

SoBoImCo

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CSI—South Baltimore

By Marie Sennett

February 6, 2009, the head of maintenance at Silo Point heard gunshots near the model apartment. He ran in, and found one of his supervisors bleeding from a gunshot wound. He called 911. Officer U. R. Not and Detective Joseph Friday arrived on the scene with 50 assistants. The supervisor was dead. They found maintenance man John Bagman drunken and cowering in the basement, near the furnace. Bagman and the victim had been arguing for weeks over Bagman's sleeping in the apartment during working hours. The very intoxicated Mr. Bagman was brought to the police station and questioned. He admitted to the shooting and to throwing the gun into a dump truck passing by. Mr. Bagman was given a lawyer from the Public Defender's office after his confession. Trial was scheduled for March 12, 2009 and the prosecutors were hot to hang him high.

The South Baltimore Teen Council, our teen council, planned and hosted the city wide Teen CSI Baltimore this spring. Fifty teens from six different Recreation Centers throughout the city spent six weeks investigating a fake murder and bringing the case to trial. The project gave our city's teens a chance to see the criminal justice system in a positive way and learn about the many career opportunities it offers. They also spent time with teens outside of their neighborhood. Three agencies who are not know for cooperating with each other, the Baltimore Police, the Office of the Public Defender, and the State's

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Updated Contact Information

You can now find us on the web at www.mysobo.org. Along with our new website, we have new email addresses for our Board members, which can be found in the Committee Contacts section on page 3.

Get Out!

Citizens On Patrol (COP)

Monday, June 1

7:00p.m.

Meet at Riverside Gazebo

Join your neighbors in taking back the streets. All walks are with a police officer. Our neighborhood walks are always the first Monday of each month.

HonFest

June 13-14

All Day

Hampden

Break out the beehive, and head to the Avenue, Hon! Visit honfest.net for more info.

Neighborhood Social @ Muggsy's

Thursday, June 18

7:00p.m.—9:00p.m.

1236 Light Street

Come join your neighbors for a casual night out with drink specials and tasty food. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. See page 7 for more info.

Jazz & Blues Festival

Saturday, June 28

11:00a.m.—7:00p.m.

S. Charles St, btw West & Hamburg

Celebrate Federal Hill with live music and craft vendors, and Little One's Lane. Free admission. See page 10 for more info.

Play Ball!

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

Upcoming O's games:

June 9-11 vs. Seattle

June 12-14 vs. Atlanta

June 16-18 vs. New York Mets

June 26-28 vs. Washington

June 29-July 1 vs. Boston

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting will be
Tuesday, June 2nd
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, June 12th & 26th.



All recycling collected streetside



SoBolmCo

SoBolmCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association 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:

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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Newsletter@mysobo.org

We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBolmCo. 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 SBNA. Just contact an SBNA officer for more information.

Meetings

Community meetings of SBNA 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.mysobo.org

The South Baltimore Improvement Committee is now operating as the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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.

ART WORKSHOPS

Mondays, 5:45 p.m.

Art workshops inspired by Poe's literary legacy.

TOT SHABBAT

Fridays, 12:45 p.m.

A celebration of Jewish culture through stories, songs, and a snack.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH BOOK SALE

June 6, 10 a.m.

Don't miss the sale of gently used books and AV materials.

PRESS PLAY

June 9th, 3 p.m.

Impress your friends and show off your skills with Wii and board games.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2009

June 6, 10 a.m.

Join the 5th Annual Summer reading program for adults at the Light Street Branch!

EXPOSED: THE NARRATIVE LIFE OF TATTOOS

June 11, 7 p.m.

Care to tell your tattoo tale? Share it and bare it (tastefully) for this evening's portrait of tattoo art.

CONTAINER GARDENING

June 13, 10 a.m.

Learn how to make the most of your limited space and create an urban oasis.

A RETRO SOCK HOP

June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Local band Retro Rockets playing hits from the 50's and 60's.

PEST I.D. AND CONTROL

June 20, 10 a.m.

Learn to recognize and manage helpful and harmful plant pests.

THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

June 23, 2 p.m.

Cut, paste, draw, CREATE! Use your imagination and create big box art!

JOB SEARCHING AND NETWORKING STRATEGIES

July 13, 1 p.m.

