

SBNA Newsletter



A publication of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

June 2011

Summer is knocking on the door- can you believe it? Late spring always brings a renewal in fresh attitudes and happier living... you can open a window and feel a breeze, listen to a baseball game in the background at home, enjoy overhead fans, wear flip-flops, or start up the outdoor grill. Baltimore is a good place to reside in the summertime- we have a ton of festivals, concerts and local events, not to mention steamed crabs, cold beer and friends all living within a few blocks...

We have included a calendar in this month's newsletter on page 10- loaded with events that shouldn't be missed! Also, I talked our beloved Miss Twist into an interview—everything you ever wanted to know about our favorite ice cream lady on page 8. Beware- you will be hungry after you read this interview. I cannot stop thinking about the new blueberry sundae.

You might have noticed your newsletter came in bag- the post office warned us to avoid the mailboxes or mail slots unless we have postage.... Uncle Sam is always watching, I suppose. We have had a few hitches in the newsletter lately- I apologize that it was delivered a little late last month..

SBNA has some committee openings- feel free to drop by our meetings and check us out. We love our volunteers. The Clean and Green committee, Teen council and the Newsletter are looking for new folks. SBNA is a great way to meet people, get involved in your neighborhood, learn different aspects of how the neighborhood operates- such as parking, liquor board licensing, public works... seems that every time I attend a meeting - I learn something new about how our thriving community deals with the day-to-day issues of urban residential living and our business district, which must coexist together.

SBNA is a diverse group from all backgrounds- but the one thing we all agree on is our love for our neighborhood and a commitment to making it a better place for everyone. We listen to complaints, help neighbors organize, reach out to politicians and business owners when necessary, and we try to help our community bond together to achieve a healthier environment. We only ask that you speak up when you need something- we are here to help!

-Lisa Hughes-Wilde Newsletter and Business Liaison Chairperson

June Social TBA

Please check our website
for our upcoming socials!
www.mysobo.org



Free appetizers & Drink Specials! Family friendly!!!
~ Join your neighbors ~

Next Community Meeting:

Tuesday, July 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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We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBo-ImCo. 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.

MEETING MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

05/03/2011

Police/Community Relations

Officer Butterbean began the meeting by reporting on the status of crime in our area. An armed robbery occurred recently at Sam's grocery store at Randall and S. Charles. Three home burglaries occurred in the last 28 days in our area. Auto larceny has increased.

He reminded us again that it is unwise to place empty boxes out for recycling pick-up that indicate major purchases that have been made – TV boxes etc. Break the boxes down and conceal them.

A general discussion took place regarding excessive drinking and unruliness by bar patrons. Officer Butterbean suggested that the situation would be improved if bars would simply cut off serving drinks to customers that are obviously intoxicated. The bars need to take on more responsibility.

Residents have the ability to challenge liquor license renewals and therefore have more power than the police to affect change.

Fire occupancies are posted at the front doors of bars and restaurants. The police can enforce occupancy codes and shut down establishments.

All liquor license violations that are written up by the police are reviewed by the Liquor Board.

In response to a question, he related that citations can be issued by the police to anyone breaking the law. He thought the citation fine amounts to \$150. The individual will be sent to Central Booking if he/she doesn't have an ID, exhibits physical misbehavior or has a criminal record. Citation fees enter the City General Fund, not the police budget. Police cannot be a revenue generator.

Sgt. Kowalczyk related that the Hospitality Association contracts with the City to pay overtime to 3 additional officers and 1 additional supervisor for deployment to the Cross Street area on Friday and Saturday nights until 3:00 AM. The other regular 4 officers are still available to patrol the residential neighborhoods. Starting at 1:30 on Friday and Saturday nights, the extra officers focus on helping bar patrons leave the area instead of entering the residential neighborhoods.

Design Review

The proposed project at 127 W. Fort Ave. and its three zoning variance requests were discussed. Stephan Lawrence, a member of the SBNA Design Review Committee, related that residents in the vicinity of the project have organized to oppose the zoning variances. 112 signatures in opposition have been obtained and the residents will attend the Zoning Board hearing on May 10.

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Parking Report

Debbie Alt reported that SBNA has agreed to terms with the West Federal Hill Neighborhood Association and that Cynthia Griffin of that Association will continue as the Area 30 Parking Representative. Debbie will continue as the Area 42 Parking Representative.

