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It's Membership Renewal Time

The new calendar year marks the new membership year, so if you have not renewed or joined since November 1, 2008, please use the application on the back of this newsletter and mail in or bring your dues to the next General Membership meeting. Dues are \$5 per person, and are tax-deductible.

February Meeting Agenda

By Julie Tice

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd. In addition to our regular business, we have scheduled guests that include representatives from the South Baltimore Recreation Center as well as the Baltimore City Department of Social Services Foster Parent Recruitment. We also have a new neighbor who has expressed an interest in the position of Vice President, so we will be having elections at the next meeting to fill our final Board vacancy. The candidate for Vice President is Gregory Blake, and he has provided the following brief bio:

Gregory Blake is a Vice President and Financial Advisor for Bernstein Global Wealth Management providing investment advice and planning services to private clients and foundations in the Baltimore area.

Prior to joining Bernstein, Greg managed business relationships with US Military and Intelligence agencies for SANZ, Inc., and for AT&T Government Solutions. Previously, Greg served as an Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps leading an airborne operations unit and coordinating amphibious landings in support of a variety of military operations. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in Economics and also earned a Master of Business Administration from Santa Clara University.

Anyone who is also interested in running for Vice President is welcome to contact me prior to the meeting, or nominate themselves from the floor.

I look forward to seeing you!

Get Out!

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting will be
Tuesday, February 3rd
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, February 13th & 27th.



All recycling collected streetside

Stadium Event Notice

Konika-Minolta Lacrosse Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium

February 28, 2009
12:00 PM Johns Hopkins vs. Princeton;
2:30 PM Maryland vs. Duke



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 7:00 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

Website

www.soboimco.org

January's Meeting Brief

By Joe Costa

Confirmation of Committee Chairs—At the January 6, 2009 General Meeting of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association, the following Committee Chairpersons were approved by the general membership present at the meeting: Debbie Alt: Parking, Marianne Armstrong: Clean & Green, Christine Simeone: Social, Tom Jones: Liquor License Advisory, Ashley Cichowicz: Police & Community Relations, Larry Wargo: Newsletter & Business Liaison, Steve Zaleskiwicz: Design Review Advisory, and Mary Sennett: Youth Council.

Vice President—This association position remains open. If anyone is interested in this position they should contact Julie Tice.

Thomas Johnson Elementary School PE Program Donations—SBNA is still taking donations for this good cause. If anyone has anything to donate, contact Julie. The web site can be used for donations as well, visit: www.gophersports.com.

Ian Hines, the Southern District representative from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods reported on the following:

Sanitation/Trash Pick Up—The city is stepping up enforcement of its trash removal laws. The requirement to put trash out for pick-up, the morning of the scheduled pick-up in a tightly shut container will be enforced. First time fines are \$50, but can go as high as \$500 for repeat offenders. Residents can report trash pick-up problems to 311.

Sustainability Report—This report from the Department of Planning's Office of Sustainability is available online. Ian encouraged residents to access and comment on the draft so that their input is received before the report is finalized. The report lays out a plan for taking the city the next step to addressing environmental concerns that affect everyone, in ways that the State and Federal governments support. The report can be found online at www.baltimorecity.gov/government/planning/sustainability.

City Circulator Free Shuttle Service—See article on page X

1201 South Charles Street Hotel Project—Project director Adam Smolen, his partner Steve Aims, project architect Chris Pfaeffle and hotel operator representative Kostas Kalogeropoulos presented their latest plans for this hotel project, with the intention of gaining SBNA's support of zoning variances that they would be requesting from the city zoning board for the project. These variances would be for an increase in the allowable floor area ratio (FAR), which would allow the building to be constructed with 8 stories, a rear yard setback from the property line of 30 feet, which the project leaders said would allow them to put windows on all sides of the structure, and a parking variance, which would allow them to address parking in ways other than on-site parking.

