are responsible for the behavior of their pet and must clean-up after them. Owners are liable for any damages to property or injury to citizens, police officers or other walkers caused by their pets.

Wed, 10/1	BARRE CIRCLE / CAMDEN CROSSING - meet at Washington Blvd & Scott St
Mon, 10/6	RIVERSIDE / SBIC - meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave & E Randall St
Tue, 10/7	NEW SOUTHWEST MT CLARE - meet at the Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkens Ave
Wed, 10/8	CARROLLTON RIDGE - meet at the Samuel F. B. Morse Recreation Center, Pulaski & Ashton Sts
Thu, 10/9	OTTERBEIN / SHARP LEADENHALL - meet at S. Sharp & W. Henrietta Sts
Fri, 10/10	DAYTIME COP - 1 PM BARRE CIRCLE / CAMDEN CROSSING - meet at Evelyn's Cafe, 784 Washington Blvd
Mon, 10/13	FEDERAL HILL / FEDERAL HILL SOUTH - meet at Porter's Pub, E. Cross St. & Riverside Ave
Tue, 10/14	CURTIS BAY - meet at the Curtis Bay Recreation Center, Curtis Ave & Filbert St
Wed, 10/15	LOCUST POINT - meet at the Himalayan House Restaurant, 1522 E Fort Ave
Mon, 10/20	HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE - meet at the Black Cherry Puppet Theater, 1115 Hollins St
Tue, 10/21	WESTPORT - meet at Westport Resource Center, 2322 Annapolis Rd
Wed, 10/22	PIGTOWN - meet at the Village Center (Bath House), 904 Washington Blvd
Mon, 10/27	MT WINANS - meet accross from Mt Winans United Methodist Church, 2501 Hollins Ferry Rd
Tue, 10/28	BROOKLYN - meet at St John's Lutheran Church, 3rd St & Washburn Ave

Southern District Officer of the Month—Robert Bell



Jack Baker awarding Officer Bell a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of all the Southern District.

Officer Robert Bell is the post officer for the Lakeland area on the midnight shift. Officer Bell has patrolled his post aggressively during the month and there has not been a homicide on the midnight shift on his post. Officer Bell, under his own initiative, has conducted numerous car stops and field in-

terviews in the Lakeland area to combat the violence. Officer Bell has conducted 32 car stops, 37 field interviews, issued 44 moving violations and made 12 arrests.

The hard work and dedication exhibited by Officer Bell was the reason he was picked by the Command Staff of the Southern District to be Officer of the Month for July 2008.

Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance and Neighborhoods

By: Colleen Doering

The Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance brings together downtown families to effect positive change in the city in order to attract new families and strengthen family life for all who reside within the downtown area. Working closely at the neighborhood level through comm

unity liaisons, DBFA works toward improving public education, enhancing public safety and environmental quality, and expanding recreational and cultural opportunities, in turn improving the quality of life for ALL downtown residents who call Baltimore City their home. Since the group's inception, it has already held seven successful

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Proposed Substantive Amendments to SBIC Bylaws

The following are the proposed amendments to the Organization's bylaws. These amendments will be formally presented and discussed at the September General Membership meeting, and voted on at the October General Membership meeting. For the full text of the existing bylaws, please visit www.soboimco.org/resources/SBIC_Bylaws.pdf.

Article II

Change current Section 4 to Section 5.

Add Section 4:

The SBIC will seek to keep all residents of South Baltimore informed of neighborhood plans, developments, and initiatives in an open and timely manner. The SBIC shall disseminate neighborhood information through appropriate means of communication, excepting that information which is of a legal or sensitive nature.

Article IV

Change current Sections 4 and 5 to Sections 5 and 6, respectively.

Add Section 4:

Executive Board members will present all relevant information to residents, listen to resident responses and petitions, and adhere to all decisions reached via voting or informal consensus in accordance with organizational bylaws and other regulatory agencies. Meeting agendas will include sufficient time for residents to ask questions and voice concerns.

Article V

Insert new Section 3:

The Officers are responsible for maintaining and ensuring the integrity and timeliness of communication with residents.

Article VI

Change Section 4 to Section 7.

Add Section 4:

Executive Board meetings shall be open to residents who request attendance. The meeting schedules, tentative locations, and draft agendas shall be

made available via appropriate means of communication. In cases involving legal or sensitive matters, the Executive Board may, by a majority vote, declare a closed Executive Session to handle that matter only. Once the matter is resolved, its status shall be made available via appropriate means of communication.

