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December 2008

Annual Holiday Party December 9th

Every year, we forego our December General Meeting and instead host a holiday party, which gives us all a chance to end the year in the spirit of friendship. This year's party will be a potluck gathering on Tuesday, December 9th, starting at 6pm. Please bring a dish of your choice to share with friends and neighbors, and feel free to bring the whole family.

We traditionally select one local charity and request that members consider giving to those in need by bringing donations to the Holiday Party. This year, we have selected Thomas Johnson Elementary School's Physical Education program to be the recipient of our donation drive. The school's PE program has been nonexistent for a number of years, and the new PE teacher, Jody Sutton, has been working hard to raise funds and collect equipment donations to reestablish the school's program which is so critical to the health of our young neighborhood children. The current wish list of new or used items is as follows:

30 Lacrosse Sticks 2 Lacrosse Goalie Sticks 2 Lacrosse Nets 15 Round NERF Balls Electric Ball Pump 15 Hula Hoops 10 Tennis Rackets

We look forward to seeing you on December 9th!

Give a Little Bit (of Your Time)

The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association is completely run by volunteers, and we need your help to continue the good work we've done over the last several decades. The positions of Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Police/Community Relations Chair, and Youth Council Chair are open and in need of volunteers to fill them. And if none of those positions interest you, each committee is open to anyone interested in participating—simply contact the committee chair via email or phone, and they will be happy to have you work with them.

So please, consider volunteering your time, energy and enthusiasm to a cause that's close to home. We're nothing without you.

Reminder: City Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas, and Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 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, December 12th & 26th.



All recycling collected streetside

Get Out!

Festive Flavors of Federal Hill Tuesday, December 2nd 6:00p.m.—10:00p.m.

A neighborhood favorite: Federal Hill Main Street's 13th Annual Festive Flavors. Experience the best of Federal Hill restaurants, taverns, galleries, and gift shops with neighbors and friends. Food, drink, gift ideas, fun! Call 410-727-4 5 0 0 o r g o t o www.historicalfederalhill.org for ticket information.

A Monumental Occasion Thursday, December 4th 7:00p.m.

Mount Vernon Place

The 37th annual lighting of the Washington Monument, featuring music, refreshments and fireworks. Call 410.244.1030 or visit www.godowntownbaltimore.com for more info.

15th Night of 100 Elvises December 5th & 6th 7:00p.m.—2:00a.m.

Lithuanian Hall, 851-3 Hollins Street Tickets are \$55, and an Elvis sighting is guaranteed, and three rooms of entertainment is included. Visit www.nightof100elvises.com for ticket information.

Annual Neighborhood Holiday Potluck Party Tuesday, December 9th 6:00p.m.

Olive Branch UMC

Corner of Fort Ave & S. Charles Streets Join your friends and neighbors for our annual Holiday Potluck Party & donation drive. See page 1 for more details.

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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 SoBo-ImCo. 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 7:00 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:

December 7—vs. Redskins December 14—vs. Steelers December 28—vs. Jaguars

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

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1201 S. Charles—Project Update

By Julie Tice

On Tuesday, November 18th, the Design Committee for Federal Hill Main Street hosted a community meeting with the development team for the proposed hotel at 1201 S. Charles Street. The team presented their new proposal for an eight-story building with just over ninety units, and introduced the hotel operator, Harbor Magic, which runs Pier IV, Brookshire Suites, and Admiral Fell Inn. Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions and concerns about traffic, parking, and the scale of the building, and hear directly what the operator's requirements are to run a profitable hotel business at this site.

The majority of the community's concern is tied to the overall building height, and I am continuing to try to work with the development team to find solutions to their program requirements, while keeping the building height to a minimum. Considering the previously contentious relationship the community had with these owners, I have been impressed with their new-found willingness to listen to our concerns and continue to explore alternative solutions.