The developers, using supporting architectural drawings, reported that in response to previous feedback from community members, they had made project changes that would lower the number of floors in the building from an original planned 10 to 8, and lessen the burden on parking in the area. They were planning to make use of parking available at a nearby Wall Street lot, which they stated had plenty of vacant spaces that could be used for this purpose. They were eliminating much of the originally planned retail aspects of the

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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.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Monday, February 2, 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12-17. Teens create fun and exciting crafts.

BOOK BUNCH

Thursday, February 5 & 12, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12. Book discussions, activities and an after school snack.

CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

Friday, February 6, 1 p.m.

Carole Boston Weatherford will read from and talk about her first work for teen readers. In "Becoming Billie Holiday," poems trace the singer's journey from B-girl to jazz royalty.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH MEETING

Monday, February 9, 6:15 p.m.

Join this dynamic group of neighbors who are dedicated to working for the good of the Light Street Branch.

MUJJE: COME TOGETHER

Wednesday, February 11, 1 p.m.

Take a cultural journey through Uganda with Ssuuna.

HIP HOP, MODERN & CLASSICAL DANCE

Wednesday, February 11, 4 p.m.

Ages 12-17. Teens learn the latest moves and steps from professional dancers.

BALTIMORE DIXIELAND JAZZ

Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Come swing to traditional and not-so-traditional Dixieland jazz played by Sac Au Lait.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, February 21, 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.

READ ME

Tuesday, February 24, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 26, 6:45 p.m.

An opportunity for adults to choose and discuss notable fiction and nonfiction reading selections.

STITCH-N-KNIT

Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m.

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CANTON-3410 Harmony Ct. \$259,999 EOG, full rehab, 2BR, 2BA w/open floor plan, eat-in kit., fin. bsmt & deck. (BA6945555)**Steve Murphy 443-627-2910**

PARK HEIGHTS-5803 Rubin Ave. \$179,900 This 2BR, 1.5BA home is perfect for the 1st time home buyer and/or investor. Large LL rec. rm. w/half bath & fenced-in backyard. (BA6942394)**Janel Burroughs 443-627-2916**

EAST BALTIMORE-2237 McElderry St. \$154,900 Great Rehabbed Home a couple blocks from Hopkins Hospital. New kitchen cabinets w/stainless steel appliances & fenced backyard. (BA6942556)**Chris Reda 443-627-2915**

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To join this dynamic office contact Paige Cosgrove
for a confidential interview. 443-627-2911



Dance and Acting Classes at Riverside Stage

Riverside Stage is now registering pre-teens for classes in dance and acting. Dance (Thursdays, 6-7:30) is a high-energy fusion of ballet, jazz, and lyrical/contemporary styles taught by Jason Kimmell, who has performed on Broadway, CBS-TV and with the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre. Acting (Tuesdays, 6-7:30, beginning in April) utilizes exercises, monologues, improv and theatre games as students rehearse a play directed by José de la Mar, a professional actor and graduate of Bucknell.

No prior training is required. Cost is \$20 per class, or \$195 per term. Classes for adults may also be offered -- tell us if you're interested. Riverside Stage is located at 1530 Battery Avenue in South Baltimore, 21230. For more information, call 410-837-0971 or email info@MusicalArtistsTheatre.com

Head over to Riverside Stage on February 14th for to see *Til Death Do Us Part*.

Til Death Do Us Part

Saturday, February 14th, 8 o'clock P.M.

An Audience Participation Interactive Murder Mystery

Presented by the Do Or Die Mystery Theatre Company

Tickets: \$15

Federal Hill FEST-OF-ALL!

By Jane Seebold of Federal Hill Main Street

Don't miss Federal Hill's premier event: the Federal Hill FEST-OF-ALL! Saturday, March 14th, from 7 to 11 P.M. at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Tickets are \$60 in advance or \$75 at the door. The night will include a fashion show, open bar, dinner, music, a silent auction, gaming parlor and much more!

