

# SBNA Newsletter

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## Liquor Advisory Committee March 2011

By Melanie A. Ambridge

In an effort to increase communication between the South Baltimore area liquor license holders and the community, the Liquor Advisory Committee gathered to discuss a standard and consistent way to approach the business owners with the best interest of the neighbors in mind. These discussions were based on an overwhelming concern from the neighbors about a few pending changes at local establishments.

The main function of the Liquor Advisory Committee is to further improve the quality of life for residents in regards to businesses with liquor licenses. We are comprised of four volunteers who act as liaisons/mediators between neighbors and business owners. As head of the committee, this month I will explain pending issues including a comprehensive policy we are drafting called a *Standard Procedure for SBNA Communications with Liquor License Changes/Transfers*.

- ◆ Taverna Corvino (1117 South Charles) is currently not extending their business to the building next door. Expansions are on hold until further notice.
- ◆ The Reserve (1542 Light Street) in an attempt to increase dining space has proposed to initiate several liquor license revisions. These include opening the second floor for public occupancy and using sidewalk space for outdoor dining. In addition, they would like to have reserved on street parking for the use of valet service. Details from the owner are pending. We have already received a few emails regarding these changes and welcome all comments.
- ◆ *Standard Procedure for SBNA Communications with Liquor License Changes/Transfers*. The committee has recognized the need for a consistent process to communicate with business owners when changes are proposed. This comprehensive policy is currently being drafted. Our goal is to open a line of communication that allows a productive resolution.

The Liquor Advisory Committee welcomes specific comments about liquor establishments in South Baltimore, both good and bad.

Please send all comments and concerns to our email address [liquoradvisory@mysobo.org](mailto:liquoradvisory@mysobo.org).



### April Social!

**Where:** MaGerk's  
**When:** Wednesday 4/13,  
5:00p- 8:00p



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### Next Community Meeting:

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**  
**7:00pm**  
**Church of the Advent**  
**1301 S. Charles Street**  
**(enter on Patapsco)**

SBNA 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

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

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Respectfully Submitted by Dennis Plouff

02/01/2011

**1. Treasurer's Report**

Current SBNA Account information:

General Fund	= \$3,743.60
Heath Street Community Garden Fund	= \$3,325.95
Sitting Park Fund	= \$ 18.30
Teen Council 2010 Fund	= \$4,420.81
Tree Fund	= \$ 97.00
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>= \$11,605.66</b>

Membership fees for 2011 are now due - please see Matt for payment.

**2. Baltimore Grand Prix Presentation - Bill Cole**

Bill Cole (11<sup>th</sup> District City Councilman) and Jay Davidson (Baltimore Grand Prix) described the event and related how it would have minimal effect on our neighborhood. The event will take place over the Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The race course is generally around Orioles Park, and along Pratt Street, Light Street and Conway Street. The race is part of an international circuit of Indy style car races. Plans are for the event to take place each of the next five years.

The City's investment in the event is repaving the streets comprising the race course. These are improvements that were already in current or near future capital improvement budgets. The City could realize an income of \$17 million over the five year period. Additionally, hotels, restaurants and other private businesses will realize additional income. A \$6000 donation to Federal Hill Main Street each of the five years is anticipated. The parking effect on our neighborhood is expected to be ¼ of the effect of a Raven's game since most race attendees will be from out of town. Stadium event level towing of parking offenders will be in effect. A possible overflow parking lot for residents is in discussion. The race will end at 5:30 PM each day.

Since through streets downtown will be closed, the City will send out a Guide around Memorial Day to all neighborhoods explaining road closures and detours. Bill Cole also mentioned the proposed redistricting under discussion by the City Council. Under that plan, we will become part of his 11<sup>th</sup> District which will extend from Locust Point to North Avenue. That proposal is under review by the Council until the end of March.

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### AN ELEGANT EVENING OF GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP

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## CCSB GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 4, 2011

Join the Catholic Community of South Baltimore  
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It will be held at Compass Pointe Golf Course  
in Pasadena, Maryland. The shot gun start  
begins at 8:30 am. There will be a continental  
breakfast and lunch provided to golfers.

The fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a  
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3. Crime Watch Committee Report - Gilda Johnson

Gilda attended the Southern District monthly meeting and is reestablishing contacts there. The District has posted pictures of neighborhood offenders for viewing by any interested parties.

Adam Long of the Southern District attended our meeting and offered his availability for problems we may have. His phone number is 410-396-2499.

4. Parking Committee Report - Debbie Alt

Parking tickets were erroneously issued on Fort Avenue in January for cars that had 2010 stickers which were legal until the end of January. If you were issued such a parking ticket, contact Debbie for assistance in getting the ticket rescinded.

5. Design Review Committee Report - Justin Wilde

A 10 unit townhouse project has been proposed at Fort and Race. Plans are available for review. Julie Tice, the project architect, will present the project to us at the March General Meeting.

Adam Long of the Southern District attended our meeting and offered his availability for accepting calls for any

6. Social Committee Report - Christie Blake

The next social will be 2/28/11 at Ryleigh's Oyster.

Amy Mutch announced the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fest-of-All fundraiser event, February 26, 7-11 PM at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. \$60 per ticket in advance, \$75 at the door. Includes food, liquor and a fashion show. Tickets can be purchased at www.historicfederalhill.org or call 410-727-4500.

7. Liquor Advisory Committee Report - Amy Mutch

Taverna Corvino's plan to expand into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the adjacent building is delayed due to fire exit issues. Brian McComas, the owner, still desires a letter of support from SBNA. We are awaiting his plans for review.

8. Tom of the Reserve announced a 3/19/11 block party. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SBNA and to the proposed community garden at Light and Heath. He also plans to apply for permission for outdoor seating (6 tables for dinner service only), for the use of the second floor for additional dinner patron seating




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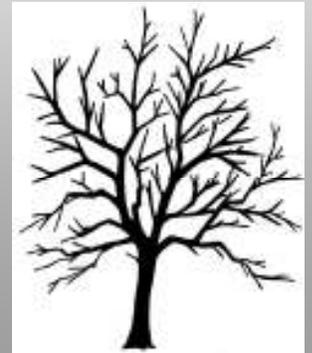
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Starting Saturday March 5th Piedmont Ridge, Bluegrass's purveyor of local naturally raised beef, will also be setting up shop and be available for the public. You may pre-order a meat delivery or just pick out what strikes your fancy that particular Saturday morning. But here's the scoop on the veggies....

One Straw Farm CSA program: 24 weeks of delivery from the week of June 6th -----November 14th

-If you pay by March 1st, the rate is \$515 total which breaks down to only \$21.50/week

-If you pay by June 1st, the rate is \$570 total which breaks down to only \$23.75/week

Pickups will be at BlueGrass on Thurs evenings..

Some households may not be able to eat a full share, so you may want to arrange to share it with a friend or neighbor. If you go to their website it will show an anticipated Harvest Chart of which veggies and fruit will be available when. They also have a section for cooking tips and recipes so that you can try some new things.

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## Around Town



### St. Patty's Day Funk Fest

March 12th 1 - 10 pm  
*The Rowhouse*  
1400 Light Street

Swing by for this popular annual event and enjoy the 5 outside bars, steamed mussels, lobster bisque, corned beef and live music outside of The Rowhouse on gittings avenue under a huge tent.

### Corned Beef/Ham and Cabbage Dinner

*Salem Lutheran Church*  
1530 Battery Avenue  
March 13th 2-5pm (\$8, \$8.25/carryout, children under 3 are FREE!)

### St. Patty's Day Fest

March 19 11am—  
*The Reserve*  
1542 Light Street

Sunshine, Live Music, Traditional Grub, Guinness, Whisky, Kilts, Sean White on the Bag Pipes, Beer Pong, Dunk Tank, Cornhole, Little People, Pot's of Gold.....Just Follow The Rainbow

### Community Potluck "Hungry for Justice,"

March 23 5-7pm  
*Salem Lutheran Church*  
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