



SBNA Newsletter



A publication of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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Greetings Neighbors,

I would like to introduce myself as your new president of SBNA. My husband and I moved to South Baltimore eight years ago for a life-style change in an urban environment. My quick biography is: two adult children, nurse practitioner, former owner of Amy's Boutique, and RAVENS fan!. I have enjoyed serving on the board of SBIC/SBNA believing in community service and understand the value of community activism. I believe the best outcomes are achieved when we become accountable to one another; therefore, I will not shy away from a healthy debate when necessary between developers, businesses, and residents. I encourage you to GET INVOLVED and help us renew our neighborhood!! SBNA has a group of talented, bright residents serving on the executive board to be a knowledgeable resource to you. Begin a relationship with SBNA by just attending our holiday social and meet a neighbor!

Sincerely,

Amy Mutch

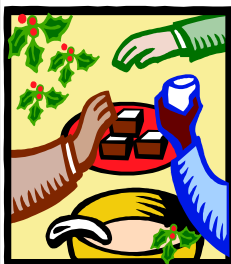
Hello Neighbors!

The SBNA newsletter has made some changes : we are now on a 2-month schedule. Therefore we will be publishing 6 editions instead of 12 editions a year. The newsletter takes time to design, print and deliver which makes it very difficult to get monthly information out to you w/out the information being dated. We believe that the 6 edition schedule will make the process sustainable because it is a ton of work! We deliver each edition to 2000 residences and that requires significant time and physical labor by our volunteers. If you would like to help deliver our newsletter, please contact Jaclyn at Blockmasters@mysobo.org - we would love to have the manpower! We always put our newsletters on our website at www.mysobo.org and if you want to hear what is going on firsthand, please stop by a meeting! Our meetings are a great place to meet neighbors, find out the new developments in the neighborhood and to voice opinions or concerns. Also, please check us out on Facebook- and "like" your local neighborhood association. We like you!

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Wilde, Newsletter Chairperson

Holiday Party!!!



When: Dec 14th, 2011 5-9pm

Where: No Idea, 1649 Hanover St

Love to see you there!!!!

No idea will provide complimentary drinks from 5-7pm, then \$2 drinks from 7-9pm. They will also provide a lite buffet. We ask that you bring something for the Women's shelter if you can. A message from our friends at Christ Lutheran: "Thank you for your support of the Women's Shelter. We could use gifts of multicultural dolls, scarves, hats and gloves for moms and pre-school toys. Many of the women are moving to their own home soon and they are asking for gifts of towels and twin and full sheets and blankets and kitchen towels and potholders."

no idea

SoBo, MD 21230



Community Meetings:

December 5th, 2011 (MONDAY)

January 3rd, 2012

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

11/1/11

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING – Monday 12/5/11 instead of Tuesday 12/6/11

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Plouff filled out paperwork for State recognized as tax exempt. We will save about \$400 per year.

Current account status:

General Fund	= \$3,266.87
Heath St. Garden Fund	= \$2,955.00
Light St. Garden Fund	= \$ 2.13
Sitting Park Fund	= \$ 18.30
Teen Council Fund	= \$2,324.53
Tree Fund	= \$ 97.00
Total	= \$8663.83

Councilman William Cole : McDean Halloween Party - 750 people in attendance. There was a concern going in to the night. The party was tame and there were no issues reported. December 9th 2011 is the official start date of the new districts. He is here for whatever we need. He can be reached via email.

Jason Stevens and AJ are the owners of Brewers Cask – formally Mugsys's. They are rehabbing the location and cleaning up the kitchen. The soft opening is in two weeks. Kevin Kubler is the new Chef. The Liquor Board hearing is on 11/17/11.

McHenry Row: Sarah S from the developer was in attendance - Harris Teeter to open 12/7/11. They will have marked parking. Other businesses in the shopping center are Green Turtle, Red Parrott, Charm City Run, Dogma, M&T Bank, PNC, a dry cleaner and a Liquor Store.

Presidents Report - Amy Mutch

St. Ignatius Loyola Academy – School for boy with promise is relocating to Federal Hill

Do it Now Day – 11/2/11- Established in remembrance of William Donald Schaffer. Do something to help your community.

Zip Car and Charging stations – Same location, they are adding a charging station to a few spots in the West Street Garage.

Events - Cookbook Tasting – Illusions Bar 11/19 from 7p-9p benefits Federal Hill Main Street, recipes from Fed Hill residents.

Festive Flavors of Federal Hill – 12/6/11 Restaurant Crawl, there are groups of 30

Moonlight Madness – shopping in Fed Hill until midnight 12/9/11

Christmas Tree Lighting in Federal Hill Park – 12/9/11

Committee Reports -

Liquor Advisory Committee Report – Justin Wilde/Melanie Ambridge – Checking on the status of the Mr. Santa Clause Pub Crawl.