The FEST-OF-ALL will feature the boutiques of Baltimore's best shopping and dining neighborhood. Look forward to cuisine from Ryleigh's Oyster, Mother's Federal Hill Grille and Metropolitan Coffeehouse & Wine Bar, to name a few. Order your tickets today! Visit www.fedhillfestofall.com or call 410-727-4500 to reserve your spot.

Local Tavern Takes Innovative Step to Relieve Parking

How are you going to find a weekend or game-night parking spot in Federal Hill? Try taking a cab to Don't Know Tavern on the northeast corner of Light Street and Fort Avenue. Don't Know has come up with an innovative incentive program to entice customers that would be turned off by the slim chances of finding a parking spot in Federal Hill.

The management at Don't Know are encouraging customers to take a cab to the bar instead of driving. When customers present a printed receipt from their cab ride to the bar, Don't Know will cover the cost of your cab fare up to 50% of the bill. The program discourages drinking and driving and helps to ease the already strained parking conditions in the neighborhood.

For a fun, safe, cost-effective and stress free night out in South Baltimore, stop by Don't Know Tavern at 1453 Light Street.

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Tree-rific Progress

By Peter Shapiro

The South Baltimore Tree Project continues to make steady progress planting street trees in our neighborhood. During the fall, our group was responsible for the planting of seven new trees, six on the unit block of East Fort and one on the 1100 block of South Charles, bringing the total up to 30 in the past year. As you may have seen, there have been quite a few sections of the sidewalk cut out of Charles, Fort, Gittings, Hanover and other streets in the neighborhood that are also in the process of being planted.

The City is making a concerted effort to "green up" its streets, and is putting action behind its words by having city crew open up tree pits all over the city. These new tree pits are part of the program, which shoulders the lion's share of the expenses of planting a tree. Our streets should continue to look better and better as new trees go in and the saplings take root.

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project, and proposing to dig deeper underground in order to be able to lower the height of the structure. The hotel will be operated by a firm with experience operating in the city and would in effect become an addition to the network of three other hotels in the city—the Admiral Fell Inn, the Pier 5 and the Brookshire Suites—currently managed by this company.

The major concern of SBNA members present was the height of the proposed structure with respect to the area's existing, long standing culture of three story structures, and how this one taller structure would affect the existing skyline, views of neighboring residents and, by setting a precedent, future development in the area. In addition, the issues of parking and security were discussed. Also, discussed was the possibility of the developers purchasing three other properties adjacent to the project to allow expansion outward in order to reduce further the project's height. Adam Smolen said that this would increase the project's cost making it a less feasible business proposition. Mr. Smolen said that he had letters of support from area residents and other organizations, but did not identify any of these supporters. SBNA members at the meeting who supported the project cited its potential economic and other benefits to the community.

Following the discussion, motions were made regarding SBNA's position vis-à-vis the zoning variances to be sought by the developers. The first motion put forth and seconded was to provide an SBNA letter of support to the zoning board for all three zoning variances to be sought by the developers. After ascertaining that a quorum of SBNA members was present, a vote was taken

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Coming Soon: City Circulator!

Another method of transportation is coming soon to Baltimore, and Federal Hill wasn't left out of the loop. In July, 2009 Baltimore residents and tourists alike will be able to ride the free City Circulator buses that connect various neighborhoods (including ours) to the free downtown shuttle. The buses are all electric, smooth, quiet, low-emission vehicles that will encourage public transportation and reduce Baltimore's carbon footprint. Even more good news, it turns out we can win in more ways than one. The Circulator does not have an official name yet, so submit your suggestion for a change to win \$1,000 Cash. Visit: Yournameyourride.com for

News Alert: Santa Delivers New Blacktop

Santa Claus makes a stop at Federal Hill Preparatory

School every December, but this year he left behind more than toy cars, story books, and stuffed animals. The students of Baltimore City School #45 also received a newly repaved playground where games of hopscotch, four square, and basketball will usher in the new year.

Santa's elves, in this case, were the owners and employees of P. Flanigan & Sons, a local contractor. When the company learned about the deteriorating condition of the school's existing playground from the school's Parent-Teacher Organization, the company made an unprecedented offer: not only would it repave the playground by the end of the year, but it would underwrite the whole cost of the project, including labor and materials.

