Abell Improvement Association Newsletter
August 2015

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away...

Emily Dickinson

Ideally, every Abell resident has traveled afar this summer via at least one good book. Further pleasures await on Sunday, September 20, when the Children’s Parade leads off the 2015 Abell Community Street Fair. The theme this year is Children’s Literature. I can’t wait to see the favorite story-related costumes that our young people will create, with a bit of guidance and a lot of organizing by Carol Serksnis. She will welcome help from other neighbors. Another event calling for early organizing is the Silent Auction. Let chairpersons Jenny Harbold or Danielle Corcoran know your ideas for gathering auction items, or if you have a treasure to donate, by emailing AbellSilentAuction2015@gmail.com. Many other options for volunteering are highlighted in this newsletter. Find the one that calls to you!

A wonderful program of musicians, most from right within this community, will again enliven and enrich the Street Fair. As with so many artists, these performers share their talents generously while many live on the edge financially. Please consider contributing to the Go Fund Me account that will help to compensate them: http://gofundme.com/abellfanfairfund.

A week before the Fair – Saturday, September 12, to be exact - the AIA Membership Meeting will convene at the 29th Street Community Center at 10:30 a.m. Along with the latest updates on Street Fair plans, the agenda will focus on Barclay Elementary Middle School. Principal Armanda Carr will describe how the evolving curriculum seeks to integrate the Arts with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for a learning experience that is STEAM powered. This is Ms. Carr’s second year and AIA’s first chance to welcome her. Please plan to be part of this welcoming and informative meeting.

Reaffirming the historic ties between Barclay and anticipating the best-yet Street Fair prompts this concluding reflection: The annual Abell celebration of community began as a block party in August 1973. Much of the energy then, and for many parties and fairs thereafter, came from Marie Lombardi of 3051 Abell (1908-1986). Her famous meatballs were a main attraction. Her meticulously kept home was Planning-and-Staging Central. That the disrepair into which that home fell is finally reversed adds an extra measure of joy to this year’s event.

Jo Ann Robinson
President, AIA

PARKING REMINDER

In preparation for the Abell Community Street Fair, the following parking restrictions apply: Between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, all vehicles must be removed from:

- Abell Avenue, 3000 & 3100 blocks
- E. 31st Street between the Barclay Street alley and the eastern (nearer to Abell Ave.) Open Space alley
- E. 32nd Street between the Barclay Street alley and the western (nearer to Guilford Ave) Open Space alley

Any vehicle left in these locations will be ticketed, and cannot be moved once the Fair is underway. Free parking is available in the municipal lot on the northeast corner of Barclay and 32nd Street.
**Peace and Safety in the Abell Community**

**PEACE:** The Baltimore City Council recently amended the Neighborhood Nuisance Law (Baltimore City Code, Article 19, Subtitle 43B). Under the new provisions the police called to a site in violation of the law can immediately write a civil citation similar to a speeding ticket. They can cite property owners, property managers, occupants and/or tenants, and – if the responsible person is under 18 - that person and his/her parents - for a “loud and unruly party,” which is defined as two or more people on private property disturbing the peace through excessive noise, obstruction of public rights-of-way, physical violence, vandalism, littering, and public drunkenness. The law also covers under-age drinking and providing alcohol to individuals under 21.

The penalty for a first offense is $500 and for each subsequent offense within 12 months, $1000. Property owners or operators can defend against the fine if they can prove that they didn’t authorize, know about or participate in the event, and that they regained possession of the property or have filed court proceedings to regain possession. Landlords can give 14 days written notice for tenants to vacate the premises, when tenants have been cited for violating the law.

**SAFETY:** AIA Officers met in July with Jennifer Mielke, Director of Community Affairs for Johns Hopkins University, to discuss the role of the security officers who park in the Abell community. Their services are obtained by the university from AlliedBarton. They wear bright yellow shirts/jackets and ball caps. Their purpose is to “serve as extra eyes and ears for city and campus police. They report situations to the campus communication center which relays the information to the Baltimore Police Department.”

On the matter of whether these officers can or will assist residents who are not affiliated with Hopkins, Ms. Mielke noted that since the officers “are unarmed and have no police powers off campus they must be mindful of the potential legal implications for acting beyond the scope of their authority. That being said, if a situation occurs in the community, regardless if it involves a JHU affiliate, the officer is to assess the situation and assist unless the assistance would be detrimental to their safety or the person they are trying to help.”

**TO REPORT STUDENT/COMMUNITY RELATED ISSUES TO THE UNIVERSITY:**
- For Noise—410-516-4600.
- For Trash—410 516-8737 or liaison@jhu.edu.
- For further information from Jennifer Mielke: 443-287-9900.

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**Baltimore Energy Challenge**

The Baltimore Energy Challenge teaches low and no cost ways to save energy to Baltimore City residents, businesses, and schools. Our AmeriCorps members install energy and water conservation equipment in homes. Installations include programmable thermostats, energy-efficient light bulbs, low flow showerheads, pipe wraps, power strips, and more. Since 2007, Civic Works has made energy installations in over 5,000 homes and reduced energy use by an average of 636 kWh per house each year.