Need a job fast? Learn about networking and the hidden job market.

RESUME 101

July 20, 1 p.m.

Learn how to create a resume that will get results.

INTERVIEWING BASICS

July 27, 1 p.m.

Going on a job interview soon? Learn how to ask great questions and ace the interview.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

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In a Minute

By Joe Costa

May General Meeting Report

Guest Speakers

Peter and Nancy Mickelsen, South Charles Street residents provided an update on their son Marshall who was brutally beaten at the intersection of Fort Avenue and Light Street. The incident, of 2-3 minutes duration, occurred on April 17 at around 2:00 am. Marshall is seen on surveillance camera video turning back to someone. The attack was not caught on tape. 2-3 minutes after being taped, Marshall was unconscious in the street with police on the scene. Marshall has been in a coma with severe head injuries at Maryland University Hospital Shock Trauma ever since. His prognosis is not good. His parents described this as a family changing event. They praised the medical services and support that the medical center has provided. As the event occurred at a time when bars in the area were closing, there is a good possibility there were

eyewitnesses to the incident. The police have asked that anyone with information about this gruesome incident come forward to them. Greg Blake extended condolences on behalf of the association and the neighborhood to Marshall and his parents.

Greg Blake recognized the presence of State Delegate *Brian McHale* at the meeting. Mr. McHale took the opportunity to mention a number of items to the membership, including:

- The State legislature got through the budget year during the economic crisis, with funding for medical care and public education prime areas of concern.
- Lottery legislation provides for an oversight group made up of 7 local and 4 business representatives appointed by the mayor. The President of SBNA is a recommended member of this group.
- Slot operations will lead to grants

for local projects.

- A free water taxi has been instituted between Tide Point and Fells Point.
- Funds are available to build a new Fort McHenry Visitors Center to accommodate what has gone from 200,000 to 600,000 visitors a year.
- A Masonville Environmental Center opened recently. This was made possible by diverse interests on the one hand seeking additional dredge disposal and on the other a wild life refuge in the Fairfield area. The center offers exhibits and environmental classes.
- Mr. McHale has an office at the corner of Light and Montgomery Streets. His contact information appears in the monthly SBNA newsletter.

Officer Butterbean of the Southern Police District provided the following:

- He re-iterated the police's call for

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City Agency Contacts Southern District

PLEASE NOTE: Always call 311 to report any non-emergency neighborhood concern to our 311 Call Center. Your concern will be entered into the 311 system, a service request (confirmation number) will be provided and the timeframe in which that specific concern should be addressed. If the concern is not addressed within that timeframe provided, please call back 311 or check the status online.

For more in-depth details and follow-up you should contact the outreach staff below listed for their respective agencies. Providing the agency personnel with your service request number will help to expedite their response to your inquiries. 311 is available by phone and online at www.baltimorecity.gov. Reminder: You can also track your service request online once it has been entered into the system

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Alley & Footpath Gating and Greening

Did you ever dream about creating a quiet space or a green space in your alley? While not possible everywhere, many of our citizens have asked City Government to give them the legal tools to make this happen where it can happen. We listened and acted! Now you have one more way to make Baltimore Cleaner and Greener.

- Baltimore has approximately 600 miles of alleys; some private, most public.
- Public alleys are used for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, recycling and trash collection, utility

connections, drainage, car washing and game playing.

- Some residents wish to limit access to their alley with locked gates. They wish to eliminate the cars, the noise, the littering or the loitering. This is called ALLEY GATING.

Other citizens wish to create a green oasis for their neighborhood by taking this one step further: ALLEY GATING AND GREENING.

THE LAW

In 2007, Mayor Sheila Dixon signed

the Gating and Greening Alleys Ordinance. This allows the Department of Public Works (DPW) to receive, evaluate and process requests for alley gating and/or greening.

Generally, alleys are eligible if the adjacent structures are mostly residential; the alley is no longer needed for through pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and the gating and/or greening will promote public health, safety or welfare.

