If You See Something, Say Something.

What has become the mantra for crime- and- terror-prevention applies as well to other ways of keeping our community safe. We have all SEEN the near-misses at the intersection of Guilford Avenue and 32nd Street. Since the installation of a traffic circle there both driving and walking have become hazardous. Drivers negotiate the circle at high speeds; some drive right over the raised center. This puts pedestrians and other drivers at great risk. Because 32nd Street borders the Abell Open Space between Guilford and Abell, the many children who play in that area are also endangered.

It is time that we SAY SOMETHING. On December 9 at 11 a.m. the Director of Transportation for the City of Baltimore, William Johnson, will meet with concerned residents at the intersection of Guilford Avenue and 32nd Street. City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke arranged this meeting to discuss her request, on behalf of the Abell Improvement Association, for the installation of speed humps to slow the feed of traffic. Specifically the request is for:

Bike-friendly speed humps in the 200 and 300 blocks of East 32nd Street & in the 3100 and 3200 blocks of Guilford Avenue.

Please help us persuade Mr. Johnson of the urgent need to address the situation by

1. Writing a statement supporting the request for speed humps and including your own experiences at this dangerous intersection. Address it to William Johnson and email or deliver it to me by December 7; I will present all letters at the Dec. 9 meeting.
2. Joining the meeting with Mr. Johnson on Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. at the traffic circle.

I look forward to presenting many, many letters and gathering with many concerned residents on Dec. 9!

‘Tis the Season

On December 20 and December 31 residents of Abell traditionally gather for Carol Singing and to bring in the New Year. See the insert for details of these happenings. Post it on your fridge, insert the dates on your calendar, share them with family and friends, and plan to be with us for both spirit-lifting events.

Warmest Wishes to All for a Holiday Season of Sharing and Peace,
Jo Ann Robinson
President, Abell Improvement Association

Jooiman64@gmail.com; 3012 Abell Avenue.
Phil Matthews, Volunteer at The Book Thing

The Book Thing of Baltimore community lost a valued, regular volunteer and friend the week of November 16. Phil Matthews was a fixture at the Book Thing. He was dedicated and reliable. A mutual friend told me, "He was the coolest cat around." Phil will be missed.

Judy Berlin

We Salute Bob Richmond, Abell Resident for 75 Years

After 75 years at 3018 Abell, Bob Richmond is moving on. He arrived in 1940 at the age of 9 with his parents, grandmother and sister. Next door at 3020 lived his godmother Mary Span. Several doors further toward 31st Street, the Stange family resided in a home the elder family members had purchased in 1915. Eight-year-old Gil Stange was born there; he and Bob became fast friends for life. At age 10 Bob had his first job, delivering groceries for the first Baltimore A&P (located in the small building on the alley near 31st and Guilford). He delivered milk for Western Maryland Dairy as a teen ager. He attended Saints Philip and James School and then Baltimore Polytechnic High School, graduating in 1950.

In the next two decades Bob became an ace pilot in the Maryland Air National Guard. According to fellow pilot, Jim Teabo, Bob flew both of the best fighter planes of those times: the P-51D Mustang prop plane and the F-86E and F-86 H fighter jets. He was awarded medals for combat readiness that were reserved for only the most skilled and high-performing pilots.

Modest and retiring, Bob rarely talks about this impressive record. He will always be recalled in Abell as, in the words of resident Janet Kahoe, “a very gentle, soft-spoken neighbor who was often seen walking through the neighborhood or sitting on the porch with his buddy, Gil.” Friends and neighbors are invited to salute him at The Charles Village Pub on Saturday, December 12, from 3-5 p.m. We urge everyone to come – those who know him will want to wish him well; those who’ve not had the pleasure should take this chance to connect with a true son of the Abell Community.

Jo Ann Robinson

Barclay Resident Chris Baltus

Christopher John Baltus, longtime homeowner on Barclay Street, passed away before Thanksgiving. He was 52. Raised in Oakenshawe, Chris moved across University Parkway to Charles Village when he was in his mid-20s. He attended Friends School from kindergarten to 12th grade (class of 1982) and graduated from Towson University. He became an accomplished chef and cooked for many years at the Mt. Vernon Women’s Club. Chris enjoyed socializing at the Charles Village Pub, attending live theater and music, watching football, kayaking and camping. He kept a beautiful home and garden and was a kind and thoughtful neighbor. He will be missed by his mother Mary, brother Blair and a host of friends and neighbors.