Add Section 5:

The Executive Board shall disseminate a complete and timely summary of its actions via appropriate means of communication.

Add Section 6:

All Executive Board members are responsible for maintaining and ensuring the integrity and timeliness of communication with residents.

Article VII

Section 2, after third sentence ("Chairs of the standing committees shall recruit committee members to assist in researching and developing solutions to issues."), add:

Standing Committee participation is open to all association members. Individuals who are disruptive or who constitute a conflict of interest may be removed or excluded only by a majority vote of the committee membership. Such removal or exclusion must be reported to the Executive Board.

Article VIII

Section 3, after first sentence ("Chairs of the ad-hoc committees shall recruit committee members to assist in researching and developing solutions to these issues."), add:

Ad Hoc Committee participation is open to all association members. Individuals who are disruptive or constitute a conflict of interest may be removed or excluded only by a majority vote of the Ad Hoc committee membership. Such removal or exclusion must be reported to the Executive Board.



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events, including parent seminars on getting your child to sleep, creating kid-friendly urban backyards, and raising "green" kids; an Easter egg hunt attended by over 200 children; two "mom" movie nights; and a day of service with a variety of volunteer opportunities. DBFA welcomes anyone who shares our mission and vision as members, supporters, and volunteers, regardless of his or her location or family status. E-mail us with what's important to your community, or consider offering financial or volunteer support.

Contact us at info@dbfam.org or visit us online at www.dbfam.org. DBFA's upcoming events include:

- Harbor Harvest: Children's Autumn Festival on October 4, from 10 am to 2 pm. Join us in West Shore Park, located between the Maryland Science Center and Baltimore Visitor Center in the Inner Harbor, for this classic fall harvest festival, featuring a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pie eating contest, hayrides, and more. The award-winning FRESHFARM Market-Harbor East will be relocating to Harbor Harvest for the event Admission is FREE. Event is co-hosted by Waterfront Partnership.
- School Fair on October 18 at Digital Harbor High School in Federal Hill, from 9 am to 12 pm. This event aims to provide answers to the common conundrum, "Our family loves living in the city, but WHERE are we going to send our kids to school?" Visit with staff and administrators from local pre-schools, day cares, and public schools, and get a firsthand view of the high-quality options for downtown families.

Please join the Baltimore Conservatory Association for the 1st annual



**Sunday, October 19th, 2008
11am-4pm**

Revel in the transformation of the Conservatory's distinctive plant environments into exotic art galleries. Proceeds from this one-day celebration of art and nature benefit the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens in Baltimore's historic Druid Hill.

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For detailed information go to www.baltimoreconservatory.org

Show Your Support for Thomas Johnson Elementary

Thomas Johnson Elementary will have a Physical Education Fundraiser at the Street Beat Festival on Sunday, September 28. Bracelets, necklaces, watches, and earrings are donated by The Finishing Touch Boutique and will be \$5 each. Be sure to stop by and help support the school by getting a jump start on your holiday shopping!

Ledo Pizza in the Southside Shopping Center is sponsoring Thomas Johnson on Wednesday, October 1. Bring in the certified flyer from school 84 between the hours of 4-8pm and Ledo Pizza will donate 10% of your total bill to the school. You must be sure to show the flyer when ordering. Pick up the flyer at local establishments in the neighborhood or on the front steps of 1625 Webster St. (on 10/1 only).

The Official School Bingo is back! Doors open at 4:30pm on Wednesday, October 15th and Bingo runs 5-7pm. \$5 includes 3 cards for 20 games. There will be refreshments and a bake sale (donated bake sale items gladly accepted). Theme baskets will be donated by each Thomas Johnson class from Together at Three through grade seven.

Box Top\$ for Education begins Tuesday, September 16 and ends Tuesday, October 14. Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise over \$250 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford such as library books, school supplies, and playground equipment. If you'd like to help the students at Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle #84 reach their goal, there are several easy ways to get involved. (1) Clip the box tops on General Mills products and turn them in at the front desk in an envelope, addressed to Joan Goad, Box Tops Coordinator. (If you need to contact Joan, call 410-558-0396 or email at RSFC301@aol.com). (2) Sign up to support Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle #84 online at btfe.com. Once you have signed up, the school will earn a percentage of your purchases made through the Box Tops Marketplace. Thomas Johnson also receives a percentage via your purchases made online at Barnes and Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room.

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experience to serve this community and all of the volunteers that make SBIC the best association in the peninsula.