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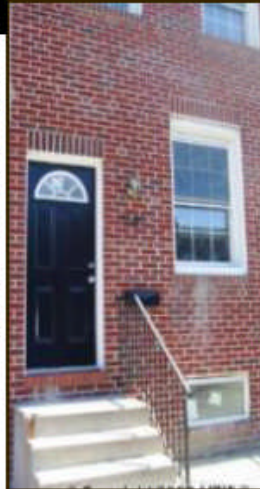
\$135,000
BA7026057
Steve Strohecker
410.804.1325



FEDERAL HILL

Charming renovated 2 BR, 2BA townhome steps from Riverside Park! Features hardwood floors, exposed brick, updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances and gorgeous maple cabinets. Rear patio, home warranty and 1K allowance for new carpet.

\$239,000
BA7007502
Judith Grauer
443.804.6336



WASHINGTON VILLAGE

Beautiful 2BR, 2.5BA renovated row home w/ Brazilian Floors, upgrade carpet in bsmt., gourmet kitchen, ss apps., patio, C/A- quality workmanship! Finished basement w/ possible 3rd BR.

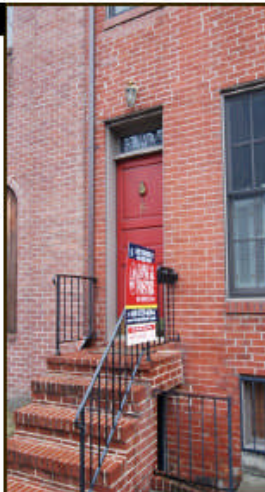
\$248,000
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Only 1 Left! New Construction! This 3BR, 2BA home features an open floor plan, 2 car garage and 2 car parking pad, roof top terrace w/ great views and granite, maple cabinets and more! Call today for your personal tour.

\$445,750
BA6996598
Colleen Boggs
410.336.5243



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Adorable renovated 3-story townhome w/ 3 BR, 2 BA, separate living and dining rooms, 2 working fireplaces and a great layout for roommates. The private rear patio is perfect for summer entertaining. Close to Federal Hill and the Inner Harbor.

\$329,900
BA7031409
Eric Figurelle
410.952.5099



FEDERAL HILL

Outstanding townhome w/ 2 BR, 2.5 BA, refinished wood floors, exposed brick, separate dining and living room, beautiful kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances, huge rear patio for entertaining and a roof top deck w/ great views.

\$295,000
BA7046394
Eric Figurelle
410.952.5099



FEDERAL HILL

The waterview from this roof deck does not get better than this! Recent renovations to this 2BR, 2BA include skylight, plantation shutters and more! Features refinished hardwood floors, new kitchen w/ granite and master bath w/ granite vanity and beautiful tiles!

\$314,270
BA6928663
Joseph Barnes
443.413.7319



FEDERAL HILL

This amazing 2BR, 2BA townhome features hardwood floors, carpet, beautifully restored staircase, separate dining room, deck, finished lower level with full bath and an enormous kitchen for entertaining.

\$265,000
BA7022722
Chris Currey
410.336.5244



FEDERAL HILL

This 2BR, 1.5BA renovated town home features hardwood floors, exposed brick, a gourmet kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances and granite, separate dining and living rooms. Unique touches in full bath. Parking.

\$249,900
BA7003213
Chris Currey
410.336.5244

To Join Our Office Call Steve Strohecker at 410.727.4644!

Summer Pet Care

Jill Shook, DVM, CityPets Veterinary Care & Wellness

The hot, humid days of summer are almost upon us and we're all looking forward to outdoor picnics, street festivals, fireworks and long weekends. The outdoor activities and nice weather that we enjoy may not be so enjoyable for our furry friends. It's important to keep our pet's needs in mind during the hot summer weather.

Pets can easily become overheated and dehydrated in hot weather. Pets should not be left in cars for any period of time in hot weather. Make sure to limit your pet's exercise to early morning and late evening when the temperature is cooler. Even then, limit the amount of activity to make sure your pet does not become overheated. Animals are not able to dissipate heat from their body as easily as humans can. They pant to help give off excess heat and can sweat a small amount from their paw pads, but that's it. It is very easy for animals to

become overheated and suffer from heatstroke. Heatstroke is very serious and life threatening. Symptoms of heatstroke include weakness, labored breathing, frantic panting, a glazed look to the eyes, vomiting, rapid heart rate, and collapse. Any animal suspected of having heatstroke needs to be seen by a veterinarian right away.

Water, water, water!! Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh, cool water available at all times. If you're going on a walk, even a short one, have water with you and offer it to your pet often. Try walking in the shade or at least take breaks in shaded areas during walks.