The Baltimore Energy Challenge is a partnership between Civic Works, the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and the Baltimore Community Foundation. For more information, visit www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org or call 443-869-2614.

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**Civic Works**

**Baltimore Energy Challenge**

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**Abell is a Five Star Winner**

Abell has been selected as a *Five Star Family Neighborhood* by Live Baltimore! We’re one of twenty neighborhoods recognized as a great area to raise families in the city. It’s part of Live Baltimore’s new Way to Stay website, a one-stop-shop for information on the best schools and neighborhoods for families, as well as incentive programs for buying or renovating a home.

Visit the new website: http://www.livebaltimore.com/way-to-stay
Folksy Stoop Sales Return for 2015

Once again, the Abell Community Street Fair will feature good old-fashioned Baltimore Stoop Sales. This is the best chance of the year to unload your junk on a treasure seeker with cash to spend. If you live anywhere in Abell and wish to reserve space on Abell Avenue during the Fair, the spot is free. Please let us know so we can reserve it. If you want a 6’ table and two chairs, it’s $10 to cover the rental. If you plan to have a Stoop Sale on your actual Stoop, and hence don’t need space on the street, please let us know anyway. The more participants we know we have, the more easily we can attract interest in Stoop Sales (and the Fair) generally.

To register for the Stoop Sale, ask a question, etc. please contact Sindbad Fennimore - email: ssf8@georgetown.edu phone: 410-235-3293

Silent Auction – Abell’s Biggest Fund Raiser

The Silent Auction is a strong draw to the Abell Community Street Fair. Each year, the slate of items for auction is scooped up by an eager crowd of bidders. The Silent Auction is always looking for something interesting, valuable, or beautiful to offer at auction. The donations benefit the Abell Improvement Association directly, and represent a substantial portion of our yearly fund raising. If you would like to donate, or could help us secure a donation, please contact the Silent Auction team (Jennifer Harbold and Danielle Corcoran) at AbellSilentAuction2015@gmail.com.

Help Pay Abell Community Street Fair Musicians

Support live music in the Abell community by donating to or spreading the word about the Abell Fan Fair Fund! Donations go directly to the artists performing at the Abell Community Street Fair, most of whom live on or near Abell. Donate or share via social media using this link: gofundme.com/abellfanfairfund

Bake a Yummy Treat for the Bake Sale

The bake sale is a treasured feature of the Abell Community Street Fair. You can help us continue the tradition by donating cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, breads or pastries. We pride ourselves on offering treats made with love in our own kitchens, so please, homemade items only. We cannot accept store-bought items. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please contact Susanne Riveles, email: susanne.riveles@gmail.com or phone: 410-467-2721

Crab Feast

The 2015 Street Fair includes a CRAB FEAST as always, again with an option for appetites that may be on a budget or that just crave a few morsels rather than the traditional all-you-can-eat portions. Crab lovers in both categories can save by ordering in advance by Friday, September 18. On the day of the Fair, prices will be 3 crabs for $10.00 or All You Can Eat for $40.00. Advance orders are discounted: 3 crabs for $7.50 and All You Can Eat for $35.00. ORDER NOW using the form below; deliver with payment to 3012 Abell Avenue, c/o Jo Ann Robinson. Make checks payable to Abell Improvement Association.

AIA 2015 STREET FAIR CRAB FEAST ORDER FORM

Sunday, September 20, 2015 • 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Number of orders for 3 crabs: __________ x $ 7.50 = __________

No. of all-you-can-eat orders: __________ x $35.00 = __________

Payment Total Enclosed: __________

Pay in advance by Friday, September 18

Name: ___________________________________________ phone or email________________________

Address __________________________________________

Please return with check made out to Abell Improvement Association or cash to:

Jo Ann Robinson • 3012 Abell Avenue
The Abell Community Street Fair is the result of the dedicated contributions of many neighbors from across our community. As always, we need volunteers to put in 1- to 2-hour shifts before, during, or after the Fair to bake homemade goodies, set up, oversee kids’ activities, accept silent auction bids, serve food and drink, and more. Please consider being involved! This is a great way to serve the community and also get to know more neighbors. The list and chart below indicate specific volunteer needs prior to and on the day of the Fair.

**BEFORE:**
- **Set up & clean up:** Early in the day, we need a team to distribute tables, erect canopies, and wrestle the stage pieces into place. Late in the day, we need folks to strike the same and clean up the fairgrounds. Please contact Laura Scott (lscott822@gmail.com, 410-889-1530) if you can serve in this capacity.
- The Fair will offer many **activities for children**, starting with the **Children’s Parade** that is the ceremonial opening of the Fair. Arts and craft supplies and other items that might help us make hats, costumes, floats, and the like would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Carol Serksnis (carol_serksnis@yahoo.com, 443-629-8004) regarding donations for the Children’s Parade and other Children’s Activities.
- We could use one or two people to **flyer** cars 2 days before and on the morning of the Fair reminding neighbors to move their cars in the 3000 and 3100 blocks. Please contact Laura Scott (lscott822@gmail.com, 410-889-1530)

**DURING:**
Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Laura Scott at lscott822@gmail.com or 410-889-1530 to serve in one of the roles below.

