

# SBNA Newsletter

A publication of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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December 2010

## Area 30 Parking Renewal Now in January

Area 30 Parking permits will now be issued in January 2011, instead of December 2010, and 2010 permits/passes will be extended to expire January 31 2011, instead of December 31, 2010. Online renewal starts 11/20/2010 (same as always) with the neighborhood pick ups taking place in January 2011. Dates for neighborhood pickups to be announced.

Expiration of 2010 permits/passes: January 31, 2011

Online Renewal Starts: November 20, 2010

Neighborhood Pickups: Month of January 2011 (Dates/location TBD)

Please note the following change in rules for visitor passes - by location of new language:

FRONT: OWNERSHIP OF THIS PASS IS NON-TRANSFERABLE

BACK: LINE #1: VISITOR PERMITS MAY NOT BE USED BY RESIDENTS IN LIEU OF A DECAL

LINE#6: ABUSE: ABUSE OF A VISITOR PASS IS DEFINED AS ANY VEHICLE DISPLAYING THIS PERMIT 3 OR MORE TIMES A WEEK FOR 3 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. PERMITS MUST BE SURRENDERED TO THE PARKING AUTHORITY UPON REQUEST.

Contact Cynthia Griffin should you have any questions: [www.area30parking.com](http://www.area30parking.com)

### Next Community Meeting:

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

7:00pm

Church of the Advent

1301 S. Charles Street

### SBNA needs block captains!

Now that the newsletter is back and delivered monthly, we want your help distributing! Please email us at:

[newsletter@mysobo.org](mailto:newsletter@mysobo.org) to volunteer for January!

### December Social!



THE RESERVE

Wednesday, 12/8 @ 7:00pm

Free food and drink specials will be provided. The Reserve is giving to Toys for Tots this holiday season. If you would like to contribute, please bring a child appropriate gift.

**Festive  
Flavors**  
of Historic  
Federal Hill  
\$55<sup>00</sup>



Groups meet at  
Shofer's Furniture  
6:00 p.m. SHARP.  
(930 S. Charles St.)

Proceeds go to Federal Hill Business Association and  
Federal Hill Main Street for community improvement efforts.



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:

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### **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 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Advent located at the 1301 S. Charles Street.

### **Website**

[www.mysobo.org](http://www.mysobo.org)

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

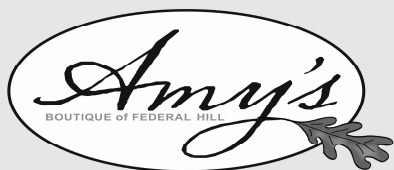
## ***In a Minute.....***

***By: Dennis Plouff***

- Ruth Hewlitt of the Riverside Stage announced a **free presentation of A Christmas Carol** December 10 - 19. Call 410-837-0971 for reservations. The Theater is at 1530 Battery Ave.
- **Parking Committee Report** - Debbie Alt: On November 20, 2010 we can start registering on the Parking Authority's web site for 2011 parking passes. The parking passes can be picked up at the Church of the Advent, 1302 Patapsco, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends of January. They can also be picked up at the Parking Authority starting January 3, 2011.
- There have been problems with parking passes being illegally sold on Craigslist. Please let Debbie know if you see this happening. She is going to organize a meeting with the Parking Authority to stress enforcement of the parking regulations.
- **Newsletter Report** - Lisa Wilde/ Lindsay Porter: The Newsletter has been resurrected and will be distributed again starting with the December issue. It will be hand delivered by volunteers. Please contact Lindsay at [editor@mysobo.com](mailto:editor@mysobo.com) to help with this delivery effort.
- Donnie Fair has been working on a new website format which should be ready the end of November. If you would like to add content to the website, contact Lisa at [newsletter@mysobo.org](mailto:newsletter@mysobo.org).
- **Teen Council Report** - Marie Sennett: The teens will be hosting a meeting with Congressman Cummings, December 4, 2010 at Stevenson University. It is anticipated there will be 400 attendees. The Reserve has donated 1000 flyers for advertising the event.
- Marie is looking for volunteers to help her with the regular teen meetings on Thursday nights.
- **Liquor Advisory Committee Report** - Amy Mutch: The request to transfer a liquor license to 1834 S. Charles was withdrawn by the applicant due to opposition by the nearby neighbors.
- Donnie Fair will set up a meeting between the new owners of Taps and the surrounding neighbors to discuss the future of that establishment.
- **Proposed Development at 20 E. Fort Avenue** (The old CVS Building): Ray Jackson of Stonewall Capital, representing the owner and the contractor, presented the project to the membership. He was accompanied by the owner's attorney, Joe Walton. He has applied for a zoning variance to provide an 18-foot rear yard in lieu of the required 30-foot rear yard. He is asking for a letter from SBNA in support of the variance request. The Zoning Board hearing is November 9, 2010. The city Site Plan Review Committee has granted preliminary site plan approval.
- Plans call for 10 fee simple market rate townhouses. 5 will front on Fort Ave., 5 will front on Birkhead Street. The rear yards will be accessed via a common driveway which will come off of Patapsco Street. Each unit will have a one car garage and a one car angled parking pad in front of the garage. A Homeowners Association will be established to maintain the common driveway and landscaped areas.
- The discussion by the membership included concern that the project would negatively impact parking in the neighborhood, that we need more retail in the neighborhood and not more residential. Support for the project was also voiced.
- The subsequent vote by members present on the question of writing a letter in support of the variance request was 11 - yes, 6-no, 5-abstaining. Therefore, we will send a letter to the Zoning Board in favor of the zoning variance request.
- **Other business:** Debbie Alt mentioned that a Federal Hill Cookbook has been is available for \$20. Contact her for more details.

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**To my wonderful neighbors, Happy  
Holidays from Amy's Boutique and  
best wishes for the New Year!**



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# A Christmas Carol

the Musical

December 10 - 19

Fri, Sat at 8, Sun at 3

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