



## Mission of the Abell Improvement Association

- Foster the general welfare of all residents of our Community
- Maintain our Community's appearance, safety, and good order
- Promote cultural, racial, and ethnic harmony
- Foster a strong sense of neighborliness and community spirit
- Represent the Community's interest to local and state government.

(from AIA Bylaws revised and approved January, 2017)

## Why become a member of the Abell Improvement Association?

Membership is about showing your support for the activities of the AIA - continuing to make our neighborhood (which includes Guilford Avenue, Abell Avenue, Barclay Streets and Greenmount Avenue between 29<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> streets between Guilford and Greenmount) a great place to live. Many of us chose to live here because this neighborhood is special and it is up to all of us to take care of and continue to improve it. We all benefit from work done by the AIA. Your annual dues of only \$10 per person make a huge difference. Your contribution helps to cover basic operating costs, like printing newsletters, costs of community events, Open Space maintenance, initial Street Fair costs, and more. (You don't need to be a member to participate in social events or to receive the newsletter, but your support is appreciated!)

## What does the Abell Improvement Association do for you?

- Maintains and improves the Open Space on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Provides yearly service for parking renewals
- Organizes the annual Street Fair
- Plans social events including the Memorial Day picnic, New Year's Eve progressive dinner and holiday caroling
- Improves lighting in our neighborhood with free light bulbs for front porches
- Organizes neighborhood clean-ups
- Advocates for community improvements including pedestrian lighting, stops signs and traffic calming, better city services, enforcement of housing and sanitation violations and liquor board issues
- Keeps the neighborhood connected and well informed through newsletters, website and members e-mail list
- Pursues grants and other resources to improve the neighborhood
- Movies in the Open Space

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## AIA Membership Sign-up Form

Membership is renewed each year in September, and is valid through the following August. Memberships received between May and August are applied through the following year (e.g. if you signed up in May 2017 you get 16 months for the price of 12!). Please return the completed membership form and dues (\$10 *per member*) to Bonnie Bessor, 412 E. 31st Street, 410-916-1062.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Add my email address to the AIA Members e-mail list

I want to get involved! I am interested in working with the following committee(s) (please mark all that apply):

☐ Annual Street Fair ☐ Membership/Welcoming Committee ☐ Traffic Parking ☐ Housing/Sanitation Issues

☐ Neighborhood Walkers ☐ Land use/Liquor Board Issues ☐ Barclay Elemen./Middle School Improvements

☐ Others (please list) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Contact me as needed