PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is upon us, and we are in midst of another activity-filled season in the Abell neighborhood. We had a great turnout for the Memorial Day Picnic; we are looking forward to the Summer Film Series; and we are beginning to plan for this year’s Street Fair. All of these activities are great opportunities to get to know your neighbors and to actively contribute to this wonderful neighborhood. I encourage you to get involved however you see fit. On that note, special thanks go out to Shelley Treadway and Jim Anthony, who organized the Memorial Day picnic. Without the volunteering of people like them, as well as those who keep the Open Space looking good (especially Matt Kirby, Haakon Maxwell, and a new group of volunteers working on the garden), our summer events would not be possible.

As for the upcoming events, please be sure to note the announcements in the newsletter including:

**Street Fair Kickoff Planning Party** - Wednesday, June 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at 3132 Abell Ave. Refreshments will be served. I heartily encourage anyone interested in helping out with this year’s Street Fair to attend. As usual, we will need LOTS of help to bring the Street Fair together.

**Summer Film Series** - Movies will be screened every Friday night in the Open Space from July 26-September 6. As usual, Paul Burk has selected a great lineup of films. Joel Urbanowitz is rounding up volunteers to help out with the projector equipment.

**AIA Quarterly Membership Meeting** - Saturday, August 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Barclay Recreation Center (300 W. 29th St.)

**Annual Street Fair** - Sunday, September 22, from 12-5 pm

Finally, I am sad to say that this letter marks the end of my service as AIA president. Kevin and I are moving out to Washington state in early August for me to take a job at Whitman College. It has been a real pleasure and honor to serve the community. More importantly, our lives have been so enriched by being part of this neighborhood for the last 6+ years. Bonnie Bessor has agreed to take over the president’s role for the remainder of the year. I greatly appreciate Bonnie's willingness to take on this role when she is already so busy serving the community in this area and throughout Baltimore City.

Hope to see you all around the neighborhood.

Take care,
Drew

Drew Walker
President, Abell Improvement Association
Street Fair Volunteers Kick-off Party

The 2013 Abell Community Street Fair will be on Sunday, September 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Abell needs many volunteers to make this wonderful event a success. Help is needed with the bake sale, grants, children's activities, and finding vendors. A kickoff planning party and meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 26 at 3132 Abell. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend; send your contact information to bbessor@gmail.com

Community Networking with Nextdoor Abell

Abell has joined Nextdoor, an online networking community that lets you share contractor recommendations and other helpful information with each other, notify neighbors of a lost pet, share ideas for making the neighborhood better, and more.

You can sign up to join the community at abell.nextdoor.com. You will have to fill in your name, address (so that Nextdoor knows you live within the boundaries of an established Nextdoor community) and email address, but it does not require any other personal information.

Please spread the word! We want everyone in the neighborhood to have access to the news and communications being shared on the site.

Great Contractor

Lisa Nawrot and Ilissa Gould recommend Chris Fischvogt, whom they have used for several projects on their house. “He and his crew are very pleasant to work with and they do a great job.” Contact Chris Fischvogt, http://fgcontracting.com

Vineyard Lane Reading Garden

Come help green the neighborhood!

A reading garden for the lot on Vineyard Lane near the Book Thing is in the designing and fundraising stage. We need help for general care (raking, weeding, clean-up, etc.). If you can volunteer for an hour or so every six to eight weeks and an hour or so on the day the soil, mulch and bedding materials arrive (exact date to be determined), please contact Tweefie Millspaugh – tweefie@juno.com 410-366-1167.

Thank you,
Tweefie Millspaugh

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Robert W. Rose, Abell Resident from 1970 to 2013
“An era has passed away,” noted Barclay Street resident Maureen Daly, regarding the death of Robert W. Rose on April 17, 2013. Mr. Rose, who was 88, lived in the 3000 block of Abell Avenue since 1970 with his wife Paige, who preceded him in death in 2001. Ms. Daly lived next door to them from 1978 to 1980. A fifty-year veteran of the Merchant Marine, Robert Rose took pride in being self-sufficient, but in the final years he gratefully accepted help from neighbors and made a special friend of the daughter of his next-door neighbors, Vonnie Gowe and Cassandra Orem. Ten-year-old Mikayla spoke at his memorial service at the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation on April 24. She told those who came to pay their respects that “Mr. Rose was a really nice guy. He always took my art work and encouraged me. He was a very bright man. He was always giving me gifts. I liked his garden. I feel like I inherited it now.” With Mikayla’s help we will watch his garden grow and remember him.

Dr. Richard Rubin, Abell Resident from 1969 to 1985
Richard Rubin died on March 25, 2013 at the age of 69. He lived with his first wife, Kay Halle, in the Abell community for 16 years, first on Guilford Avenue before moving to the 3000 block of Abell Avenue in 1971. Their children, Stefan and Kyra, attended Barclay School where both parents were active. Dr. Rubin, who was called Dick by family and friends, had a gift for conveying warmth and respect to every person he encountered. An internationally acclaimed expert on research, education and advocacy for diabetes patients, he focused on the psychological dimensions of that disease. “My father…traveled the world talking to medical professionals and families about how they could…reduce the anxiety and emotional burdens of diabetes while dealing with its medical realities,” his son, Stefan, told the Baltimore Sun. The website for the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association notes that “the diabetes community has lost a very special friend.” The organization’s 2013 Step Out Baltimore fundraiser is dedicated to Dr. Rubin and his family. A kickoff celebration will be held at the Maryland Science Center on July 16 and the event itself will leave from Rash Field on October 5. Anyone moved to honor the memory of this distinguished former neighbor by supporting the Step Out can obtain details from cblack@diabetes.org.

Explore Environmental History
The Baltimore City Historical Society, Friends of Maryland’s Olmsted Parks & Landscapes, & Cathedral of the Incarnation Creation Care will present a series of talks on environmental history this year. Special guest speakers include:


McKay Jenkins - Saturday November 2, 2013. McKay Jenkins is the author of *What’s Gotten into Us? Staying Healthy in a Toxic World* and editor of *The Peter Mattiessen Reader*, an anthology of American nature writing. His recent essay *The Era of Suburbia has to End. So, Now What?* can be found on his webpage: www.mckayjenkins.com


Programs run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Peabody Room, Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E.University Parkway. Free admission, parking and refreshments. • BCHS stamps War of 1812 Bicentennial Passports Information: www.historicbaltimore.org. • Contact Joe Stewart: joestewart31947@comcast.net
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Films are shown in the Abell Open Space on Friday nights (rain date is the following Saturday) and are free to the public. Animated shorts will precede each feature. *Show times are approximate.*

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**Trash & Recycling Schedule**

**TRASH**  
EVERY TUESDAY

**RECYCLING**  
EVERY THURSDAY

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

**Dumpster**  
Saturday, June 29  
approx. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
corner of Abell & 32nd Street

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