With that said, SBIC is now looking for someone to step up to the plate as SBIC's Police/Community Relations Representative. If you have any interest in being part of a bond between the Southern District Police Officer's and the neighbors of this community, please contact myself or any member of the board with your interest or questions. As I mentioned above, it is a truly rewarding position that gets better with each year. I will genuinely miss my role representing both SBIC and the police officers in our community!

The Parking Spot

By Debbie Alt

The position of being an RPP volunteer has kept us busy! Sept. 9th RPP reps in our area sponsored a Town Hall Meeting to announce changes and updates to the program in the South Baltimore area. The most significant of these changes are as following:

The OSP (off street parking) ordinance established by Baltimore City Council will be enforced, beginning with your next RPP renewal.

RPP is proposing a change to the hours in areas 19 (South Federal Hill South) and area 30 (South Baltimore). Area 9 (Federal Hill) has already adopted these new hours. A petition is being circulated to each residence for signature. This process will take several months. The proposed hours are:


AREAS 9,19, 30 – 2 Hour Only w/o Permit 7 AM-6 PM Mon-Sat, Sun 7 AM-2PM

Residents & Visitor Pass Only: 6 PM -7 AM Mon-Sat Sun 2

PM-7 AM Mon

These changes will affect Residential areas only. Areas bordering businesses, churches, schools, and public buildings will not be posted.

I expect that many of you will have questions concerning these changes. Please contact Debbie Alt or Cynthia Griffin for more information.



MEALS ON WHEELS AND MAD RIVER BAR & GRILLE HAPPY HOUR

Help support Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland and join us in Federal Hill at Mad River Bar & Grille for "Happy Hour" from 6pm-9pm on Thursday, October 16.


Your \$10 cover provides you with a free drink and \$1 off all drinks until 9pm. More importantly, your cover charge will be donated BACK to Meals on Wheels!

So, mark your calendar, invite a friend or co-worker and enjoy the evening while supporting a great cause!


www.mealsonwheelsmd.org

October 16, 2008

6pm—9pm



1110 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



Clean & Green

By Marianne Armstrong

Community Clean-Up Calendar:

- Saturday, 9/20 at Fort & Charles
- Saturday, 10/4 at Light & Heath
- Saturday, 11/15 at Fort & Charles
- Saturday, 12/27 at Light & Heath

Please consider spending an hour of your morning to pitch in with your neighbors to tidy up South Baltimore. Email me if there is an area of particular concern to you so that we can examine and address the issue.

Last month's clean up was a success - the dumpster was *almost* too full and we were able to remove debris and weeds from several blocks of the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who made the time to pitch in! Also, thanks to Dunkin' Donuts for sponsoring the clean-up!

Volunteers for Block Representatives are greatly needed to disperse reminder notices and encourage neighbors to dispose of bulk trash. Please contact me for details.

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In Your Own Backyard

To help commemorate the 150th anniversary of Holy Cross Church, the Catholic Community of South Baltimore will celebrate its 5th Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

The street party will be held from 11AM to 5 PM - rain or shine - outside Holy Cross Church on the 100 block of E. West St between Light and William Streets.

Among the attractions will be live German music featuring *Heidi und Heimat Echo Band*.

Traditional, authentic food and beverages will be served including: bratwurst, potato salad, strudel and of course- real German beer.

There will be games of chance including Cash Bingo, prize wheels and a \$1,000 raffle. For the kids, entertainment will feature a moon bounce, a Baltimore City fire engine, pumpkin painting, games with prizes and more.

And this year, for the first time, there will be a Silent Auction, highlighted by sports memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, and real German antiques.

Admission to Oktoberfest is Free and Everyone Is Welcome!

All proceeds will benefit the Catholic Community School.

Jazz Concert

Riverside Stage presents a Be Mo Jazz Concert featuring The Larry Brown Quintet, a 2006 Washington Area Music Association winner (WAMMIE) for Best Jazz Recording and Best Jazz Group. Playing "straight-ahead" jazz in the Blue Note label's "Hard Bop" tradition, DC native Larry Brown is a pianist whose rendering of ballads is particularly moving. The concert is Friday, October 17, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10. Riverside Stage, a community arts project of Musical Artists Theatre and Salem Lutheran Church, is located at 1530 Battery Ave., Baltimore 21230. Free parking.

For more information, call 410-576-0487 or visit www.BeMoJazz.com



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SBIC Membership Application

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.