Dear Neighbors,

I can’t tell you how excited I am to begin this year! I fell in love with this neighborhood after I attended the 2014 New Year’s Eve Progressive Dinner. Kathleen Wilsbach and Emil Volcheck invited me as their guest. Everyone I met was extremely friendly and I instantly felt at home. The sense of community and friendship left such a good impression that two and half years later, when I began looking to purchase my first house, Abell was my dream neighborhood. And again, thanks to our amazing community members, most of whom were still strangers, I found my current home.

All of this to say what many of us already know: the Abell community is very special. After living in four different countries, six states, and one district, I have yet to find another community like it. From undertaking major projects such as the 32nd Street Open Space Spruce-Up Grant or the Annual Street Fair, to daily tasks such as checking on one another, the people living in Abell work together to create a safe and healthy community.

And while I have enjoyed getting to know the members of the Executive Committee and neighbors who enjoy Trivia or Yoga at Peabody Heights Brewery, I would really love to create opportunities to get to know more of you. We have lots of different ways that you can get involved whether it is through volunteering with a committee or participating in an event! We always need people who are willing to attend safety meetings or provide new ideas for events and activities. I know that many of us are extremely busy and do not have time to serve regularly on a committee. We would like to create opportunities to volunteer for an hour or two to help with Open Space maintenance or with the Summer Movie Series.

This year we are going to be participating in two major volunteer efforts: fixing up the Barclay Playground and the Open Space Spruce Up. These will be day-long efforts and we will need community members to help transform these spaces into fun and functional landscapes. I am personally excited to see these spaces transform!

Aside from these volunteer opportunities, we also have our signature events to look forward to, including the Memorial Day Picnic, the Summer Movie Series, Annual Street Fair, Chili Cook-Off, Caroling, and, of course, The New Year’s Eve Progressive Dinner. I would love to see us add to these events and maybe even find new ways to use Open Space.

I hope that you will consider coming out to volunteer or participating in one of our events. Below please find my email address and home mailing address. If you are interested in learning more about different committees or volunteer opportunities, please send me an email or leave a note in my mailbox. Furthermore, I really want to know what you want to see in our neighborhood. What would make you want to participate in our community? Please send me an email or a note and let me know. I really want everyone in this neighborhood feel the same warm welcome that I have felt.

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Barclay School Store Volunteering

The Barclay school plans to have a store during lunch starting in March. If you can volunteer at the store, contact Alexis Arellano at ARArellano@bcps.k12.md.us. Look for more details in our digital version of the newsletter.

Thank You Officer Bill O'Donnell Retirement Party

Officer Bill O’Donnell is retiring after serving 45 years with the Baltimore Police Department. Those of us who know him well and appreciate him beyond what words can convey, especially in Northern District neighborhoods, are throwing him a big THANK YOU party with free food and refreshments and a cash local brew bar. All are welcome to attend.

When: Wednesday, March 21
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Peabody Heights Brewery
401 E. 30th Street

Join and/or like the THANK YOU OFFICER BILL O’DONNELL Facebook page where you can post photos and messages about how Officer Bill O’Donnell has helped the Northern District.

Security Services Update

The Safety Committee of AIA, Co-chaired by Jo Ann Robinson (jooinman64@gmail.com) and Sahar Damghani (sahardamghani@yahoo.com), recently met with Johns Hopkins University’s Executive Director of Campus Safety and Security, Christina Presberry, and Patricia Graham, the Director of Operations for Allied Universal, the security company contracted by JHU to provide car and police patrols in Abell and other neighborhoods adjacent to JHU. Directors Presberry and Graham provided updated information on their patrols. The committee also obtained updates from Tony Brown, Director, Safety Services, Charles Village Community Benefits District (CVCBD), regarding their current contract with Wolf Security. The information is summarized in a document accessible from AIA’s website. You can also view the summary at this link:
http://bit.ly/2DqEwYN

AIA Welcoming Committee

A group of Abell residents has revived a tradition from past years and formed a Welcoming Committee. Members of the committee are creating a welcome packet for new residents, stocked with Abell facts, a map with Abell points of interest, a recycling guide and coupons for Abell businesses. The committee needs your help to identify newcomers. If you notice that someone has moved into the neighborhood, please contact Laura Scott – lscott822@gmail.com.

New Neighbors in Abell

From Ed Hargadon:
Welcome to Ali and Atman Smith to the 3000 block of Guilford Avenue. Ali and Atman are brothers and life-long residents of Baltimore. They run Holistic Life Foundation, a non-profit on Howard Street that teaches mindfulness training to Baltimore City students other children and adults in the City. Welcome Ali and Atman!

Contractor Recommendation

From Tyler Lane:
We had our backyard landscaped by Infinity Landscapes of White Marsh. They were great to work with, reasonably priced, know the permitting requirements around Baltimore and how to work in the city. Rob is the owner and can be reached at 443.554.8216. If you want to see their work, we are at 3051 Abell.