- **Clean and Green** – Thomasina Poirot – There are Grant Funds available through the city – letter of intent due 12/22/11 - the workshop for application is 1/27/12 – this is ideal for money to clean up the area, create gardens or and educational group.

- **Teen Council** - Melissa Wooster – Teens met with Viola – poster contest winners will have posters displayed on the Charm City Circulators. The \$15,000 Grant is completed and sent off. The teens are concerned with the Rec Center. Is it supposed to be shut down, they created a petition and already have 300 signatures. They are going to make a video about what the Rec Center means to them. The teen council is looking for volunteers for Job Shadowing and to come to the center. They meet every Thursday at the Rec Center at 7pm.

- **Police and Community Relations** – Cop Walks 11/7/11 Riverside Park

- **Design Review Committee Report** – Justin Wilde and Stephan Lawrence – nothing to report

- **Newsletter** – Lisa Wilde – newsletter is now every other month. Lisa is looking for committee members to write articles for the newsletter.

- **Social Chair** – Danny Young – Xmas Party – 12/14 (tentatively) - at party people are encouraged to bring gift to benefit the Women's Shelter – TBD

- **Parking** – Cynthia Griffin – Holding Parking meeting at Church 11/16/11 at 7p, to announce all changes – Renewal begins 12/1/11 – you can get all dates on www.area30parking.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie A. Ambridge
SBNA Secretary



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Design Review Committee

1901 South Charles Street Project HUD Status

Late in the summer, a new sign placement on the construction fence of 1901 S. Charles Street bounding the future 176,000 Square Foot complex stirred concern for many South Baltimore Residents. The US Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is now involved. Rumors quickly circulated that the advertised luxury apartments would now be low income or worse. How could such a drastic change happen?

The truth is it didn't. The project is still slated to be market rate driven luxury / moderate income housing. Unfortunately, many people hear the acronym "HUD" and think low income or section 8. To the contrary, US HUD is a massive department that reaches millions of Americans from all walks of life. It plays a vital role in maintaining the standards for the least fortunate of us so that safe and functional housing is available. It also helped more people than one would imagine acquire their homes thanks to tax credits and providing mortgage options. When I hear HUD, I think of the

FHA-backed mortgage used to purchase my home when credit all but dried up due to the economic down-turn.

For the 1901 South Charles Street Project, the major change that opened the door for HUD Funding occurred a few years back when the condominiums lost viability. The original project of 139 condominiums was originally purchased by Charles Development, LLC and then sold to Chesapeake Realty Partners with Clark Builders Group as the contractor. The project was then converted from the condominiums to its current configuration of 193 apartments. As a rental property, 1901 South Charles Street qualified for US HUD backing, which brought the project to life.

Due to the current national economic situation and the limited availability of deep financial backing, the appearance of US HUD logos may become a more common sight for other rental developments. For 1901 South Charles Street, the utilization of US HUD programs saved a major construction project that may change South Baltimore for the better.

Submitted by: Stephan Lawrence, *Design Review Chairperson*

Clean and Green Committee

Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks has partnered with Parks and People to provide grants to city residents who wish to either improve public parks or do Neighborhood Greening projects. If you have a garden, tree planting, park improvement or clean water project that you wish to do next spring or summer and you would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Clean and Green Chair at cleangreen@mysobo.org for more information on

how to apply. Letters of intent are due on December 22nd.

We also urge you to buy local this holiday season. You can walk to many Federal Hill shops for great gifts and supplies for all of your holiday needs, including your meals and decor!

Submitted by : Thomasina Poirot, *Clean & Green Chairperson*

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Angie's list



Hersh's Pizza, 1843 Light Street

by Lisa Wilde

A new restaurant called Hersh's Pizza has opened in the spot that used to be Rub Restaurant and my husband, myself and our friend Roger ventured out to give it a try on opening night on 11/11/11. The décor has changed and they have certainly de-Texas-ed the place by removing all of the cowboy motif and replaced it with modern and hip décor. We were warmly greeted by the owner, Stephanie Hershkovitz and her mom and our party of 3 was seated promptly. Stephanie and her brother Josh are the brother/sister team that has founded Hersh's Pizza and according to the Sun paper, "What's local, what's fresh," says Josh. "It's the way we like to cook with the best ingredients."

Now lets get to the Pizza- the pizzas are fresh baked in a wood-burning oven imported from Italy and they were delicious and affordable. I ordered the Margherita (\$10), husband ordered Kale & Pistachio (\$12) and Roger selected Prosciutto & Arugula (\$13). They have a fantastic beer selection with everything from Jolly Pumpkin La Roja (\$20) to National Bohemian in a can (\$2.50). According to Stephanie, the menu is limited right now and they will be rolling out new items in the future. Our servers were extremely attentive and I felt that was the best service I have ever had on an opening night. We wish them the best of luck!!

Sunday, Monday and Wednesday - 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 5p.m. - Midnight
(late night menu available 10 p.m. to close)

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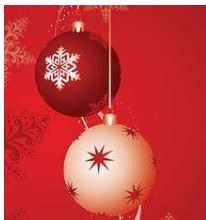
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Join Us For The Social Event Of The Season

The Community Loopster's Holiday Gala

Friday December 16th 7:00 - ?