Liquor Advisory

By Tom Jones

Greetings South Baltimore! My name is Tom Jones and for the past few months I have been serving as your Liquor License Advisory Chairperson. What is that you may ask? The simple answer is that I am the liaison for the neighborhood if there are any issues with bars, taverns, package goods stores, and other establishments holding liquor licenses. So, if you are having a problem with one of the aforementioned businesses in the neighborhood please do not hesitate to contact me. You can also remain anonymous if you wish. Even if you resolve the situation yourself please inform me so that we can keep track of continuing issues. More specifically, my duties include but are not limited to:

- Representing neighbors who are having noise complaint issues, loitering issues, nuisance and drug issues with neighborhood liquor license establishments
- Informing liquor license holders of problems and working with them to be better neighbors.
- Keeping SBIC/SBNA informed of changes and proposed changes in liquor laws.
- To monitor compliance to liquor laws and agreements with SBIC/SBNA.
- To be the liaison in matters involving liquor license with the police department, the Liquor Board, the Community Law Center, etc...
- To be the lead in resolving disputes and negotiating contracts between businesses and SBIC/SBNA.
- To work closely with other committees within and outside of SBIC/SBNA when liquor license issues overlap.
- -To review and make recommendations for any request from liquor license holders for changes and assist in presenting them to SBIC/SBNA.
- -To recommend changes in liquor laws for the improvement of quality of life in our neighborhood.

So, whether you are a neighbor or business owner with a neighborhood liquor license issue please remember that I am always available to address your issues. You may reach me at anytime on the soboimco.org website. I look forward to working with all of you and hope to represent South Baltimore to the best of my abilities.

Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (except December 24) 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. (except December 24) Ages 3-5. Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, December 13, 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.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m. Book discussion group for adults. Please call the branch for this month's selection.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 18, 4 – 7 p.m. Celebrate the season with refreshments, give-aways, and music with a special appearance by a Dancing Santa.

MOVIE MATINEE

Tuesday, December 30, 2 p.m. Join us for a viewing of the children's movie "How to be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days."

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

Resignation

After much consideration it is with deep regret that I resign as vice-president of SBIC. I recently received a promotion and with it came more responsibilities and more travel. That being said, I don't feel it would be right to accept a position when I may not be able to fulfill the duties. I thank all of you for the opportunity to volunteer "within the walls" and wish you much success in the future. I plan to stay involved with SBIC as much as possible with my new schedule.

Best wishes for future, Tiffany Delbrook 835 E. Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230

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In a Minute

By Joe Costa

November General Meeting

Announcements

- There was a community Pitch-In (clean-up) on November 15 from 9:00 am-noon. The first 10 participants to show up received a \$10 gift certificate to Ryleigh's Oyster.
- Police/Community Relations Council will meet on November 20. This is a monthly district-wide meeting that presents a good opportunity to meet the officers who work our streets and to find out what is going on in the district.
- Julie Tice is coordinating a community meeting on the development of the proposed "hotel" project at 1201 S. Charles Street, to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 pm, at the Federal Hill Main Street Offices (42 East Cross Street). This will be an open forum with the developer.
- Riverside Stage will be presenting the musical "A Christmas Carol" on the weekends of December 12 and 21 (Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3:00 pm).
- The annual Festive Flavors of Federal Hill will be held on the first Tuesday in December. Sponsored by the South Baltimore Business Community Association and Federal Hill Main Street (FHMS). Tickets are \$55 and available either at the FHMS office at 42 East Cross Street, or online at historicfederalhill.org.
- The next SBIC general meeting will be on December 9.
- Area 30 parking renewal can be done online at area30parking.com. New stickers and passes can be picked up on December 19 (2-9 pm), 20 (12-5 pm) and 21 (12-5 pm) at the Advent Church at Ostend and Charles Streets. Area 30 signs with the proposed new parking restrictions will likely be installed in early spring 2009.

Bylaw Revisions—Patrick Mutch provided a handout summarizing the major changes being proposed to the SBIC bylaws which were before the general membership for approval. The changes essentially increase organizational transparency with the general membership and change the public name (not the legal name) of the organization to the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association (SBNA). The latter change was being put forth to project to the community the broader scope of the organization's overall activities. There was some objection to changing the name, with some members feeling that such a change would result in the loss of the organization's unique identity. This proposed change was put to a vote and was approved with 19 yeas and 6 nays. The overall changes to the bylaws were then approved without objection by a voice vote.

Officer Elections—Voter ballots for officer elections were handed out to members in good standing as they came into the meeting, at which time members made their selections and

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handed in their ballots to Patrick Mutch. There were a total of 39 ballots cast with the results as follows: President 22 votes for Julie Tice, 17 votes for Andy Harrison. Tiffany Delbrook, Dennis Plouff and Joe Costa were elected, respectively, to Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The incoming President re-appoints committee chairs. Committee chairs were being sought for the Newsletter, Youth Council and Police and Community committees. Please volunteer.