Area 30 residents can become members of the West Federal Hill Association, but cannot be SBNA members concurrently.

Cynthia reported that the following are open work orders with the Transportation Department and/or the Parking Authority:

Parking signs at 36 to 50 E. Fort (Recently installed)

Parking signs at 41 to 45 E. Fort (Have not been installed yet)

Parking signs at 5 to 17 E. Fort (Need to be replaced)

"No stopping" signs on the 1600 block of Patapsco. (Need to be replaced)

An application has been submitted for a handicap parking space in the 1400 block of S. Charles.

Parking enforcement will be active until 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 5, during the Jazz and Blues Festival.

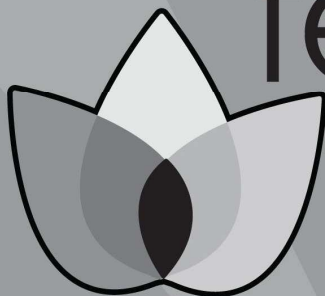
Some transportation improvements that affect our neighborhood were announced in the Middle Branch Transportation Plan meeting held in April at the Christ Lutheran Church:

Installation of traffic circle at Key Highway and Light St.

Repair of on-ramp from northbound Hanover to southbound I-95. (Currently under repair and closed)

New Red White and Blue Circulator loop to Ft. McHenry – this circulator loop will connect with the Ostend Street Purple Line stop. More info will be provided when available.

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Other conceptual proposals featured in the in the Middle Branch Transportation Plan include:

Hanover/Ostend intersection - northbound and eastbound left turn lanes (conceptual stage)

Hanover and Fort intersection - northbound and southbound left turn lanes (conceptual stage)

Other items of interest - when purchasing a new car, remove the parking decal off the windshield of the old car. Even if it is shredded, it can be exchanged for a new decal for a new car. Also, Four (4) one-day party passes per residence are available on non-stadium event days. All party passes must be for the same day and are not available for consecutive days.

Newsletter Report

Per Postal Service regulations, the Newsletter cannot be placed in mail boxes. Mailing the Newsletter every month is not affordable. The next Newsletter may be mailed while alternative methods of delivery are investigated.

Teen Council Report - Marie Sennett

Marie is unable to continue as Teen Council Chair. The Teen Council will terminate unless a new Chair or Co-Chairs step forward. Marie is willing to spend the summer working with new volunteers in a training and orientation capacity. Please contact her at TeenCouncil@mysobo.org to find out more about this rewarding opportunity.

Liquor License Advisory Report - Melanie Ambridge

SBNA continues to monitor expansion plans of Taverna Corvino and Mothers.

Treasurer Report - Matt Eskridge

Federal and State tax forms have been submitted.

Other Business

Mugsy's on Light Street recently had its storage cooler broken into. Beer valued at \$3,000 was stolen and sold on the street in the nearby neighborhood. Please contact the police if you have any information that will assist in apprehending those responsible.

State Delegate Luke Clippinger was in attendance as was his assistant, Amy Hartman. If you need to contact them, their contact information is 410-841-3303, Luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us and ahartman13@gmail.com, cell phone 301-789-5981.

Respectively Submitted,

Dennis Plouff

Secretary



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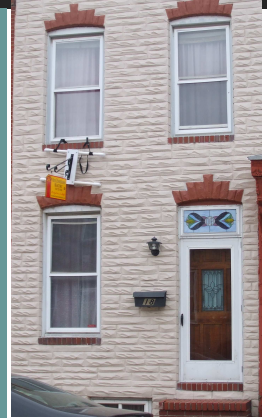
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Sicily...

We took a family trip to Sicily last month.. I went with my husband's family to visit their relatives living in the sleepy little towns of Falcone and Montagnareale, Italy. The trip was a huge deal to my mother-in-law and her brother, Uncle Phil. They had never been to the old country but their parents had told many stories about life in Sicily and those childhood stories came to life during our trip. They grew up listening to magical tales of fields of lemon trees and rugged coastlines- and that is exactly what Sicily delivered. Sicily was truly breathtaking, I have to admit.