Thanks to the company's quick work, the school opened the new playground with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, January 6, at 9:30am – the day after students returned to class for 2009. City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, City Council Member William Cole, State Delegate Brian McHale, Senator George Della and BCPS's CEO Dr. Andres Alonso were on hand to celebrate the donation.

"In times like these, it takes a big heart to be this generous," notes parent and PTO volunteer Hugh Bethell. "When a company like P. Flanigan & Sons makes a project like this possible, it's an inspiration to all of us about what the com-

munity can do together."

For several years, the PTO at Federal Hill Preparatory School, has been trying to raise funds to improve the playground areas of the school, especially the paved play area the school shares with the South Baltimore Recreation Center. Before P. Flanigan & Sons donated the labor and materials required to install the new blacktop surface, the PTO was expecting it would need to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the project.

Federal Hill Prep is a public school serving students in pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade, Federal Hill Preparatory receives taxpayer funding for essential expenses like salaries, supplies, and building maintenance. Unfortunately, funding is not always available for the extras that help turn a good school into a great school. The PTO created a "Wish List" to help businesses, community groups, and individual donors identify ways in which they can help. On it are items, large and small, that would make a difference in the lives of our students, including:

Building & Grounds Improvements

School Events & Programs

Educational Assistance

If you would like to learn more about Federal Hill Prep's Wish List, contact PTO Member Deniene Davis at ddavis-fedhill@live.com.

In Your Own Backyard

At the B&O Railroad Museum:

Maryland Zoo Members Receive Free Admission to the B&O!

During the months of January and February 2009, the B&O is granting Maryland Zoo of Baltimore members free entrance into the B&O Railroad Museum with presentation of their Zoo membership card. Card holders with Family memberships will be allowed entrance for 2 adults and 2 children. Train rides are offered weekends in January, tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children (2-12).

At the Maryland Science Center:

Preschool Storytime

Fridays

2:00 PM

Storytime includes stories, music, science activities, and lots of hands-on fun!

In the Kids Room

Fridays After Five

Every Friday until March 27, 2009, the Maryland Science Center is just \$8 for admission to its exhibit halls, planetarium, and IMAX Theater on Friday evenings beginning at 5:00pm or later. One low price covers everything except national touring exhibitions. Children under 3 are always free! Plus, Maryland Science Center Members are admitted to Fridays After Five free of charge. Click here for more information.

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which resulted in 14 in favor, 14 opposed, and 2 abstentions. The motion did not pass.

A follow-on motion was made to address a letter of support for the parking variance only. This was followed by a motion to amend with a motion to provide a letter in support of both parking and area setback zoning variances. The vote on this motion resulted in its approval with 23 yes votes. As a result, SBNA will draft a letter to the zoning board in support of the parking and area set back variances being sought for the project.

Julie Tice reminded all present that any resident could take a position regarding the project regardless of the association's position. Adam Smolen committed to continue to work with the association and residents as the project moves forward.

Police & Community Relations Update

by Ashley Cichowicz

"The greatest trick the devil ever played was convincing the world he didn't exist" - Keyser Soze