Guest Speakers

Ruth Hulett invited members to attend the events of the Riverside neighborhood theatre group, which is located at 1530 Battery Ave. The stage presents concerts, plays and musicals. The next presentation is "A Christmas Carol". Ruth also invited folks to join the theatre group.

Officer Krieg a thirteen year veteran with the police department, recently transferred to the Southern District, gave a report on crime in the district. Overall crime/violent crime are down from last year. Assaults and robberies are down substantially. Aggravated assaults (1 versus 0 for last year), burglaries, larcenies and auto theft are up. Homicides/shootings are at zero. There is some shifting of resources being done to get more police on the streets. A new police policy of not allowing police to act as private security at liquor outlets will take affect fairly soon. Its purpose is to prevent conflicts of interest between owners of such establishments and the police.

Farewells

Patrick Mutch thanked Donnie Fair for all his hard work as President of the association. Donnie said he intended to stay involved in the organization. Thank you is also offered to Pat who is leaving his post as Vice President, for all his hard work for the association.

Down on Main Street

Mark your calendars now for these exciting upcoming Federal Hill holiday events!

Tuesday, December 2, 6 to 10 PM, A neighborhood favorite: Federal Hill Main Street's 13th Annual Festive Flavors. Experience the best of Federal Hill restaurants. taverns, galleries, and gift shops with neighbors and friends. Food, drink, gift ideas, fun! Call 410-727-4500 or go to www.historicalfederalhill.org for ticket information.

Saturday, December 6: The Federal Hill Business Association brings you "It's a Wonderful Life...in Federal Hill" Yulefest Celebration. FREE. 10 AM to 2 PM. Santa's Street Fair at Mother's Federal Hill Grille Purple Patio, wandering musicians/carolers and special holiday offerings at the shops and boutiques of the "Best Shopping Neighborhood" in Baltimore, and enjoy classic holiday music and movies in the second floor theater at Illusions Magic Bar & Lounge. Grand Prize Drawing for a Federal Hill Shopping Spree (must be present to win).

Friday, December 12, 8 PM to Midnight, Moonlight Madness Shopping Extravaganza in Historic Federal Hill, Baltimore's "Best Shopping Neighborhood"! Take advantage of progressive discounts throughout the evening and do all of your holiday shopping in one night. Free gift wrap and holiday refreshments provided in the Main Street office, 42 E. Cross Street. Call 410-727-4500 or go to www.historicfederalhill.org for more informa-

Keeping Your Pets Healthy During the Holidays

By Jill Shook, DVM, CityPets Veterinary Care and Wellness

for new readers, new pet owners and a good review for everyone can cause vomiting and diarrhea after ingestion. else.

The cold weather is upon us and the holiday season is quickly tem (CNS) depression. approaching. Amid this busy season of shopping, baking, decorating, and visiting family and friends, there are some things to the berries. Vomiting and diarrhea are common, but other sympkeep in mind concerning your pets. There are certain hazards, toms include changes in heart rate, trouble breathing, seizures, injuries, and poisonings seen in animals more commonly this and coma. Death can occur in severe intoxication. (I would rectime of year. Simply being aware of potential problems and doing a little "pet proofing" around the house will go a long way these plants, and you notice symptoms, please make sure to seek toward heading off any problems.

Toxic Plants:

There are several plants that can be harmful or poisonous to pets. There are many hazards in the holiday kitchen, and most pets Below are some of the more common ones encountered this time

Poinsettia: Low toxicity, chewing or ingesting the leaves and cause serious illness and danger to our four legged friends. stems can result in vomiting and/or diarrhea, and increased sali- Baked goods, ham, turkey, and other rich food are among many

I know this holiday article is old hat for some but it's a good one Christmas greens: All parts of these plants are low toxicity, but

Holly: The leaves and berries have moderate to severe toxicity. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea and central nervous sys-

Mistletoe: All parts of this plant are very toxic, but especially ommend using fake mistletoe.) If your pet has ingested any of veterinary assistance.