The family had been invited to a holiday party that celebrated Montagnareale's "community organization" and the 100th anniversary of 27 men that left Sicily in 1911 for the new country in search of work and prosperity. My husband's great-grandfather was one of the 27 and also, at one time, president of this community organization, which had been a great honor. Montagnareale was a small, country town, population of 1,700, nestled into the side of a mountain. (Think of the Godfather wedding scene in Sicily... that town was not far away actually) The people of Montagnareale were thrilled to have the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the 27 men return to Sicily for the 100th anniversary and they built a statue of hands shaking to honor their return. The statue now sits in the middle of the town square.

Besides the food, the hospitality and the glorious terrain off of the Mediterranean Sea... what really made an impression on me was the feeling of community in Montagnareale. The citizens of Montagnareale were sophisticated and gracious, the town was spotless and filled with flower pots and citrus trees and the residents were so warm and welcoming. They talked of the importance of their community organization and how many years ago, the 27 men had sent money to the organization for decades to keep the citizens and families alive during hard times- during both world wars. The community organization had provided aid, without the help of the government, to their residents when there were no jobs or food. This vital organization and the brave men that had left had saved the town, and the current residents vowed to keep the organization alive today, even when the problems of the town are much smaller than before. The citizens of Montagnareale had not forgotten my husband's great-grandfather even after all these years, and they honored him by giving my mother-in-law a beautiful plaque. They also fed us a 15 course meal at a restaurant on an organic farm, which was quite an experience.

What I learned from this enchanting little town, was that community and history were important. What I saw in the citizens was investment; permanent investment, even generational investment. Not just monetary investment in houses or property, but personal investment in their neighborhood, in each other. What I saw in Montagnareale were deep roots and a commitment to a better life in their community.

By Lisa Hughes-Wilde, Newsletter Chairperson



Interview with Miss Twist... South Baltimore is ready for summer!!!



What got you started in the ice cream truck business?

We had the idea to go in the business when someone told my husband that he worked too hard and that he should go in the ice cream business . He came home laughing and told me what the person said. At the time I was a stay at home mom but I thought it sounded like something fun to do and I thought I could put a fresh face on the ice cream truck business. So when my youngest child went to school full time , we decided to start Miss Twist Ice Cream. It is a fun business and I really do enjoy it BUT like all businesses it is A lot of work!

How many days of the week do you sell ice cream to south Baltimoreans?

We are currently out 7 days a week selling ice cream to our South Baltimorean customers !

Do you go the same route each time?

We pretty much do the same route every day.

What is the best thing about being Miss Twist?

The best thing about being Miss Twist is meeting so many nice people. I have amazing customers and not only do we put a smile on their face they also put a smile on my face. They always let me know how much they appreciate Miss Twist coming by. AND OF COURSE EATING THE ICE CREAM ! We like to say " We deliver happiness one ice cream at a time!"

What is the toughest thing you have to deal with being Miss Twist ?

One of the toughest things to deal with is the weather . Sometimes they will call for heavy rain and the weather is clear and other reports say nice and sunny and it downpours !

What ice cream treat does South Baltimore like the most?

I would say our most popular item this year is the COOKIES AND CREAM MILK SHAKES AND OUR DIRT SUNDAES ! Our customers are crazy for Oreo ! A favorite has always been the SPRINKLE CONE , HOT FUDGE SUNDAES AND CHOCOLATE SHAKES !

AND RISING AMONG THE TOP SELECTIONS ARE THE ITALIAN ICE FLAVORS AND GELATIS !!

Any favorite blocks?? Oh... you can tell us....

I really do not have a favorite block ! The customers make the block and I love them all ! They all have unique personalities and bring joy to my day !

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

I really don't have a favorite flavor but I get in spurts ! Recently I didn't go a day with out a CHOCOLATE DIP CONE WITH CHOCOLATE SPRINKLES AND I ALMOST ALWAYS SQUEEZE IN A GELATIS !

Do you ever get sick of ice cream?

I NEVER GET TIRED OF ICE CREAM !! When I first started the business I never imagined that I would still eat Ice Cream every day but I do ! I guess if I just offered a few items maybe I would get tired of it but we have so many choices that it seems like I will always enjoy my Ice Cream. As I said I get in spurts so I'll get in a Hot Fudge kick for a while then perhaps I'll get on a shake kick. We have a large selection of shakes ! So one day it might be a chocolate malt , the next time a strawberry banana, peanut butter, cookies and cream etc.