As much as we all like to show off our dogs and take them out in public for everyone to meet, street festivals and firework exhibitions are not the place. These situations are usually very stressful for animals and very hot; of-

ten with little to no shade, or water, available. Please leave your dogs at home during these events.

Of course summer is a very popular time for us humans to vacation so make sure your pets are taken care of too. If you're planning to kennel your pet make sure the vaccinations are up to date. Most boarding kennels book up quickly in the summer so be sure to make your reservation as far in advance as possible.

And don't forget that heartworms, fleas and ticks like warm weather too. So make sure your pet is on monthly heartworm and flea and tick prevention. Pets should be on these preventatives all year, but make sure not to skip any of the warmer weather months.

Have a safe and happy summer!

The Parking Spot

The Baltimore City RPP Office has let us know that the new hour signs for Area 30 have been ordered. We are expecting 300 to 400 new signs to be installed. All Area 30 blocks will be included in the change. As a reminder the new hours will be:

Monday—Saturday:

7am to 6pm 2 hour unrestricted parking

6pm to 7am no parking without a valid decal or pass

Sunday:

7am to 2pm 2 hour unrestricted parking

2pm to 7am Mon. no parking without a valid decal or pass

The installation should begin at the end of the summer.

Please contact Debbie Alt or Cynthia Griffin if you have any questions.

Social

Please join us for a neighborhood social at Muggsy's on Thursday, June 18th starting at 7pm. We'll be commandeering the upstairs bar where you can enjoy the wide variety of beers on tap, as well as \$2 domestic bottle specials, and a sampling of the delicious Panini and other menu offerings.

\$5 for SBNA members or \$7 for non-members.



1236 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
Open Monday-Saturday

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Attorney's Officer, worked hard as a team to give the teens the best experience possible.

The event kicked off with the shooting at Silo Point. With the help of Officers Crocker and Butterbean, the teens learned how to secure the scene, question witnesses, and begin to gather evidence. Next the teens met with homicide detectives and learned how homicide detectives put the evidence together and the art of interrogation. They learned why you never allow the police to interrogate you without a lawyer by your side.

The third week the teens went to the Mobil Crime Unit at Police Headquarters learning how the lab technicians test for DNA, collect fingerprints, and determine if someone has been near a gun that was fired. Some teens were fingerprinted for fun. Week four, with volunteers from the State's Attorneys Office of Baltimore City, the Office of the Public Defender, and Officers Crocker and Butterbean, the teens began to make their case. They arrested the alleged murderer and gave him a bail hearing. On a Saturday in week five, the teens learned all about trial practice and cross examined witnesses.



Getting a lesson in evidence

March 12, 2009, Mr. Bagman was taken to trial. The Honorable Althea M. Handy lent her large courtroom to the teens. Center Stage provided police uniforms and lab coats. Teen lawyers forcefully cross examined witnesses played by other teens. The witnesses tried to avoid answering the pointed questions, but the teen lawyers refused to let them wiggle out of it. Teen jurors listened to passionate closing arguments. The Prosecutors: Mr. Bagman was a cold blooded killer; he killed his boss just to get some sleep. The Defense: No Bagman was drunk, he didn't know what he was doing, a father of four kids who needed a daddy. The State's Rebuttal: the kids have a mother to be with them and she can find a new daddy, this man was a threat to the community, he killed someone over sleep, he needs to go away. The jury was

out for ten minutes before they came back with their verdict: Murder in the First Degree – Not Guilty, Murder in the Second Degree – Not Guilty, Involuntary Intoxication – Guilty. Bagman's defense team gasped at their success, the prosecution team was in a quandary – how did this happen? The applause came and the teens came back to reality – it was fake after all.

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD

First talk to your neighbors to see if this is something they would like to do. After all, this is your project and you will have to bear all the costs.

Once everyone is in agreement, you will need to take the following steps:

THE PROCESS

1. Send us a written request to evaluate your alley. Include a map and photographs.

You can email these to: alley.gating@baltimorecity.gov

or send them to:

ALLEY GATING/GREENING Development Center – DPW Room 204, 200 Holliday St. Baltimore, MD 21202

2. Once preliminary approval is given, also be required.

you may request an application. Complete and return it either on-line or to the address listed above. Forms can be obtained by calling 311, 410-396-4283 or by email at alley.gating@baltimorecity.gov. You should include alley photographs. A \$250 processing fee is also required.

