

SBNA Newsletter

A publication of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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Do you know your neighbors? Some of your neighbors have been here for decades, raising children, living and working here in South Baltimore. They have watched the neighborhood change over the years- new people coming and going- the hanging flower pots added, the new rooftop decks being built, shops opening and sometimes closing... life goes on in South Baltimore- in many ways it has changed but it has also stayed the same.

Some of the families in our neighborhood have been here for generations. At our last SBNA social we had a presentation that honored one such family, The Lowe and Martin Family that has been in the same rowhouse, holding down the fort so to speak, since 1894. Four generations have lived in their home on South Charles Street, watching over the neighborhood. Their beginnings in this country started at Locust Point piers, in which they came to America from England.

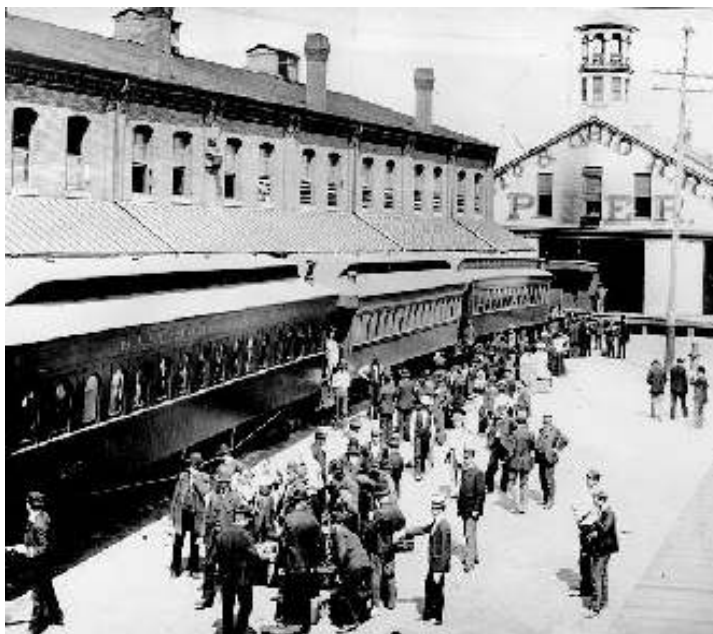
SBNA would like to reach out to those neighborhood families' that have been in South Baltimore for generations and hear your story. We are planning a future event in which historical information, anecdotes and interesting stories will be gathered and documented for the generations after us - if you are willing to share your family's tale of living here in South Baltimore, we would love to hear from you.

If you know of anyone else who might not receive this Newsletter but might have some interesting contributions, please pass that information to us also.

We are currently compiling a list of neighbors that would like to

have some fun and participate in this effort. Please contact Dennis Plouff at secretary@mysobo.org or 410.385.9969 to get on the list.

Image: Immigrants at Locust Point



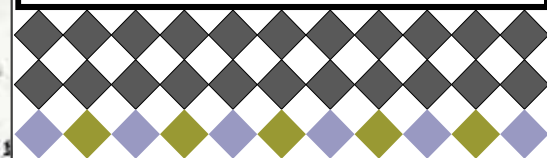
February Social!

Where: Ryleigh's

When: Monday 2/28, 7:00p

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Next Community Meeting:

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

7:00pm

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

Website

www.mysobo.org

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

General Membership Meeting 01/04/2011

Respectfully Submitted by Dennis Plouff

1. Treasurer's Report - Matt Eskridge

Current SBNA Account information:

- General Fund = \$2,075.60
- Heath Street Community Garden Fund = \$3,325.95
- Sitting Park Fund = \$ 18.30
- Teen Council 2010 Fund = \$4,420.81
- Tree Fund = \$ 97.00

Membership fees for 2011 are now due (\$5) - please see Matt for payment.

2. Clean & Green Committee Report - Heidi Vorrasi

Heidi is organizing a second community garden in the sitting park at the corner of Heath St. and Light St. She is asking for assistance in obtaining donations from businesses. Let Heidi know if you can assist her in obtain donations. Such donations result in a stronger application by SBNA for grant money.