Anything else??

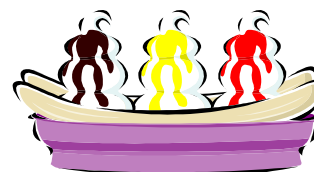
What many people don't know about Miss Twist is that we do events of all kinds !!!!!!! Our most popular event style is businesses treating their employees for "EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION " We service schools for all kinds of reasons too! We sell at festivals, boy scout events, sporting events ,private parties etc. We have also done a wedding and have supplied a local hospital for "Hospital week" YOU NAME IT WE DO IT !!

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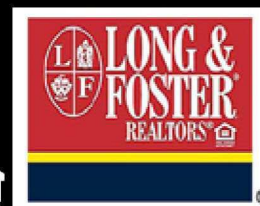
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Our ICE FLAVORS for the time being are MANGO AND CHERRY ! BLUE RASPBERRY COMING SOON !

Our new items this year are:

Waffle cones, Brownie Sundaes and Blueberry sundaes ! With APPLE ALA MODE coming soon! We try to please our customers when they make requests so if anybody has any suggestions you can e-mail us at : misstwist@comcast.net And if anybody would like to look us up on Facebook we are there too, Miss Twist Ice Cream...



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JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <p>SBNA Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month.... Same time, same place...</p> </div>			1	 2	3 	4 Rihanna 1st Mariner Arena
5 Farmers Market Jones Falls EXP. 7am-12pm. Jazz/Blues/Wine/ Art Festival 11-7pm Fed Hill.	6 COP WALK- 7pm at River- side Gazebo...	7 SBNA General Meeting.... 	8	 9 Greek Folk Festival 520 Ponca St.	10  Greek Folk Festival 520 Ponca St.	11 Honfest 2011 Greek Folk Festival 520 Ponca St.
12 Farmers Market Jones Falls Express 7am-12pm Honfest 2011 Greek Festival	13	14 LOR extend- ed version on big screen! Columbia AMC.	15	 16 Mystery The- atre... "Til Death do us part..." 7pm	17 	18 Charm City Roll- er Girls Du Burns Arena 5pm
19 Farmers Market Jones Falls Ex- press 7am-12pm	20 Good Charlotte Rams Head Live	21 New Zoning board meet- ing for 127 W. Fort. (Last meeting was post- poned)	22	 23 U2 360 tour at M&T Bank	24 	25 Latino Fest Patterson Park
26 Farmers Market Jones Falls Ex- press 7am-12pm Latino Fest Patterson Park	27	28	29	30	<div> <p>Interested in the 127 W. Fort project? - For more details contact: design@mysobo.org</p> </div>	



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WEEKDAY CLASS

WHEN: Tuesdays from May 24 to July 19 (no class July 5)

WHERE:

Federal Hill

Salem Lutheran Church
1530 Battery Ave, 1 p.m.

Canton

Du Burns Arena
1301 S. Ellwood Ave, 11 a.m.

COST: \$45 for DBFA members, \$70 for non-members

WEEKEND CLASS

WHEN: Saturdays from June 4 to July 16 (no class July 2)

WHERE:

Federal Hill

Koba Cafe (upstairs room)
644 E. Fort Ave, 9 a.m.

COST: \$35 for DBFA members, \$60 for non-members

To register, please visit
www.dbfam.org/link/hellobabysummer2011

Calling all new parents!

Join **DBFA** and the **Jewish Community Center** for the summer session of **Hello Baby**, our group for new parents. Meet other downtown parents, participate in discussions, and enjoy music and sensory stimulation activities with your baby. Classes will also focus on infant massage as you strengthen your bond with your newborn in this meaningful class. Benefits for your baby include sleep support, brain development, digestive support, constipation relief, relaxation, and more. Never underestimate the power of touch in your child's life!

The weekday class is eight sessions and runs Tuesdays from May 24 until July 19, with two locations—one in Federal Hill and one in southeast Baltimore. The weekend class is six sessions and runs from June 4 until July 16. Class sizes are limited, so sign up now! Advanced registration is required.

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