3. Your application will be reviewed. Please keep in mind that the interests of all legal users of the alley must be considered. Public safety is the first and foremost consideration in the approval process.

4. All property owners abutting your alley will be asked to sign a consent form. Your community will enter into a lease agreement with the City. Approval from your local fire station will

5. Alley greening projects require engineering drawings. Before any work begins, your contractor will be required to obtain the necessary right-of-way permits from the DPW Development Center, along with a DPW approved developer's agreement for alley greening.

6. Other steps in this process include public notice, a public hearing and approval by the Baltimore City Board of Estimates.

7. Begin your project!

THE JOY!

Your work is done. Enjoy your new surroundings.

To Apply Call:


410-396-GATE (410-396-4283)

Block Captains Wanted

With over 1900 households in the boundaries of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association, it can be difficult for us to keep all of our residents up to date on the most current information, not to mention the fact that life in SoBo can be a completely different experience from one end to the next. With that in mind, SBNA is looking for volunteers to serve as block captains. We would like the block captains to be willing to serve as an intermediate point of contact between SBNA and the block captain's immediate neighbors, and have available names, phone numbers and email addresses (if possible) so that time-sensitive information can be shared immediately (think of an old-fashioned phone tree). Examples of when this system might be useful is during street closures for

the water main upgrade and other public emergencies, as well as reminder notices of neighborhood cleanups. Additionally, we hope that block captains can help us keep track of vacant & problem properties, as well as welcoming new residents to the neighborhood. We would also encourage block captains to work with their neighbors on fun events like block parties and stoop nights. Ideally, we'd like each block captain to be responsible for no more than 100 households, or both sides of the longer north-south blocks, and possibly include the intersecting blocks.


If you're interested in becoming a block captain, please contact Julie at President@mysobo.org or 410.547.7467



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Police and Community Relations

By Tom & Carrie Bullock

Welcome to our monthly column on crime, prevention and general information on police and community relations. Our first order of business is to thank you for electing us to the post.

In future columns, and on the new website, we will be posting crime statistics for our neighborhood, announcements and important information from the Baltimore PD and, of course, ways you can prevent crime in South Baltimore. Right now, we're still gearing up – but here is some useful information and links:

311 CALLS: Operators will now staff Baltimore's 311 service from 6am to 10pm 7 days a week. 311 is the city's service for all non-emergency issues such as water main breaks, traffic light outages, trash and debris, etc. Baltimore does have an online version of 311 which will remain in operation, we're told, 24/7. That website can be found at https://baltimore.customerservicerequest.org/web_intake_balt/Controller.

C.O.P. Walks – Citizens On Patrol (or C.O.P.) walks are a

great way to take part in making our streets a little safer. Residents and police officers walk together through a designated neighborhood taking note of, well, just about everything. Why should you take part? It's your chance to show the Baltimore PD exactly what and where your concerns are – down to the house, lot, corner and person. We'll have more on this program in future columns. The next scheduled C.O.P. Walks in our area include the Riverside/SBIC walk on Monday, June 1 (meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave & E Randall St & Riverside Ave), and the Federal Hill/Federal Hill South walk on Monday, June 8 (meet at Porter's Pub, E. Cross St. & Riverside Ave). You can find out more about C.O.P. walks and see a schedule at <http://sdpcrc.org/copschedule.aspx>

E-MAIL US CONCERNS – We are, after all, here to help. Please feel free to e-mail concerns, problems, ideas (really, whatever!) at policerelations@mysobo.org. We promise to get back to you quickly and do our best to follow up with our local police.



Historic Federal Hill Main Street's Jazz & Blues Festival Sunday June 28

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Clean & Green

By Marianne Armstrong

Community Garden! It's been pro-
posed that the "Sitting Park" at Light
and Heath Streets be converted to a
community garden space. The Parks &
People Foundation, which provides
grants through its "Neighborhood
Greening" and "Partnership for Parks"
programs, has told me that this com-
munity garden initiative would be an
excellent opportunity for which to
submit a grant proposal this fall.

