

SBNA Newsletter

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TEEN COUNCIL NEWS

By Marie Sennett



Block Beautification Contest May 28, 2011

The South Baltimore Teen Council is hosting a Block Beautification Contest. *Cash Prizes* to be awarded in two categories: Most Improved and Most Beautiful. There will also be awards for other categories, such as Most Unique. The teens will have flowers and pots available on Friday, May 6, 2011 for our neighbors to beautify their homes. Each block that competes must take pictures of the block before beautifying. The teen judges will visit the blocks the week of May 23, 2011 and make their final decision on May 28, 2011. Winners will be notified directly and announced in the SBNA newsletter. To sign up send an e-mail to teencouncil@mysobo.org or sign up at the Ella Bailey Recreation Center.

Job Shadowing April 21, 2011

Our teens are looking for adults to shadow at work on April 21, 2011. Rather than sleep in and do nothing on spring break, our teens want to see what possible job opportunities are available for their future. If you would like to take a teen to work with you - no job is too exciting or too boring - please e-mail Marie at teencouncil@mysobo.org.

New Teen Council Chair or Co-Chairs Wanted

Often we view our neighborhood teens with suspicion and misgiving. In reality, though, they are just normal kids who want to grow into respectable adults. The South Baltimore Teen Council has been helping them do so for seven years, and its work is not done. At this time, we are looking for new leadership (chair or co-chairs) and volunteers.

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Did you know??

Due to redistricting... our new Baltimore City Councilman is William H. Cole IV effective April 1, 2011.

April Social!

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



Free appetizers & Drink Specials!
~ Join your neighbors ~

Next Community Meeting:

Tuesday, May 3, 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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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 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

03/01/2011

Treasurer's Report—Matt Eskridge

Current SBNA Account information:

General Fund	= \$ 3,548.82
Heath Street Community Garden Fund	= \$ 3,325.95
Sitting Park Fund	= \$ 18.30
Teen Council 2010 Fund	= \$ 4,420.81
Tree Fund	= \$ 97.00
Total all funds	= \$11,410.88

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

Clean & Green Committee Report - Amy Mutch

Heidi Vorrasi has resigned as Committee Head. We are looking for a volunteer to take her place.

Applications are being submitted for grants for the new community garden at Light and Heath.

Parking Committee Report - Debbie Alt

Residents on McComas Street near Swan Park are pushing for the establishment of a new parking area to protect them from parking problems during Swan Park events. Area 30 time restrictions do not work for them. The application is currently stalled at the Department of Transportation.

A discussion took place regarding the fact that the Area 30 parking area is under the jurisdiction of the West Federal Hill Homeowners and Residents Association. SBNA does not have a parking area assigned to it and therefore does not have a vote at the Parking Authority. A motion was passed to pursue actions to place Area 30 under the jurisdiction of SBNA.

Police & Community Relations Committee Report - Amy Mutch

SBNA attendance at the monthly Cop Walks has been non-existent. The Riverside Neighborhood Association continues to participate. We need to refocus on this event and represent our Association. Contact Gilda Johnson for further information.

Adam Long at the Southern District has mentioned to SBNA members that the recent reassignment and firing of officers due to the towing scam will not affect police service in our area.

Liquor Advisory Committee Report - Melanie Ambridge

Melanie reminded the membership that the Liquor Advisory Committee acts as a liaison between residents and businesses but di-

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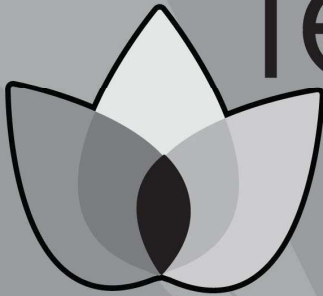
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-rectly represents the residents. Use the SBNA website to communicate your concerns to her.

A discussion took place regarding the pending permit application by the Rowhouse to close Gittings Street for a St. Patrick's Day function. Residents in the immediate area oppose the issuance of that permit due the adverse effects of a past similar function on residents - noise, affects on children and taking of parking spaces. The residents are collecting signatures in opposition.

Newsletter Report

Block Captains are still needed for delivery of the Newsletters. Please contact Lindsay Porter at editor@mysobo.org.

If you know a business that would like to advertise in the Newsletter, please contact Lisa Wilde at newsletter@mysobo.org.

Design Review Committee Report - Amy Mutch

The development project at Cross and Light is progressing. Businesses are scheduled to move in this fall.

FEDERAL HILL MAIN STREET'S SPRING BLOCK PARTY

Federal Hill's annual Spring Block Party is on Sunday, April 17, 11 am to 7 pm. Lots of great live music, food & drink, arts & crafts, and friends and neighbors will fill the street to celebrate Spring and the kick-off of festival season!

Spring Block Party will take place on East Cross Street, next to Cross Street Market. Admission: \$5. Don't miss out on all the fun!

For more information and to volunteer, email admin@historicfederalhill.org or call 410-727-4500.



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Teen council

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Working with our teens and many adult volunteers since 2004 has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Watching them continue to challenge themselves and explore the world around them has been simply amazing. We have guided many of them through high school and into college while giving them opportunities to contribute to their community and to have fun. Many of you have volunteered in the past or have seen for yourself the amazing things our teens have accomplished.

Each year we get a new crop of teens eager to participate, learn about themselves, and give back to the neighborhood. Unfortunately, life brings change, and sadly I must step down from chairing the Teen Council. In order to keep our teens challenging themselves and help them develop into successful and productive adults, we will need a new chair or co-chairs for the Teen Council.

Our teens are very good at letting us know what they are interested in doing and are very open to trying new things. We have always built the Teen Council events from their interests and the talents and resources of our volunteers. I will happily spend time with the new chair or co-chairs during the summer to help make plans and can be available for consultation during the school year, which is when the Teen Council meets. If you are interested, please contact me at teencouncil@mysobo.org.

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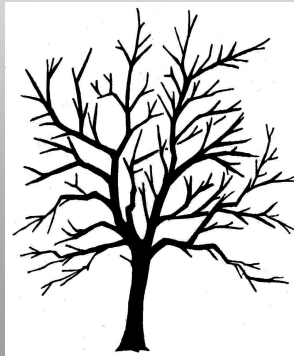
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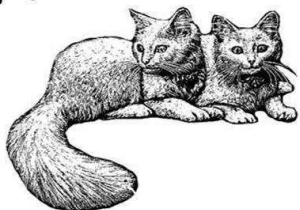


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- B. The bars are great but I wouldn't want to see them expand any further. I wish that we had other businesses besides bars growing in the area.
- C. What bars? I never noticed/ don't care.
- D. I am ready for the bar scene to move to another area of the city...

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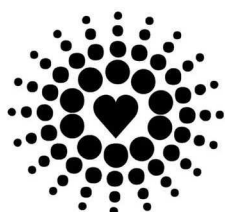
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