AIA Website - a Source for Abell News & Events

If you aren’t already receiving our digital newsletter and monthly Notes from AIA, you can sign up to be on the shoutout mailing list at https://www.abellimprovement.org/. We update our website with Abell news throughout the month. Also, look for the News & Events page, and check the EC Blog - https://www.abellimprovement.org/ec-blog. The News & Events calendar has the dates and links to info for neighborhood events. Don't miss out!
Real Talk: Public Education in Baltimore City

The 2018-2019 Gertrude S. Williams Speakers Series at the 29th Street Community Center

_It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men._

_A little learning, indeed, may be a dangerous thing, but the want of learning is a calamity to any people._

Frederick Douglass

Monday March 19

The Legacy of Frederick Douglass for the 21st Century Student

Featuring: A. Anokwala Anansesemfo, National Park Ranger, Hampton National Historic Site
Anton House, Doctoral Candidate, Howard University Department of History

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. • 300 E. 29th Street.

RSVP: [https://www.strongcitybaltimore.org/event/](https://www.strongcitybaltimore.org/event/) or 443-213-0394

Additional Topics (look for further details in the next Newsletter)

Monday, June 18: So Many Kinds of Schools (traditional, charter, community) – What’s the Difference?
Monday, September 18, 2018: Electives and Extra-Curricular Programs – Frills or Essentials?
January 2019: The Great Funding Debate: “Good Money After Bad” or Striving for Justice?

Opportunity to be a Part of the REFORM PROCESS at BPD

The 1st Year Monitoring Plan for the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree entered into by Baltimore City and the Baltimore Police Department in 2017 requires the BPD to solicit community input on many different topics. If you are interested in the plan and its contents, specific topics and the discussion schedule are detailed in the document at this link: [http://bit.ly/2DI2FqM](http://bit.ly/2DI2FqM)

Check [www.bpdmonitor.com](http://www.bpdmonitor.com) to read through the Plan and see additional outreach requirements.

Thank You Newsletter Volunteers

Thank you to all AIA Newsletter delivery persons for your timely work bringing Abell news to the community in the past year:

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Andy Scott
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CVCBD Executive Director Search

After 12 years as Executive Director of the Charles Village Community Benefits District, David Hill has announced his retirement. The search for his replacement is underway. Please share the following with potential candidates:

The CVCBD Executive Director focuses on delivering enhanced safety, sanitation and community-strengthening outcomes in a 100 square block area of North Baltimore encompassing a population of 14,000 residents and more than 700 businesses.

To view the complete job description and application process visit [charlesvillage.org](http://charlesvillage.org)

Abell Neighborhood Walks

When: February 27, March 27 (last Tuesday of every month)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Leave from the Abell Open Space

Who: Neighbors, Benefits District Security and Baltimore Northern District Police

Why: For a pro-active, safe, informed community

Walk with Safety Director of the Benefits District and an Officer from Northern District Police. Gather afterwards for refreshments and conversation.

_Meet neighbors and find out what's going on in the community._

_Get updates on recent crimes. Voice your questions and concerns._

_Do your part for a Safe and Strong Community._
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Trash & Recycling Schedule
Trash Every Tuesday
Recycling Every Thursday
DUMPSTER
Saturday, March 17
Abell at E. 31st Street
Arrives around 8 a.m., remains until filled

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
IN BALTIMORE
Circumstances and Laws
Learn about the legal system, police and school regulations, and the role the family, community and the social worker play in the Juvenile Justice System.

JANUARY 27, 2018
Baltimore City State’s Attorney Chief of Juvenile Division:
Attorney Donald Walter
Executive Commander of the Northern District:
Captain Lloyd Wells

FEBRUARY 24, 2018
Supervisor, Baltimore Department of Juvenile Services;
Office of the Public Defender: Jennifer L. Egan
Executive Director, Baltimore Youth Arts: Gianna Rodriguez
Youth Organizer: Samirah Franklin
Director, Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice: Andrew Vetter
Chief of Baltimore School Police: Chief A. Hamm

MARCH 3, 2018
Magistrate in the Juvenile Court System: Magistrate J. Casey
Child Forensic Psychiatrist: Dr. R. Means

Thursday Night Trivia
Come join the fun for the area’s most challenging trivia at Thursday Night Trivia, hosted by Abell residents Andrew Northrup and Courtney Oliver
February 8 - 7:00 p.m.
March 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Peabody Heights Brewery
410 E. 30th Street

Waverly Main Street 2018 Kick Off Celebration
Let’s Celebrate Our Main Street
6 – 8 p.m., Thursday, February 22
Peabody Heights Brewery
401 E. 30th Street
Find out what’s in store for Greenmount Avenue and how you can get involved.
Food & Beer Samples & More from Local Businesses!
Free and Family Friendly
RSVP at www.waverlymainstreet.org by Feb. 20 to be entered to win a Waverly Main Street gift basket