I'll be attending a proposal workshop
in the middle of June to help to refine
our concept and optimize our pro-
posal. If you're interested in helping
to brainstorm / fund / create this gar-
den, give me a call – 443.622.5141 –
or send me an email.

**More about the street cleaning peti-
tions:** SBNA is currently working on

obtaining mechanical street cleaning
services from the City for the western
sides of Light, Charles, and Hanover
streets. The cleaning services require
that 50% of residents along these
streets sign a petition to allow the
street cleaning, because there will be
a no-parking restriction for the west-
ern side of the street during a 2-4
hour window on a particular weekday.

**We need volunteers to help gather
signatures.** I'd be happy to email you
a copy of the petition form or hand-
deliver hard copies – just let me know.
The petition forms will also be avail-
able at SBNA's General Meeting.

Our Neighborhood Clean-Ups have
been having progressively better turn-
outs. It's great to see so many resi-
dents making use of the dumpster
and taking an hour or two to clean up

the streets and sidewalks. Please re-
member that our Clean-Ups are not a
big commitment, and that you're wel-
come to target your own block or
backyard if you'd prefer. The more
participation, the better! Please stay
tuned for the next Clean-Up date
(previous date – May 30th).

In follow up to the "Doggie Etiquette"
article in last month's newsletter,
please remember the importance of
cleaning up after your pet in your own
yard. Summer is fast approaching, and
along with it comes the increased ro-
dent and insect population. Please
help us fight these infestations by us-
ing trash cans with tight-fitting lids,
and keeping your yard free of debris
and animal waste.

PETITION FOR MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPING

We, the following residents/businesses in the _____ block of _____, do hereby request mechanical sweeping on the _____ side(s) of the street in our block. We realize that this mechanical sweeping will require "no parking" during certain hours on alternate sides of the street. Petitions must have at least 50% of the block's households/businesses in favor. We understand that when sweeping takes place that cars parked in no parking areas on sweeping days may be towed, ticketed, and/or the street may be skipped by the sweeper. By signing this petition we formally request street sweeping service on our block.

If you agree please sign below.

Name	Address	Phone number	Signature	Date

Please note: 50% of the residents of one side of the street must sign this petition before it will be considered. If you are interested in street sweeping on your block, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you collect as many signatures from your neighbors, otherwise the petition will not advance to the City for consideration. The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association does not currently have the volunteers to collect signatures on your behalf. If you would like to volunteer to collect petition signatures, please contact Marianne Armstrong at CleanGreen@mysobo.org.

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information about the Marshall Mickelsen incident.

- Auto larceny is a prime crime in our area. Residents need to remove valuables from their cars to reduce the incentive for this crime, and ensure their car doors are locked to prevent easy access to their cars. Car robberies have occurred around the Post Office on Ostend, and on Hanover and Barney streets.
- There have been a few burglaries in the area for which no particular pattern applies, which the police are working on.
- There will be a Police Explorers advisory meeting to discuss activities with participating kids. An upcoming open house to support the Ex-

plorers is being planned. It will be announced in the newsletter.

- Donations for the Explorers are needed, including for the purchase of Oriole tickets.
- Officer Butterbean can be reached at kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org or by calling the Southern Police District and asking for him.

Greg Blake stressed the importance of citizen participation in monthly COP Walks. These occur on the first Monday each month, meeting at 7:00 pm, at the Riverside Park Gazebo.

New Police/Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs--Greg Blake introduced Carrie and Tom Bullock to the members as joint candidates to

chair this committee. They briefly introduced themselves to the members, as they had already done in a letter appearing in the May newsletter. They live at Light and Heath Streets. Tom is a D.C. reporter. Carrie works at the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. As committee chairs their intent is to stay abreast of pertinent incidents, events, activities and information and to keep the community informed. They emphasized the importance of working together as a community. They feel as co-chairs they can put their best efforts forward. Members present voted Carrie and Tom in as committee co-chairs.



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SBNA Membership Application

For just \$5 per person, you can become a member of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association, a non-profit 501(c)3 community organization. Your dues help SBNA 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: SBNA, PO Box 6364, Baltimore, MD 21230, or bring it to a General Membership meeting. Please do not mail cash. All dues are tax-deductible under Federal guidelines.

Name 1 : _____

Name 2: _____

Street Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am interested in the following committees/positions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Design Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor License Advisory | <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Community Relations | |