**STREET FAIR VOLUNTEERS - How, When and Where Would You Like to Help?**

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<td>Assemble Stage</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>Set up tables &amp; chairs, drink station</td>
<td>Accept donations; Make coffee</td>
<td>Set up table, shirt display</td>
<td>Set up display</td>
<td>Distribute winnings</td>
<td>Parade Marshals/ Crossing Guards</td>
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<td>Manage Crab Feast</td>
<td>Manage sales</td>
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<td>Parade - kids &amp; parents to be in parade Children’s activity host</td>
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RENEWAL & PICK-UP for Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area 12/12A

All RPP permit renewals paid by credit card or check PRIOR to October 12 will be available to pick up at these outdoor distribution sites:

Saturday, October 17
WAVERLY FARMERS MARKET from 9 a.m. to noon
Table on 32nd Street by Barclay Street

EDDIE’S MARKET from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Table at 3117 St. Paul Street

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BRING A PHOTO ID!

Register online after September 19 for RPP Area 12 Charles Village & Abell 12A Permits.
If registering/paying after October 12, you MUST go downtown to the city’s Parking Authority office to pick up your permit.

Residents of Charles Village in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas 12 (north of 29th Street, west of Hunter Street/alley) and 12A-Abell (north of 29th Street, east of Hunter Street/alley) must register and purchase their annual parking permits and visitors passes. All current permits expire October 31.

At pick-up you must show proof of residency to ensure that participation in the program is limited to residents only. To be eligible for a Parking Permit and/or Visitors Pass, you must reside within the boundaries of the RPP area. Warning: a parking citation (fine) for not displaying a current RPP decal or visitor’s pass in Area 12/12A is $52 for each occurrence.

At pick-up you must also provide current Maryland Vehicle Registration (Area 12/12A address is required unless you have a Maryland registration and are a full-time student with a current Student ID).

For general information about the RPP Program and its rules and regulations, go to: http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/QuasiAgencies/ParkingAuthority/ResidentialParkingPermits.aspx

You can access the RPP application site, general rules and regulations, and step-by-step instructions online. If you do not have internet access, you may go to the Village Learning Place, 2521 St. Paul Street, or to the Waverly Branch of the Pratt Library, at Barclay & 33rd (re-opening 8/31) to use a computer for applying online.

To renew your permit online, after September 19 you can go directly to this secure site: https://pabc.thepermitstore.com

Baltimore City’s annual Residential Parking Permits cost:

$20 for a Parking Permit (decal)  $20 for a Visitors Pass

If you currently have a parking permit, you are already in the Parking Authority’s RPP database and you do not have to re-enter your information. Use the same user name and password that you used last year. If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, call the Parking Authority at 443.573.2800 and staff will help you reset your password.

If this is the FIRST TIME you are applying for a parking permit, you MUST go downtown to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B, to apply for and pick up your parking permit in person. The Parking Authority will provide you with validation to park for free in the garage above their office.

Thanks to community volunteers, Eddie’s Market, and the Waverly Farmers Market for making the RPP community pick-up possible on October 17. Please show your kind appreciation for all their generous assistance. Thank you for being courteous throughout the registration process.

Volunteers from the community make it possible for the CVCA and AIA to continue the convenient distribution of the RPP permits in the neighborhood. To volunteer to help with distribution on October 17, please contact RPP Area 12/12A Representative Jim Anthony, at janthony@towson.edu.
ABELL COMMUNITY STREET FAIR 2015

Sunday, September 20
Noon - 5:00 p.m.

★ Children’s Parade ★ Food & Bake Sale ★
Craft Vendors ★ Children’s Activities ★ Stoop Sale
★ Crab Feast ★ Live Music ★ Silent Auction ★

3000 and 3100 Blocks of Abell Avenue
and the 300-400 blocks of 31st & 32nd Streets

NO PARKING IN THESE BLOCKS
8 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
See map on page 4

To volunteer, see pages 3 & 4 for contact information.

AIA Quarterly Social and Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 11
5:00 p.m.
Abell Open Space at
32nd St. between Abell & Guilford

All residents of Abell are welcome
Come meet your new neighbors and enjoy a
bowl of hearty chili with all the fixin’s

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Linda Forlifer, Recording Secretary
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410-243-1287
LForlifer@gmail.com

Jim Anthony, Corresponding Secretary
3212 Abell Avenue
443-622-4922
anthony@towson.edu

Trash & Recycling Schedule

TRASH
EVERY TUESDAY

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.

DUMPSTER
August 29
November 14
E. 31st and Abell Avenue
Arrives approx. 8 a.m. or earlier.

AIA Welcomes Barclay School Principal Armanda Carr

Discussion topics will include:
The STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Math) Curriculum
Student Achievement Funding Fact
Strengthening Community Support for our Community School

29th Street Community Center
300 East 29th Street

- Bulletin Board -