I thank all of you that took the time to contact me regarding criminal activity in your area. I know I haven't heard from all of you yet so please contact me. The single greatest tool we as civilians have in our anti-crime arsenal is our phone. Not a Bazooka or even Nun-chucks, but a simple phone. If you are witnessing what appears to be criminal behavior or a crime in progress call 911. You do not have to tell the call clerk who you are, that is your choice. This month I want to focus a little on the importance of reporting crime. A vast majority of the crimes that do occur here are Narcotic fueled. I think everyone can agree on that. If your car has ever been broken into you know that when a criminal does \$600.00 worth of damage to steal less than \$3.00 in coins, drugs are the motive. Think of it like a resident in the 1300 block of Marshall St. did when he realized that someone had gone into his unsecured car and taken an unknown amount of coins, after initially being really furious I can only assume, he took the time to call 311 and have an Officer respond to make a report. I doubt this victim will be making an insurance claim for a few dollars but he realized that if the Police Department doesn't know a crime happened, to them it didn't exist. I have heard from a resident that has had no less than three separate thefts from her yard in the last month but sadly was uncomfortable having a Patrol car respond to her house. Understand that many times 311 will take a stolen property report over the phone, the Police will meet you in a neutral location where you feel safe to report or you can always go to The Southern District in person to make a report. I am saddened that someone who is the victim of crime is still fearful of retaliation for what may appear to simply be cooperating with the police. This is unacceptable as this is our neighborhood and everyone deserves to feel safe here. Please help the Police see the full scale of crime that is happening in our area. We can't complain that we never see a patrol car if we don't all do our part in letting them know how desperately we need them!

RecycleMORE BaltiMORE

Effective January 2009, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle **MORE** items. So fill up a recycle bin or two or **MORE!** Remember, if we all do our part, one person at a time and one home at a time; together as a City we can make a difference. Do your best to recycle and not trash the below material. Working together, we can minimize the damaging affects to our natural environment and the amount of energy needed to produce new products (everyday household items) from raw natural materials versus producing new products from recycled material.

Acceptable Recycling Material:

- ◆ Clean paper - all colors and types. - This includes catalogs, magazines, junk mail, newspapers and non-metallic wrapping paper
- ◆ Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes without liners and frozen food packaging)
- ◆ Books (including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks)
- ◆ Aerosol Cans (empty)
- ◆ Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- ◆ Metal food and beverage containers
- ◆ Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil) which carry codes 1 through 7 on the bottom.

NEW (to be included in your curbside single stream recycling bin—January 2009):

- ◆ Wide-mouth plastic containers used for margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese, mayonnaise and sour cream. Empty prescription bottles (lids and caps do not need to be removed) and plastic drinking cups
- ◆ Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- ◆ Clean milk and juice cartons

NEW (to be taken to the citizen drop-off center and placed in container marked "rigid plastics"—January 2009)

- ◆ Rigid plastics which include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, totes, plastic drums, coolers, flower pots, water bottles, pallets, pet carriers, shelving, closet organizers, empty garbage/recycling bins.



Don't make excuses. Make a difference.






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Neighborhood Concerns: A Recipe for Success

Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods

Below you will find a guideline to help you better address your concerns more efficiently. Communication, holding people accountable and follow-up are the keys to resolving neighborhood and quality of life concerns. As a resident one should utilize the system in place to adequately address neighborhood problems.

1. **First call 311 for all non-emergency concerns.** Record the service request (confirmation) number and the timeframe provided to get the concern addressed.
2. If not addressed within the timeframe provided please contact 311 or go to 311 online to check the status of your request.
3. Provide your service request number to the 311 Call Center to advise that your concern has not been addressed.

Below you will find guidelines on how to best address on-going or complex concerns from a neighborhood perspective. Listed are neighborhood concerns and the city agency responsible for them. You will also see contact names, emails and phone numbers to better assist you. We encourage residents and community groups to build a working relationship with your respective outreach personnel below. The goal is to have city stakeholders and government on one accord working together to stabilize neighborhoods.

Listed are neighborhood concerns that come up frequently and how to address them:

Housing (Vacant properties that are open, have trash and debris, need mowing, and other code enforcement concerns)

- Call 311 to report your concern.
- If not addressed within the timeframe provided to you, call 311 for follow-up or your Housing Inspections Office Assistant Superintendent (410-545-1851) at the Southern District Housing Inspection Office with your Service Request Number for detailed information
- Always get the contact name of the person you talk too
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Note: Ask if there is a notice on the property and if it has been sent to Property Management at the Department of Public Works for cleaning, mowing or boarding.