The Holiday Kitchen:

keep a watchful eye during holiday baking and cooking, in hopes that a tasty morsel might drop on the floor. Many foods can (Continued on page 8)

In Your Own Backyard

Annual Holiday Greens and Gift Sale at the Mount Clare Stable

Saturday December 13, 10am-4pm Fill your home with the aroma of fresh cut greens from a wide selection of decorated wreaths, boxwood trees, evergreen roping, an assortment of unusual fresh cut holly, and magnolia. Gift items from various local vendors will be for sale as will an international selection of unique decorating items for the holidays from Mount Clare's elegant Museum Shop. A variety of hand made and beautifully painted ornaments for your tree, a large assortment of personal giftware, gournet items plus Mary Sue chocolates in a specially designed gift box is just a sample of what will be offered. Visitors may purchase lunch and snacks prepared by American Food Service. Admission to the Greens and Gift Sale at the Stable is free and open to the public. Beat the crowd – preview sale on Friday December 12th from 2pm to 4:00pm! Plenty of Free parking.

A Carroll Christmas Saturday December 13, 10am—4pm

Join the revelry as we celebrate the holidays in colonial style! Get into the holiday spirit with a self-guided tour of the festively decorated mansion and listen to live music. The Monumental City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps will perform outside on the front steps in the late morning and in the afternoon the chorus from Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School will sing holiday tunes of old! Food historian Andrea Priest will demonstrate early 19th century cooking in the kitchen. At 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. there will be special family tours of the house where a costumed guide will recreate what life was like during colonial times. Performances and demonstrations are FREE with admission to the house. There is ample free parking just outside the mansion. Members receive free admission for tours and performances.

Minutes from the Inner Harbor...Centuries Away! This National Historic landmark is one of Maryland's finest examples of a Georgian country estate and Baltimore's oldest house. Mount Clare was the home of Charles Carroll, Barrister sitting majestically in historic Carroll Park in southwest Baltimore. Original family furnishings depict the grand style of 18th century colonial living. Managed by the Maryland Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Mount Clare became Maryland's first house museum in 1917. The Mount Clare Stable was originally built as a stable for the Baltimore City Police Horses in 1910. The space has been adapted for year round use and is used as a rental space and education center to support Mount Clare Museum House. The House is open Tuesday through Saturday for tours beginning at 10am. Last tour at 3:00pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students. 5 and under free. Group rates available – call for reservations. The Mount Clare Stable is located west of the mansion and is available for rentals. Free parking at both locations. For information call 410-837-3262 or www.mountclare.org

Meet the New Deputy Major— Margaret Barillaro



Hi. I am your new Deputy Major, Margaret Barillaro. I have been a member of the Baltimore Police Department for 15 years. During which time I have worked patrol in the Northwestern, Northern and Northeastern Districts as an officer, sergeant and lieutenant. I have also worked in Applicant Investigation, Communications, Internal Affairs, District Detective Unit and most recently the Sex Crimes Unit. Of all my assignments I enjoyed patrol the most.

I am honored to be the Deputy Major of the Southern District. The citizens who live and work in this District are committed to building and sustaining great working relationships with the police and their neighbors. I am excited to be part of a group who truly believe that when we all work together we can and do make a difference. I am ready to do my part to make the Southern District the best place to call home in Baltimore City.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Benefiting Federal Hill Prep School

Barnes & Noble will be supporting Federal Hill Preparatory School with an Annual Book Fair December 5th – 11th. On Friday, December 5th students will kick off the book fair by showing school spirit, showcasing student work and performing holiday program songs at their Power Plant Store. Neighbors, parents, teachers, families and friends of Federal Hill Prep should shop at Barnes & Noble December 5th thru 11th, give the voucher number at the register and the school will receive a percentage of the proceeds. The voucher number is good at Barnes & Noble stores across the country so share it with everyone you know! The voucher number cannot be used for online sales, gift cards or textbooks.

Money received from this event will be used for Student programs, Field Trips, Assemblies and Grounds Improvement.

Federal Hill Prep Book Fair ID Voucher Number 398750

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tremors, heart arrhythmias, seizures, readily available. Bones from turkey, and death. chicken, ham, etc. can cause gastroin- Giving Pets As Gifts testinal (GI) upset, choking, or intes- Remember that there are thousands tinal obstruction, and should not be of animals in Shelters each year in the given to pets. Table scraps, or any months following the holidays. food that is not your pet's normal Many of these animals were impuldiet, can cause GI upset. Be careful sive purchases, and once the recipiabout treats and table scraps and ents realized the impact of training a caution any guests to not feed your puppy, or the daily routine of changpet any of these "special treats".

