

BEVERLY HILLS BEACON
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To our Beverly Hills Neighbors

On behalf of the Beverly Hills Improvement Association best wishes for 2017. We wish you a year of good health, happiness and harmony. Thanks to all who have volunteered during the past year be it at community events and distributing newsletters. Have a wonderful 2017!

Beverly Hill Board Members

Mary Buedel – President
Mimi Kelly
Rocky Dunn
Nancy Rose

Due to family commitments two members have stepped down. We are in the process of recruiting two additional board members. Two persons have been identified but they need to confirm their acceptance.

The next Beverly Hills General Membership Meeting will held at the end of March. Exact date location TBD. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members.

New Neighbors

Welcome to our new Beverly Hills neighbors. During the past year we have said welcome to many new families. We love it!

Curbside Tree Collection

For residents who cannot bring their trees for mulching, DPW will offer curbside tree collection from **Tuesday, January 3, 2017, through Tuesday, January 31, 2017.**

Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day, at the same location where their trash is collected. As a reminder, all tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees before they are set out for curbside collection. In addition, citizens are encouraged to continue to recycle wrapping paper and recyclable packaging from gifts. This should be set out on your normal recycling collection day.

Snow Baltimore

Let's please help our neighbors who are unable to clear the snow from their property and perhaps lend a hand in picking up groceries or doing errands for those who need to be homebound during snowy weather.

An important element in providing safe passage of pedestrians during snow events is in the hands of Baltimore City residents themselves, namely, the removal of snow and ice from public sidewalks. The City depends on its citizens to be helpful, responsible, and aware of the need to remove all snow and ice from public sidewalks and ramps leading to crosswalks during inclement weather. Baltimore Housing is reminding all property owners that all snow and ice should be removed from public sidewalks creating at least a 2-foot wide passage in both residential and business areas. Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks is a demonstration of courtesy toward all those who need to use the public walk ways. There is an ordinance regarding snow removal that identifies the responsibilities of citizens in removing snow from sidewalks, resulting in fines of \$50 for residential

property and \$100 for commercial properties. Property owners are reminded that snow removal is required within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice event unless the snow fall stops between 3pm and 6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am. The city reminds all property owners or occupants of property that:

All snow and ice, which has accumulated on the adjacent public sidewalk, must be removed within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice event unless the snow fall stops between 3pm and 6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am.

Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold.

If any property owner has a concern regarding sidewalk snow removal within 24 - 48 hours after the end of an accumulation, they should call 311. Residents may also call 311 to report locations that may be in violation of the city snow removal ordinance.

Emergency Phases

Phase 1

- Requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains. **Police citations are issued to those without**
- It would help if citizens would park off of the snow emergency routes before phase 2 of the snow emergency plan is activated. It will greatly help the Department of Transportation to clear the emergency routes quickly if no cars are interfering.

Phase 2

- Requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains. (Police citations are issued to those without)
- Parking is prohibited on designated Snow Emergency Routes. Snow emergency routes are clearly marked and vehicles parked along these designated roadways during a snow emergency will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles are impounded if they are parked along the restricted peak hour zones in the downtown area. In neighborhoods, they are relocated to suggested alternative parking areas such as schools or recreational facilities.
- During a Phase 2 snow emergency, citizens may park at area schools equipped with parking lots (PDF File).

Phase 3

- Permits emergency vehicles only on City streets.

Caring News

The Baltimore City Health Department Division of Aging and Care Services offers a variety of services and initiatives to improve the lives of seniors in Baltimore, including health evaluation, personal care, transportation and volunteer opportunities. **The 2016 Community Resources Directory is now available!** Guiding Your Path to Resources in the Region is a Baltimore City/Baltimore County Regional

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Resource Directory. This publication is a comprehensive listing of agencies and organizations to educate consumers about resources and benefits they may be eligible for and other important service options. The listing includes public, private and non-profit organizations, and health and social programs that serve older adults, baby boomers, families, caregivers, persons with disabilities and professionals. Special added features in the directory include hotlines, websites and financial eligibility guidelines. You can obtain a copy at your nearest Senior Center, download the PDF document at baltimorecity.gov/government. Click on Aging and Retirement Education under the A listings or contact Baltimore City Maryland Access Point at 410-396-2273. Assistance is available to individuals with limited English proficiency. Please contact 410-396-2273.

Baltimore Government Directory
Baltimorecity.gov/government

If you want to learn more about how the city works, various commissions, volunteering, etc. visit the baltimorecity.gov site and start scrolling down through the alphabetized listing and click on some that interest. For those who like to know about the City and the rules and regulations one can also access the Baltimore City Charter.

