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A Cleaner, Greener, Baltimore!



Clean Green, and Happy!

Save Time and Energy!

This July came two big RECYCLE change that many championed for, but did not come without opposition. As with any new program, it is not without it's bumps in the roads. If your trash collection or recycling was not picked up, call 311 to report it or online <https://baltimore.customerservicerequest.org/>. You can use any container you want for recycling, just mark it "RECYCLE". Overall it has been a big success in making Baltimore cleaner and greener! Your cans don't have to wait out for 2 weeks to be picked up anymore! As a reminder, Do NOT put your trash out in bags, this creates a buffet for rats. Make sure to use a can with a tight fitting lid to ensure your trash is secure from rats.

This past May, a **free** water taxi shuttle began to operate between Locust Point and Fells Point. Using money from a new federal stimulus grant, city will buy two additional boats, expanding the free service to Canton service in mid-fall.

Coming soon.... *The Charm City Circular*. A free and easy way to get around downtown! You can sign up for text alerts, view route maps and get more information by visiting <http://www.yournameyourride.com/>

Save the Dates!

*The Mayor's Clean Up is scheduled for
October 18th – meeting location TBD.*

*The next neighborhood clean ups will be
November 21 (Fort & Charles).*

Community Meeting

*The next General Meeting
will be*

*Tuesday, September 1st
At 7:00 p.m.*

*At Olive Branch UMC
(Corner of S. Charles St. & Fort Ave.)*

It's Voting Time!

Are you Ready?

The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association's annual Board elections are coming up at the General Membership Meeting on October 6th. The four elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running or nominating a candidate for any of these positions, please contact Julie at 410.547.7467 or email president@mysobo.org

INTERESTED IN
RUNNING?

If you are interested in voting at the upcoming elections, please be sure to pay your dues no later than September 23rd.

ARE
YOUR DUES
PAID ?



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**
P.O. Box 6364
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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. 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 St. & Fort Ave.

Website

www.mysobo.org

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

Lots Happening at the Light Street Branch Library

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

For children up to the age of three with their caregivers.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

For ages 3-5 with their caregivers.

SONGS OF BALTIMORE

Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m.

Light Street LIVE! The Dan Meyer Choir performs Baltimore themed music. FREE!!!

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH

Monday, September 14, 6:15 p.m.

Join the Light Street Friends, support your local library and make a difference in your community!

NATIVE AMERICANS: MARYLAND'S FIRST RESIDENTS

Thursday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the lives of Maryland's Native Americans lived and interacted with early explorers and settlers of the Chesapeake Bay. Presented by Jeff Korman, Manager of the EPFL's Maryland Department.

THE BOOK BUNCH

Thursdays, September 17 & 24, 4 p.m.

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

ART FOR EVERYONE

Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

NATTY BONES

Monday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Light Street LIVE! Natty Bones, a trombone quartet composed of members from U.S. military bands, will perform a mix of classical, jazz and modern favorites. FREE!!

LIGHT STREET BRANCH BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 24, 6:45 p.m.

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

READ ME

Tuesday, September 29, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life. This month the discussion will be on Song Yet Sung by James McBride, the One Maryland One Book selection.

Enoch Pratt Free Library
Light Street Branch, 1251 Light Street
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And Support The Explorer's Program



The Baltimore Police Department's Explorers Program partners youths from the ages of 14 to 20 with police officers who serve as mentors. The Explorer's Program has 500 Orioles Vouchers they are selling as a fund-raiser. The vouchers are good for all Orioles home games with the exception of Yankees and the Red Sox. The vouchers are \$15.00 for upper and lower reserve seats. Simply present the voucher at the ticket window and they give you

a ticket for where you would like to sit. Buy a voucher now and choose the game you would like to see later on! To purchase tickets, call the police station at 410-396-2499 or email Police Officer Kevin Vaught, at kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org or

Upcoming Orioles Games:

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9/4/2009	7:05 PM	vs. Rangers	9/18/2009	7:05 PM	vs. Red Sox
9/5/2009	7:05 PM	vs. Rangers	9/19/2009	7:05 PM	vs. Red Sox
9/6/2009	1:35 PM	vs. Rangers	9/20/2009	1:35 PM	vs. Red Sox
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LIQUOR BOARD ADVISORY

By Tom Jones

At the general meeting on July 7th I informed the attendees of the potential transfer of liquor license from the owners of Billabong (formerly Turner's) on Cross St. The new potential owners are planning on opening "Federales" on 1100 S. Charles St (where the old auto shop is across from the front of Cross St. market).