3. Parking Committee Report - Debbie Alt

Information regarding the schedule and location for picking up 2011 parking passes were distributed. The parking passes can be picked up at the Church of the Advent, 1302 Patapsco, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weekends of January. They can also be picked up at the Parking Authority starting January 3, 2011. The 2010 permits will be honored until January 31, 2011.

Debbie will be attending the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) meeting on January 13. She would like input from members that she can pass on to the Parking Authority. In response to a question, Debbie mentioned that the City is not presently enforcing the use of garage or parking pad spaces in rear yards. Enforcement is left up to the neighborhoods. The RPP authority and the City enforcement agency are totally separate agencies.

4. Zipcar Presentation

Tiffany James of the Baltimore Parking Authority presented information on the Zipcar program. In general, this is a membership car sharing program geared towards taking cars off the road and reducing member's car related expenses. There are Zipcar stations throughout the City - the nearest location to us is at the 7-11 on Hanover St. Zipcar desires to establish two more spaces next to the Circulator stop on Ostend St. which would eliminate two existing public parking spaces. A vote was taken in favor of supporting the two additional Zipcar spaces. Greg Blake will contact our Councilman, Ed Reisinger, and inform him of our support. Zipcar can create a special account for SBNA members for annual fees and for hourly rates during the week. SBNA will coordinate with Zipcar to set up a discount account. For further Zipcar information please see www.zipcar.com or 1-866-4ZIPCAR to create an account. Tiffany James from the Baltimore city parking authority can be reached at 443-573-2280. "

5. Teen Council Report - Jim Salvucci for Marie Sennett

Marie is desperately looking for volunteers to help her with the regular teen-meetings on Thursday nights at 7:00 at the Ella Bailey Rec Center. Please contact Marie at TeenCouncil@mysobo.org.

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6. Social Committee Report - Christie Blake

The next social will be 1/25/11 at Abbey Bistro Burger. Free appetizers and drink specials. There will also be a 2/28/11 social at Ryleigh's Oyster Bar.

7. Liquor Advisory Committee Report - Amy Mutch

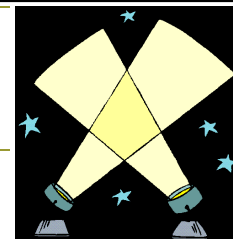
The Taps liquor license was transferred 12/14/2010. SBNA has met with the new owners but no written contract has yet been signed with SBNA. The establishment is being upgraded, including a new kitchen. It will open in January as an Irish Pub and is hoping to attract neighborhood clientele.

Taverna Corvino is proposing to expand into the 2nd floor and the adjacent building. Brian McComas, the owner, could not attend tonight's meeting as planned, but will attend the next Executive Board Meeting to discuss his plans.

There was much discussion among the member's regarding the negative impacts on our residents and personal property by the patrons of the bars in our neighborhood. The general consensus was that SBNA needs to increase its efforts to work with the bar owners to eliminate these continuing and worsening problems.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Q&A with Dave, owner of Federal Hill Printing



So, how long have you been doing business in Federal Hill?

We opened our shop in 2004. I grew up in Federal Hill on Montgomery St. so I know the area pretty well. I moved back to Baltimore in 2002. When I had the opportunity to open up my own shop, this was the place.

What services do you provide?

We do it all. We print business cards, postcards, brochures. We also print tee shirts and banners, and color copies. Our clients range from neighborhood folks to businesses to government agencies to Fortune 100 companies. We have a facility about 20 miles from downtown where all of our big equipment is. We are both neighborhood shop and a big business in one. We don't leave anyone out.

What are your hours? Where are you located?

Our downtown location is located at 914 Light St, on the corner of Wheeling St and Light. We are open from 9 to 5:30, Monday thru Friday. We also have a location in Reisterstown, MD. And, we are considering opening up a 3rd location in the next year or two. Also, our website is currently being re-done but should be back up soon...
www.federalhillprinting.com

What is your favorite part of being a small business owner?

There are several. I love the interaction with different people that I get in the shop. I meet really interesting people everyday. I also like the freedom to make my own rules and decisions. There is a lot of stress and uncertainty with being

your own boss. But, when things are going well, there's really no better feeling in the world when your business succeeds.

What inspired you get into the marketing business? How did you get started?