Trees and Decorations:

hazards as well. Christmas trees and animal shelters and rescue groups. glass ornaments can prove to be dan- There are hundreds of wonderful gerous, particularly to cats. cats are notorious for trying to climb ing homes. trees, make sure to stabilize it properly to avoid the tree falling over. It Helping Pets in Need ornaments out of your pet's reach to and other items are always needed. avoid cuts from broken glass. Any ornament, decoration, tinsel, yarn, or Best wishes to all for a happy and sult in electrocution.

Safe Travel:

If you are traveling with your pet for General information the holidays, make sure to have www.veterinarypartner.com proper identification on your pet, including a local phone number or your cell phone. Microchipping your pet is always the best way to ensure

its safe return. If you are traveling a of the culprits which cause problems. long distance, make sure to bring Chocolate of all kinds, but especially plenty fresh food and water for your semisweet and baking chocolate, is pet. Holiday traffic jams can keep toxic to pets. Symptoms of chocolate you in the car much longer than extoxicity can range from vomiting and pected and it is always a good idea to diarrhea, to high blood pressure, have emergency needs for your pet

ing the litter box, they decided to turn in their animals. If you do plan to give a pet to loved one for Christ-"Decking the Halls" can provide some mas, don't forget to stop by the local Since animals for adoption in need of lov-

may be a good idea to wire orna. In the spirit of giving during the holiments to the tree with floral wire to day season, keep your local shelter prevent pets from knocking orna- and rescue group in mind for a holiments of the tree. Place breakable day donation. Food, litter, towels

ribbon can be a choking hazard or healthy holiday season. Please don't cause an intestinal obstruction if hesitate to contact my office with ingested. Electrical cords should be any questions. The following webcovered and tacked down because sites offer accurate information on chewing on electrical cords can re-several pet health issues including the topics discussed above.

Animal Poison Control Center www.aspca.org/apcc

Clean & Green

By Marianne Armstrong

Thanks to everyone who has pitched in during 2008! We will not be having a Community Pitch In during December. Dates for dumpster requests for 2009 have not become available yet – I expect to have these by early January.

Let's make 2009 the year of an even cleaner, greener South Baltimore. Just a reminder - as Baltimore City residents, each of us is responsible

- Keeping our property clear of trash and wellmaintained
- Cleaning our sidewalk and alley and along our curbs.
- Using durable trash cans with tight-fitting
- Collecting animal feces from yards on a daily basis.
- Trimming the trees and shrubs on our property and cutting our grass.
- Weeding and caring for trees in the sidewalk; cleaning trash from the tree pits.
- Reporting illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, and other criminal activities.

Bulk trash pick-up can be scheduled through 311. The closest recycling and bulk trash drop off location is:

> 701 Reedbird Avenue (410) 396-3367 Mon. – Sat. 9am – 5pm (Fall/Winter) & 9am - 7pm (Spring/Summer)

Make an effort to participate in one of our Community Pitch In events in 2009 and clean up your block while getting to know your neighbors.

Please contact me if you're interested in serving as a Block Captain to help to organize a Pitch In!





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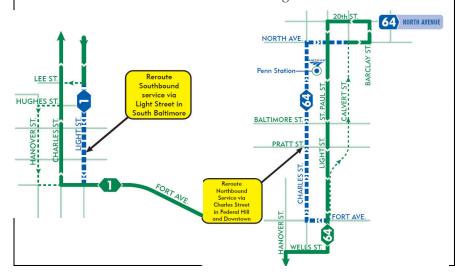
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Proposed MTA Bus Route Changes

By Donnie Fair

The MTA has proposed changes to two bus routes in South Baltimore: The #1 and the #64 bus routes. Please see the attached diagrams for the specific changes, or visit http://www.mtamaryland.com/Nolmap_092608.pdf and http://www.mtamaryland.com/No64map_092608.pdf

If enacted, these changes will take effect in February 2009. More information is available at the MTA website: www.mtamaryland.com. If you have any concerns or if you wish to be collectively represented by fellow neighbors and the neighborhood association, you may contact Donnie Fair via telephone at (443) 324-7752 or via email at donnie.fair@soboimco.org.



Get Out More!