HOST: Jane Wehrle **THE PLACE:** The Rowan Tree Tavern 1633 S. Charles Street

ENTRANCE FEE: A Nonperishable Food Item

WHAT TO EXPECT: Mrs. Santa, Happy Hour Prices, Free Cocktails, Santa's Elves, Buffet, Fabulous Silent Auction, Karaoke, Local Art, & More.

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All Month:

Sat Night karaoke singers - Sing a carol and win a holiday CD

Ravens fans - (2) door prizes game (1) game prize (2) shot at a flat screen tv

Help the needy - (2) boxes drop a food item, drop a toy

Basket of cheer = fight breast cancer

Private hall = host your party here on your budget!

Events of the Season:

Sat Night Dec. 10th = The Tree's Annual Holiday Bash
Karaoke, caroling, guest singers, door prizes and more

Christmas Eve = a night of friendship
Christmas caroling, carpool to midnight services

Fri Night Dec. 16th = The Loop Gala
The Fed Hill-SOBO social event of the season

SPEND YOUR NEW YEARS WITH US:
Party Safe, Party In The Hood, No Cover & No Stopping till u stop!

AREA 30 PARKING RENEWAL:

Area 30 expires on January 31, 2012. Online Renewal starts the week of December 1st.

Neighborhood pickup will be in January on the following dates and times at the

Church of the Advent Church Hall (Patapsco and Ostend Street)

Cynthia Griffin, AREA 30 Parking Representative

DOW	DATES	HOURS	DATES	HOURS	DATES	HOURS
WED			18	1PM -9 PM	25	1PM -9 PM
FRI	13	6PM-9PM	20	6PM-9PM	27	6PM-9PM
SAT	14	1PM-5PM	21	1PM-5PM	28	1PM-5PM
SUN	15	1PM-5PM	22	1PM-5PM	29	1PM-5PM

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Around Town: ☆

Holiday Festival of Trains & Toys-

B&O Museum

Nov 25 - Dec 31, 2011

Mon-Sat (10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Sun (11 a.m.- 4p.m.)

Celebrate the holiday season at Baltimore's largest holiday display of toy and model train layouts. Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive by locomotive to the Roundhouse at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 25.

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Winterfest at Salem Lutheran Church: second and third weekends of December. 12/9 Spaghetti Dinner 4 to 6 pm, 12/10 Lunch with Santa 12 to 2 pm and Baked Chicken Dinner 3 to 6 pm, 12/17 Hot Beef Dinner 3 to 6 pm, 12/18 Soup/Sandwich- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Bake sale, children's crafts, and a visit from Santa. Doors open ½ hour before the meal.

Winterfest will be held in conjunction with Riverside Park's "A Christmas Carol". Performances December 9-18, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 3 pm. Reservations are strongly advised. Free will admission.

2011-2012 DUES ARE DUE!!

Want to be a member of SBNA? \$5 a Year- what a steal!

Please send your check to : SBNA, PO Box 6474, Baltimore MD 21230

Our dues run from Nov-Oct so it is time to re-new! Include your name, address and email so we can officially count you in!!! We have 2000 residences in SBNA and only 56 households paid dues in 2011. We depend on neighborhood support so please remember to send in your check so that we can do some good around the 'hood..





A Christmas Carol

the Musical

December 9 - 18
Fri, Sat at 7:30, Sun at 3
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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Installed in 9 Parking Authority Garages

Working with the City Energy Office, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City has installed electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in nine City owned parking garages. Each charging station is capable of charging two vehicles simultaneously, allowing

up to 18 electric vehicles to recharge their cars batteries.

This new program was made possible by a grant from the Maryland Energy Association.

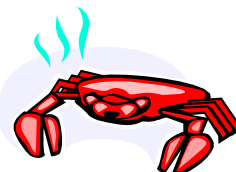
Drivers of electric vehicles can park and charge their vehicles at one of the following PABC garages:

Arena Garage 99 S. Howard Street (2nd Level)
Baltimore Street Garage 15 Guilford Avenue (3rd Level)
Caroline Street Garage 805 S. Caroline Street (1st Level)
Little Italy Garage 400 S. Central Avenue (1st Level)
Penn Station Garage 1151 N. Charles Street (Level 1B)
Redwood Street Garage 11 S. Eutaw Street (Lower Level)
Water Street Garage 414 Water Street (Level 3)
West Street Garage 40 E. West Street (Lower Level)

Plugging in will be free, but drivers will pay to park in the garage according to posted rates. These EV chargers are part the Charge Point Network. Go to www.chargepointportal.net for more information.

With more EV charging stations being installed throughout Maryland and other states, EV drivers can extend their battery life and driving range while reducing their overall transportation costs and their impact on the environment. Please call 443-573-2800 for more information.

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