According to the potential new owners they would like Federales to be an "upscale Mexican food restaurant." The menu and further information was provided at a meet and greet in Ryleigh's Oyster on July 15th.

There were some questions that I brought to the meet and greet from the SBNA general membership that are answered below. At the time of printing, SBNA and the potential owners were engaged in negotiations involving the owners signing an agreement which outlines

the responsibilities of being a good neighbor. Please contact me if you have further questions/concerns about this agreement or transfer (currently scheduled for July 23rd).

- What will happen to the old Billabong (Turner's) building?

This building will be closed, and pending a successful transfer, the liquor license will be at Federales. The building will likely be leased by another business although the type of business is not known at this time.

- Will there be live entertainment at Federales?

No, they will only have "normal" restaurant music on speakers.

- Will there be extra parking?

There are plans for 8-10+ valet spots but there was previously no parking for Billabong.

- What is the planned menu?

They are planning "upscale Mexican food" and showcased some of their menu at the meet and greet.

- Will this add to the number of people in Federal Hill?

The owners contend that they will not be adding people to the area. They say that people already in the area will be drawn from other dining establishments. They also say they want to maintain the bar area of the restaurant as a "Gentleman's Pub" which means they defined as a low key and slightly older crowd. The intent is to introduce more upscale dining to the area and not to create another mega bar.

- Who are the owners /management team?

The team consists of an owner with over 35 years of restaurant experience, managers and an assistant chef that have been employed at Ryleigh's Oyster.

- What are the number of diners that Federales will hold?

The owners estimate 250-300.



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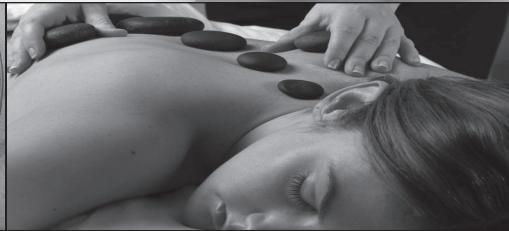
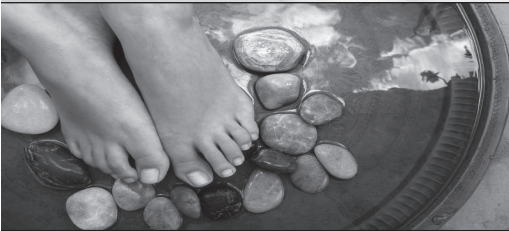
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To become a member, please fill out and return this form with payment to: SBNA, PO Box 6364, Baltimore, MD 21230, or bring it to a General Membership meeting. Please do not mail cash. All dues are tax-deductible under Federal guidelines.

Name 1 : _____

Name 2: _____


Street Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am interested in the following committees/positions:


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Citizens On Patrol (COP) - Riverside
Wednesday, September 9th
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. Following the Riverside/SBNA C.O.P. walk, join your neighbors at RUB (corner of Light St. and Wells St.) for delicious barbecue and drink specials!

Citizens On Patrol (COP) - Federal Hill
Monday, September 14th, 7:00p.m.

Meet at Porter's Pub, E Cross St & Riverside Ave.
Join your neighbors in taking back the streets. All walks are with a police officer. Our neighborhood walks are always the second Monday of each month. Dogs are welcome as long as you clean up after them!

*** If it is raining or over 90 degrees at 6pm, the walk is cancelled.

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