Moonlight Madness Friday, December 12th 8:00p.m. to Midnight

Federal Hill

Take advantage of progressive discounts throughout the evening and do all of your holiday shopping in one night. Free gift wrap and holiday refreshments provided in the Main Street office, 42 E. Cross Street. Call 410-727-4500 or go to www.historicfederalhill.org for more information.

Holiday Festival of Trains Thru December 30th

B&O Railroad Museum, 901 W. Pratt Street

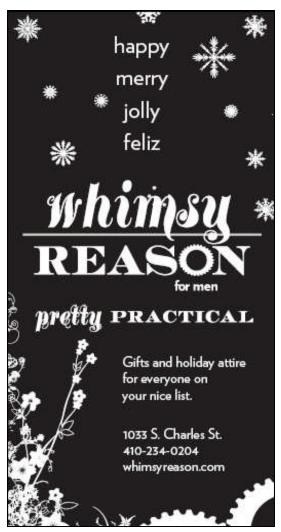
Featuring a train ride with Santa and children's holiday gift shop. Visit www.borail.org for more info.

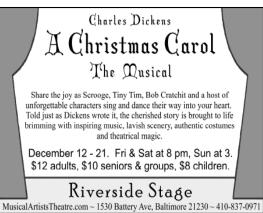
Ports America New Year's Eve Spectacular Wednesday, December 31st 9:00p.m.—12:30a.m.

Inner Harbor

Ring in 2009 alongside family and friends with music and fireworks at Baltimore's Inner Harbor! Enjoy dynamic live music and non-stop fun at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater located at Pratt and Light streets. At midnight, following a countdown led by Mayor Sheila Dixon, the largest Baltimore New Year's Eve fireworks show returns turning the sky over the Inner Harbor into a multitude of colors. For more information call 1-877-BALTIMORE.







AREA 30 Parking Renewal

Location:

Church of the Advent 1301 S Charles St Baltimore, MD 21230

Dates:

December 19 Friday 2 PM to 9 PM December 20 Saturday Noon to 5 PM December 21 Sunday 2 PM to 5 PM



Rules & Regulations:

All off street spaces must be utilized prior to obtaining a decal.

4 Decals per house.

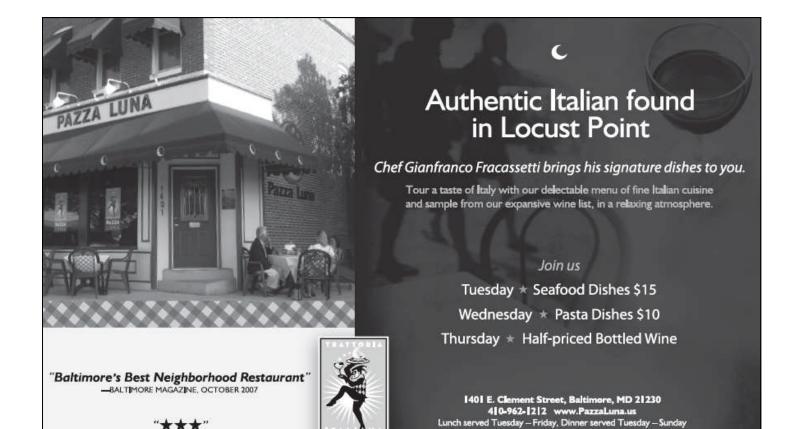
http://www.baltimoreprefparking.com/terms.cfm

Out of State Vehicles:

Note: Maryland Law prohibits local authorities from issuing an RPP permit in excess of 30 days to any vehicle registered outside of Maryland unless the owner of the vehicle has obtained a Maryland MVA Nonresident Permit.

Please note: No permits will be distributed without the proper proof of residence or vehicle registration. No exceptions.

Any questions? Call Cynthia Griffin AREA 30 rep @ 410-446-5686 Or email area30parking@gmail.com





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For every on-line flower purchase made through the Radebaugh Florists website, Radebaugh Florists will donate \$5 from the purchase to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland.

That \$5 will provide a hot and cold meal for an individual for one day!

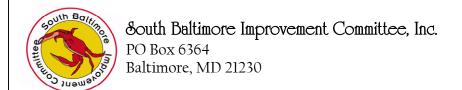
So, with the Holidays fast approaching, keep in mind that your purchase could bring a smile to more than just one person.

Place your order online at:

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To Our Neighbors

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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 50l(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.

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Design Review		Parking		Youth Council
Liquor License Advisory		Police/Community Relations		
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