Sanitation Enforcement (for occupied properties that have trash or high grass and weeds that violates the city code)

- Call 311 to report your concern
- If not addressed within the timeframe provided to you, call 311 for follow-up or your district Sanitation Enforcement Officer, Leon Green, (410-396-1712 x22008, leon.green@baltimorecity.gov) at the Sanitation Enforcement Office with your Service Request Number for detailed information
- Always get the contact name of the person you talk too
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Note: Ask if the property was cited and if it will be referred to housing inspections for further code and legal enforcement.

Solid Waste (Dirty alley or street, missed recycling or collection, graffiti)

- Call 311 to report your concern
- If not addressed within the timeframe provided to you, call 311 for follow-up
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Note: If the concern was not resolved please make it clear to the 311 Call Center and ask that they send it to the appropriate agency.

Department of Transportation

- Call 311 to report your concern
- If not addressed within the timeframe provided to you, call 311 for follow-up or your Transportation Community Outreach Liaison, Grishae Blackette (443-984-9095, grishae.blackette@baltimorecity.gov) at the Transportation Community Relations Office with your Service Request Number for more details
- Always get the contact name of the person you talk too
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Note: For traffic calming concerns please contact their office directly to start the process.

Police Department -Main number (District)

- For emergencies call 911
- Non emergencies (police concerns) call 311
- If police non-emergencies are not addressed, call your Police District Neighborhood Service Unit at 410-354-5169 at the Southern District
- Always get the contact name of the person you talk too
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Note: Please attend their Police District Community Relations Council the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Southern Police District Office at 10 Cherry Hill Road to meet the district major, lieutenants, sergeants and patrol officers that work in your district. These meetings are held to address public safety concerns in your neighborhood which they play a vital role in building better relationships to better serve your community.

If, after taking the steps outlined above your concern is still not addressed, please contact Ian Hines, Southern District Liaison in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, at 410-396-4735 or via email at Ian.Hines@baltimorecity.gov.

Thanks for helping Baltimore become a "Cleaner, Greener, Healthier and Safer" City to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods

South Baltimore Pet Health

Osteoarthritis

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Osteoarthritis, also called degenerative joint disease, is a condition in which the cartilage present in joints becomes damaged or worn. This deterioration of the cartilage induces secondary inflammation and pain in the joint. Osteoarthritis is a very common condition seen in both dogs and cats. While osteoarthritis is a progressive disease and is not curable, there are several ways to slow the progression of disease and to help control the inflammation and pain associated with this condition.

Animals with osteoarthritis typically have a hard time getting up or down from a laying position, seem stiff or even limp when they first get up, have difficulty going up or down stairs, or may no longer be able to jump onto furniture or into the car. Symptoms can be subtle at first but usually progress and become more obvious. Diagnosis of osteoarthritis is based on history of symptoms, physical exam and often times radiographs.

Managing osteoarthritis involves a multifaceted approach. Managing your pet's weight is a very important part of managing the symptoms of osteoarthritis. Being overweight increases the stress on the joints and makes it more difficult to move around. Pets should be fed a high quality diet in measured portions to maintain an ideal body weight. There are nutritional supplements available that contain Glucosamine and/or Chondroitin sulfate that help promote cartilage repair and slow destruction of cartilage. Managing pain and inflammation is also important in the management of osteoarthritis. Typically non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs) are used to control pain. These medications can have side effects and animals that are on these medications long-term should have periodic blood testing done. Moderate exercise is important to keep muscle tone and strength. Strenuous exercise should be avoided so as not to further damage the joints.

There are things you can do at home as well to help make your arthritic pet more comfortable. Providing well padded beds for pets to lie on, keeping food dishes, litter boxes and water easily accessible, putting carpet or non-skid runners on stairs or other slippery floor surfaces will make your pet more comfortable. Minimizing use of stairs or providing ramps for pets to use to get on furniture or up stairs will help reduce the risk of the pet injuring themselves. Pets with arthritis don't need to live in pain. Small lifestyle changes and developing a treatment plan with the help of your veterinarian will go a long way toward making your pet happier and more comfortable.

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