NECOP – NORTHEAST CITIZENS ON PATROL

NECOP is a partnership between HARBEL and the Northeast District Police. Patrol volunteers serve as extra eyes and ears for the police. Your role as a Patrol member is to report suspicious incidents and crimes requiring response by trained personnel. You are in phone contact with police and do not get involved in situations. Patrols currently take place Thursday, Friday and select Saturday evenings. The communities that we patrol are Beverly Hills, Arcadia, Moravia/Walther. If you would like to participate please send an email to goldiem1951@gmail.com.

ROADS/SAFETY/CLEAN UP

Falling Leaves....need to be cleaned from the storm drains

If anyone out there has cabin fever and feels like flexing muscle perhaps you could help keep the storm drains free of leaves. This will prevent flooding.
Thanks!!!

This is also a good time to cut back ivy that is growing on trees. The trees succumb to ivy overgrowth that deprives them of water and nutrients.

Trashy Stuff

It seems like the new trash containers distributed by the City are working well. Please remember that the reason for the large cans with LIDS is to keep the lids closed. We are trying to prevent rodents from feasting so please put any excess baggage into another can with lid. It's also helpful to keep the trash cans clean.

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Lawn/garden refuse is to be placed at the curb along with regular Thursday trash. Please don't put these bags out several days ahead of time.

Call 311 by Friday before 3rd Wednesday of month to schedule bulk pick up (3) items. Appliance pick up is also available but on a different pick up schedule.

Roads

Yes, there are issues with cars travelling at excessive speed throughout our community. And "yes" the Beverly Hills Improvement Association is actively working for improvement in this area. Getting things done has always been slow; however, Councilman Dorsey's office is working with us and we hope to have positive feedback and results from Baltimore City. Speed bump requests have been submitted for Weaver and Harcourt.

Please be careful when travelling on Moravia westbound especially when approaching the bottom of the hill at Walther. The road is very slick when wet and recently there have been many accidents at this location.

Thanks to our Beverly Hills Walkers and Dog Walkers

In recent months we have seen a spike in foot traffic through Beverly Hills. Thank you to those who enjoy their walks through our community. And during these daily excursions you also become aware of what happening in Beverly Hills so please be vigilant and if you witness any suspicious activities please report it to the authorities.

Anyone who wishes to walk and exercise has only to walk through Beverly Hills. Also strolling through our neighboring community of Arcadia is also a nice experience. On Parkside Drive not far from Walther there is a footpath leading to Herring Run Park.

HomeServe USA

The City of Baltimore has partnered with HomeServe to offer homeowners coverage plans that can protect homeowners from the expense and inconvenience of exterior home plumbing repairs. HomeServe offers a combined water and sewer line service plan as well as individual plans to Baltimore residents.

- Water Service – unlimited calls; unlimited claim
- Sewer Service – unlimited service; \$10,000 max per year
- Includes basic restoration
- 30 day review period after enrollment is received

Since its inception in 2014 more than 20,000 customers have signed up for coverage.

Community Notes

The newly elected Baltimore City Councilman for the 3rd District is Ryan Dorsey. Councilman Dorsey will be setting up an office along the Harford Road corridor.

Construction has begun on the multipurpose building located at Harford and Southern that will include apartments and restaurant

Clementine's has re-opened. Check website for hours.

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Latest gossip about the Harford Road Bridge construction is that BGE has to do some work beforehand and that the projected date is Fall 2017.

Zekes will open a new coffee shop on Harford Road just north of Moravia. An expanded menu will be offered.

Get well wishes to Joan Ford of Walther who was injured in an auto accident. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

One of our community members requested that a brief announcement be made regarding use of the Heimlich procedure to aid choking victims. This person was out to dinner recently and someone at the next table started choking. The dining room at the restaurant was full but no one got up to help out. Fortunately there was a nurse in the room who came to the aid of the gentleman. This is to raise awareness about this lifesaving procedure. If needed you can also perform this procedure on yourself. There are also certain to perform this procedure on children and infants. Perhaps it would be helpful to check out the basics of this and other life-saving procedures.

Upcoming Beverly Hills Events:

Beverly Hills/Arcadia Annual Spring Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, April 29

Annual Combined Beverly Hills Dumpster Day and Goodwill Collection
Saturday, May 6, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. – Noon

April 8 –Easter Egg Hunt

Things to do and see how things are run:

Take a walk around beautiful Lake Montebello.

Attend a Baltimore City Council meeting held regularly on Monday evenings

Check out Baltimore Heritage Society

Waverly Farmers Market – held Weekly on Saturday mornings

Reopening on April 30 - Baltimore Farmers' Market and Bazaar held under the Jones Fall Expressway from 7 a.m – noon.

Strong City Baltimore provides fiscal oversight to the Beverly Hills Improvement Association

Peace!