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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

Happy New Year! Once again, our community members rang in the New Year with the annual tradition of our New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner. Many thanks to the hosts of our four "stations" for the dinner, Didon Pachner & Russell Wattenberg, Shelley & Mike Treadway, Jenny Harbold, and Emil Volcheck & Kathleen Wilsbach. And special thanks to Didon for organizing the event. As we progressed from home to home, sampling each other's cooking and tasty desserts, I was reminded of just how wonderful this community is. It was great to see so many new neighbors come out to celebrate with us and to reconnect with friends, and catch up on our lives. And many thanks, once again, to Jim Anthony, who coordinated our annual holiday caroling and hosting the after-party on December 15.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the winter schedule of activities at the 29th Street Community Center. I encourage you to check it out and take advantage of this great asset in our neighborhood. There are activities for community residents of all ages, and they are affordable, and just around the corner!

On Saturday January 25, at 10:30 a.m., AIA will have our general membership meeting. This is our annual meeting, where we elect officers and approve a budget for the year. It's also an opportunity for you to meet neighbors and find out about opportunities to get involved in the community in 2014. I hope that you will be able to join us for this important meeting.

If you are interested in getting involved in the community, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. We need neighbors to help plan the street fair, participate in neighborhood walkers, help maintain the open space on 32^{nd} Street, distribute newsletters, help plan neighborhood gatherings like our Memorial Day Picnic, Fall Chili Cook-Off, Holiday Caroling, and the Progressive New Year's Eve Dinner. There are also opportunities to serve on the Membership Committee and Housing/Land Use Committee, and to help with the Newsletter. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or would like more information, please email me at bbessor@gmail.com or call me at 410-916-1062.

Again, Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Bonnie Bessor

President, Abell Improvement Association

New Arrival

Elodie Rabilloud and Matthew Thurber of the 3200 block of Abell would like to announce the birth of their first child, Louise Marie, on October 29, 2013.

Congratulations to Elodie and Matthew!

Abell Artists' Winter Exhibitions

Abell Avenue resident and MICA instructor Paul **Moscatt** has works on display in two painting exhibitions in Baltimore at the same time this winter. "Landscape Works from the Paul Moscatt *Plein Air Group*" is showing at Baltimore Hebrew Congregational, 7401 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, from January 5 through February 25. Paul's wife Carlene Moscatt is also exhibiting in the Hoffberger Gallery exhibition at the **Baltimore Hebrew** Congregational.

Paul also has an exhibition of his portraits and self portraits. "Paul Moscatt, the Portrait & the Self Portrait, 1963 to 2013," will run from January 8 through February 4 at the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, 938 York Road, Towson. Learn more about Paul and his works at http://www.moscatt.com/

Contractors

Arlene Ogurick recommends Maxalea Landscaping – "Creative, reliable, considerate." Contact Jim McWilliams 900 Oak Hill Road PO Box 66479 Baltimore, MD 21239 410-277-7500 www.maxalea.com

For hauling, Arlene suggests Maryland Junk Removal; "Prompt, professional, nice guys." 443-824-4175

Shelley Treadway has used "Chances" Moving & Hauling, Trash Removal. "They responded within 2 hours, and the charge was reasonable." 443-963-4161

29th Street Community Center: Communication Conversations

On January 13, January 27 and February 24, join neighbors for a community conversation about neighborhood communication. Come share your thoughts to help the 29th Street Community Center get the word out about its awesome programs! Meetings will begin at 6 p.m. at the center, located at 300 E. 29th Street; *dinner will be provided*. Attend all three meetings to have a better chance of winning a prize!



Baltimore History Series at the Village Learning Place

The Baltimore City Historical Society will present their Baltimore History Evening series at the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19. There are no fees and always free refreshments and great conversations in a cozy friendly setting.

For the complete schedule, see: http://www.historicbaltimore.org/pdf/BHE2014.pdf

Thanks to Our Distribution Team

Thank you to all AIA Newsletter deliverers and alternates for your timely work bringing Abell news to the community throughout the past year:

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Snow Information for Residents

In the event of snow, the Mayor's office lists the following responsibilities of Baltimore City residents:

- Stay off the roads to make room for snow plows.
- Neighbors should work together to clear snow from around fire hydrants.
 Significant snowfalls create drifts that make hydrants difficult to find and will put communities at risk.
- All snow and ice should be removed from the entire width of public sidewalks in both residential and business areas. There is an ordinance regarding snow removal that identifies the responsibilities of citizens in removing snow from sidewalks, resulting in fines up to \$50. Property owners are reminded that snow removal is required within 24 48 hours after the end of a snow, ice, or wind event.
- All snow and ice must be removed from a vehicle before operating.
- Do not throw snow into the street when clearing off vehicles and sidewalks, keeping snow as close to the curb as possible.
- Storm drains and inlets must also be cleared of snow and ice. Keeping them clear allows melting snow to flow away, preventing the flooding of intersections and basements.

Visit www.baltimorecity.gov for more information.



Peabody Heights Brewery Update

On November 6, at our general membership meeting, the AIA membership voted to support signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Peabody Heights Brewery. The MOU was a result of several months of negotiation with the brewery regarding their application for a liquor license to operate a tasting room six days a week and hold special events. Over fifty AIA neighbors attended the meeting on November 6, and engaged in a lively discussion before taking a vote. Among numerous other restrictions, The MOU places a limit on the hours of operation for the Brewery's tasting room as well as limitations on the number and size of events that the brewery can host. At a public hearing on December 12, the Baltimore City Liquor Board granted a liquor license to Peabody Heights Brewery. The restrictions outlined in the MOU were entered into the public record and are now officially attached to the liquor license. Keep an eye on the Brewery's website at http://www.peabodyheightsbrewery.com/ for the latest information on their tasting room hours.

If you would like to receive a copy of the full MOU, please email Bonnie Bessor at bbessor@gmail.com, or call her at 410-916-1062.



Roundabout memories

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Trash & Recycling Schedule

TRASH EVERY TUESDAY

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RECYCLING EVERY THURSDAY

Trash may be put out after 6 p.m. the night before, by 6 a.m. the day of pick-up.

Trash must be in rigid containers with tight-fitting lids.

Residents may be fined for trash disposal violations.

AIA Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 2014 · 10:30 a.m. 29th Street Community Center, 300 E. 29th Street

2014 Officer Elections

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Schedule of 2014 AIA Membership Meetings

Please mark your calendars with the following dates and plan to attend the quarterly membership meetings. Normally, meetings are held at the 29th Street Community Center, 300 E. 29th Street.

Wednesday, April 16 · 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 16 · 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 19 · 6:30 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 · 10:30 a.m.

29th Street Community Center WINTER PROGRAMS

A new year is upon us – make this your best year yet!

Sign up for one or many of Greater Homewood Community Corporation's 24 programs running at the 29th Street Community Center. We have child development programs, after school programs, and adult programs – there is something for everyone!

yoga ★ fitness classes ★ martial arts ★ violin lessons ★ robotics

Programs start Monday, January 13. See the full list of offerings at http://www.greaterhomewood.org/our-work/29thstreetcenter/ and sign up today!

Send **newsletter contributions** to Shelley Treadway, 3026 Abell Avenue, or email to sbtreadway@aol.com. Deadlines for newsletter submissions:

March 17 Spring Issue

May 17 Memorial Day/Film Series Issue

August 8 Street Fair Issue

September 16 Fall Issue
November 17 Holiday Issue