I learned printing and publishing first. I had to learn marketing by owning my own business. I started as an intern at Archaeology Magazine in New York. From there, I did freelance photography and writing, and then printing and publishing for the Federal Government. That's how I got started in printing and design.

I know you are a Ravens fan... who is your favorite player and why?

My favorite player is probably Haloti Ngata. I love Ray, no question and always have/will. But, Haloti is quiet, humble and an absolute force to be reckoned with. I'm a big fan and travel to away games often. I just returned from Pittsburgh. What a disappointment. But, I think the Ravens will be back in the mix next year, and maybe they learned something this year.

Your dog Argus greets me at the door every time I come into your store... is he a paid employee and what is his job title?

Haha. He is the greeter/mascot of my business. He sits by the front door and watches the action along Light St. He gets paid in treats and also stays pretty happy just by all the attention he gets from our customers. He has it pretty good.

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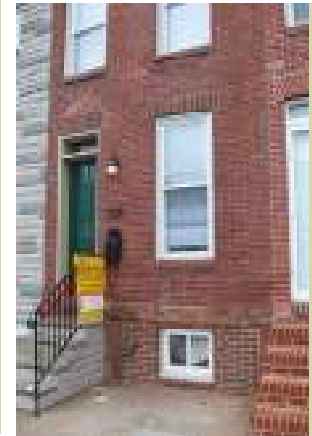
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"Invest in a pack of razor blades. It takes a few swipes, but the parking decal comes off easily. It also works wonders for old bumper stickers." -Tina



February Poll Question: What would you suggest to improve the Registered Parking Program (RPP) for area 30?

Send your responses to editor@mysobo.org to be posted in next month's issue.



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READY FOR A LITTLE FEST-OF-ALL?

Remember that fabulous party and fashion show last February at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, the one everyone was talking about? Neighbors and friends, new and old, great food & drink, runway fashions, music, dancing, and bargains galore at the silent auction. Well, it's that time of year again!

Join us for the **4th Annual Fest-of-All: A Celebration of Everything Federal Hill** on **Saturday, February 26, 2011, 7-11 pm**, at the **Baltimore Museum of Industry**.

Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door; price includes food & drink (open bar) provided by several fine Federal Hill restaurants and taverns. The fashion show is spectacular, with spring looks and accessories from Federal Hill boutiques and hair and make-up by local salons.

Come join us for a night of great friends, music, dancing, and fun! Information and tickets: www.historicfederalhill.org or call 410-727-4500. Proceeds go to the nationally recognized **Feder-**



al Hill Main Street community revitalization program. Funds will be used to promote and beautify the business district and to support a new small business revolving microloan fund to help our local merchants.

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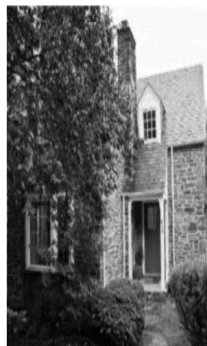


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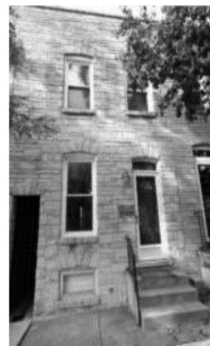


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SBNA needs more block captains!

The newsletter is in full swing and we would like to thank the folks who have been volunteering to deliver as SBNA could not reach all the households without you. However, we could always use a few more volunteers! If you would like to sign up for March delivery, please send an email to newsletter@mysobo.org. We are unable to access the lobby of the building at 1200 Light Street, so if you know anyone who can deliver to those residents, please let us know. Also- we have found that dogs really enjoy delivering newsletters- so if your dog needs a job we are here to help.

Community Clean up

Saturday February 19th at 9:00 am

Round up your neighbors and clean up
your block— not just the big stuff!

Meet in front of 1705 S. Charles Street.

Bring your own gloves

Bags will be provided

Dumpster will be available for large trash

Volunteers Needed!

The Teen Council meets weekly . We are in need of volunteers to donate a couple hours to help neighborhood teens. Whether you can make one Thursday a month or all of them— join us!

Every Thursday at 7pm

Elia Bailey Rec Center

100 E. Heath Street

(Back door of the Thomas Johnson school)

please contact teencouncil@mysobo.org for more details