Haakon Maxwell
Condolences to the Family of Nathan Conn

Tragedy struck one of the Abell Community’s young, involved families on October 21 when 35-year-old Nathan Conn died of a heart attack. His wife, Veronica Franco, and their 20-month-old son, Dylan, are regulars at the Abell Open Space and in the various Abell and Charles Village playgroups. Veronica led the Spanish Mother Goose on the Loose program at the 29th Street Community Center. Nathan, a promising engineer, is pictured here holding the letter “A”, leading off the children’s parade at the Abell Street Fair in September. Our hearts go out to Veronica, Dylan, Nathan’s mother, Bette, (who is currently staying with them in the Guilford Avenue home that they had just purchased), and their entire family. Visit https://www.gofundme.com/vn6Znfxs4 to help with financial needs and contact Odette Ramos, who is coordinating other kinds of assistance, at her email: odette@odetteramos.com

AIA Elections

WHEN AND WHERE? January 23, 2016, 10:30 a.m. 29th Street Community Center

OFFICES TO BE FILLED? President; Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; 2 Members at Large

TERMS OF OFFICE? One year, beginning at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. Officers serving 2 consecutive years in the same office may not serve in the same office the following year.

NOMINATION PROCESS? Nominating Committee appointed by the President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sahar Damghani
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MEMBERS FOR 2016?

All AIA members: You are urged to contact Sahar and Sindbad with nominations and are welcome to nominate yourself. Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting and Elections on January 23. Not ready to hold office? Consider joining and perhaps chairing a committee (Housing, Newsletter, Sanitation, Parking, Membership/Welcoming, Land Use and Planning, Street Fair, Open Space).

For further information contact any of the current officers listed in this newsletter.

29th Street Community Center News

We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new program manager for the 29th Street Community Center, Elyse Preston. Elyse graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. where she majored in communication and social advocacy for her B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Elyse’s background consists of working with the National Women’s Political Caucus as a communications intern to a program assistant with the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. She brings a broad range of skill and experience to the 29SCC program manager position. We are so lucky to have her! Please say “hi” and introduce yourself when you come through the center.

We were thrilled to host the last AIA meeting and potluck! It was great to see the leadership from the AIA and Harwood Community Association together sharing a meal and working issues common to both neighborhoods. We hope that we can be helpful in facilitating more such meetings!

We’re in the process of putting our schedule together for the winter and spring. If there is a program that you would love to bring to the center, please let us know. We want to make sure that we are providing programs that serve the Abell community well. You can contact us at 29SCC@strongcitybaltimore.org.

Thank you for your support through this transitional year! We’re looking forward to great things in 2016!

With Gratitude,
The Staff of the 29th Street Community Center
AIA Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers*
Saturday, January 23, 2016
10:30 a.m.
29th Street Community Center • 300 East 29th Street

Agenda will include:

Kim Wiggins of Live Baltimore - Strengthening & Promoting City Living
Tamara Payne of Harwood - Arts in the Community

*Anyone who is interested in running for any AIA office may submit their name for nomination to:
Sahar Damghani – sahardamghani@yahoo.com
or Sindbad Fennimore - ssf8@georgetown.edu

Abell Holiday Events
SEE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS

Holiday Caroling
Sunday, December 20 • 5:30 p.m. • Meet at 3212 Abell Avenue
Contact host Jim Anthony with questions:
janthony@towson.edu • 410-243-2269

New Year’s Eve Progressive Dinner
Celebrate New Year’s Eve at four homes from 7 p.m. to next year with your Abell neighbors. Sign up at http://ur1.ca/g61oz
Contact Shelley Treadway if you can host a course:
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Please send newsletter contributions to Shelley Treadway, 3026 Abell Avenue, or email to sbtreadway@aol.com

Deadlines for newsletter submissions:
♦ January 17 - Winter Issue
♦ March 17 - Spring Issue

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.

Residents may be fined for trash disposal violations.

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Holiday Caroling
Sunday, December 20
5:30 p.m.

Carolers meet at Jim Anthony’s house,
3212 Abell Avenue,
before heading out to serenade the Abell community.

Bring cookies or a snack for a post-caroling party.

Song books are provided.

Contact host Jim Anthony with questions:
janthony@towson.edu  ☑  410-243-2269

Please join us!
New Year’s Eve
Progressive Dinner

Thursday, December 31

Celebrate New Year’s Eve with your Abell neighbors. Travel to four homes for four courses, beginning with appetizers and ending with champagne at midnight. Attendees should bring a dish to share at one of the courses. Sign up at http://ur1.ca/q61oz

7:00 p.m. - Appetizers
8:30 p.m. - Main Course
10:00 p.m. - Dessert
11:15 p.m. – Champagne Toast

If you would like to attend, or can volunteer your home to host one of the four courses, contact Shelley Treadway sbtreadway@aol.com ♦ 410-458-4138

Details for participants will be distributed when locations are finalized.