

The Beverly Hills Beacon
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Hello Everyone,

Seems like June was just last week. Hope everyone enjoyed the warm summer months and got to partake in the great summer crop harvest! We will be having a Labor Day Weekend Cookout as well as another Community Yard Sale and our Annual Halloween Party. We look forward to having Beverly Hills events for everyone and hope you will come and meet your neighbors and enjoy yourselves.

Welcome Fall in all its splendor!

NEXT BEVERLY HILLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lauraville House located at 4528 Harford Road

Officers:

President: Mary Buedel
Treasurer: Ryan Becker
Board of Directors:
Charity Becker
Rocky Dunn
Jean Farnsworth
Mimi Kelly
Donald Major
Suzette Morgan

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

On behalf of your Beverly Hills neighbors
"Welcome".

BEVERLY HILLS REPRESENTATION AT RECENT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thank you to the Beverly Hills volunteers who helped out at the following events:

Saturday, August 8 the Northeast Community and Eastside Raiders Football Cookout and Flag Football Game with Officers of the Northeast District Police Station. Richard our Magician from Grindon Avenue entertained the children and our neighbors at Atlantic Catering provided dessert. Thanks to all!

Friday, August 21 Northeast Community Movie Night held on from 7:30 – 10 p.m. at Harbel Community Center Parking lot

LAWNS AND TREES and OTHER ITEMS REQUESTED BY OUR RESIDENTS

Baltimore City Street Tree Request Form

The Forestry Division is pleased to plant street trees on the street right-of-way at the request or approval of property owners. Trees must be planted in locations that promote tree vigor, minimize safety hazards and reduce conflicts with sidewalks. Most importantly, trees must be routinely watered by the resident.

Applicants are encouraged to view information about street trees on the Recreation and Parks' website at <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/RecreationandParks/ForestryDivision.aspx>.

PESKY GRASS CLIPPINGS

To keep grass from washing into the drains and to the Bay please sweep up after mowing and please don't sweep grass clippings into the street. Drains are for water only!

Please don't put out yard waste before 6 p.m. the night before our scheduled Thursday trash pickup day.

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Also, if you have a storm drain near your house please check occasionally to make sure water can flow smoothly through the grate. If covered with grass, leaves possibly clear it.

Help is needed to trim and clean up the rose bushes planted at Montebello and Arabia. Please contact Mary at goldiem1951@gmail.com If you can lend a hand. Thanks.

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY

Check out what happening at the library by visiting the website at <http://www.prattlibrary.org>

One of our Beverly Hills residents, Scott from Harcourt, who is a pianist, composer and performer will perform at the Pratt library on the following dates:

Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch of the Library
4330 Edmonson Avenue

What: the Afro House Space Music Experience: Improvisation

Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Govans Branch of the Library
5714 Bellona Avenue

The Afro House Space Music Experience: Improvisation

September 18, Friday, 11 a.m.

Grand Reopening of the Waverly Branch

October 15, 2015 entries due

Pratt Library Window Display Design Contest
Design a window display inspired by a classic children's book.

Who: Artists and designers in Maryland, aged 18+

What: A free contest to design a window display based on one of 20 award winning children's books

When: Entries due October 15; Installation November 16-18, Exhibition November 19, 2015 – January 5, 2016
Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Why: Gain exposure, recognition, and \$1,500 for the project, while drawing attention to this historic library

Questions: Email windows@prattlibrary.org

How: Go to <http://www.prattlibrary.org>

The Enoch Pratt Free Library Window Display Design Contest is supported by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund.

Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center Renovation

The Central library renovation is expected to be completed in 2018. The Central Library will remain open throughout the construction.

Some of the renovation highlights include:

- More public space the currently available
- Expanded training/conference facilities
- New teen and young adult wing
- Expanded and restored children's department
- More public computers

BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOLS

Double Parking at City Schools

There is legislation intended to deter motorists from double parking by school grounds which impedes vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The legislation allows the city to impose a \$250 fine on motorists that park, stop or stand in a

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manner which obstructs or impedes the free flow of traffic by school grounds. This includes areas around kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools between the hours of 7-9 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. on school days. The legislation enables officers to issue citations for this offense without first providing a written warning. This makes conditions safer for pedestrians and motorists. The new law, which falls under Article 31, Section 36-4 of the Baltimore City Code became effective April 1, 2015.

Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at a Baltimore City school visit the website at <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org>. Schools are expected to implement a volunteer program that engages parents and community partners to support student achievement. Volunteer programs and activities meet the needs of the school while allowing volunteers the opportunity to contribute through a variety of experiences.

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW on NEXTDOOR

Baltimore's Public Works Department is getting in on a new social network. DPW will post alerts on Nextdoor, the neighborhood-level social network. Baltimore citizens on Nextdoor will get updates on projects, changes to garbage and recycling schedules and other information.

Municipal trash cans

In an effort to clean up the city the Mayor has announced that each household will receive a 64 gallon cans for mixed refuse collection. They

will have attached lids and wheels. The will remains the property of the city of Baltimore.

POLICE ISSUES

CRIME WATCH NUMBER –
Application is attached to this newsletter

Message from Major Worley at Northeast District Police Station:

I have attended several meetings lately as well as received numerous emails about certain houses causing issues in neighborhoods, yet when I check the calls for service, there are minimal, if any calls. Some neighborhoods do a great job and we thank you. Others don't call at all. I understand the apprehension in calling and all the issues with the operators but we need your help and the best way to do that is by calling 911 when you see something suspicious. I have attached a Crime Watch Application. If you complete the form and return it to me, we can get you a crime watch number and you can remain completely anonymous. When you call 911 you give them your crime watch number and your issue. Using the crime watch number is better than calling and remaining anonymous.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rich
Richard J. Worley, Jr
Major – Northeast District
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Burglaries, auto break ins

Please be vigilant and lock your cars. Not doing so is an invitation for others to take advantage of the open door policy. Same goes for locking up your house.

Traffic Calming

Requests for the evaluation of traffic calming have been submitted to Baltimore City for parts of Overland, Weaver and Arabia.

Urban Ag Plan

Urban Agriculture Plan and Land Leasing Initiative

Baltimore City has a new Urban Ag Plan and farmers may now apply to lease land from the City. For additional information visit: <http://www.baltimore.sustainability.org>

Oh RATS!

It has come to light that Beverly Hills is now home to a large number of these rodents. Please check around the foundation of your homes and also shrubs for rat holes. Please use trash cans with lids.

UPCOMING BEVERLY HILLS EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 6 from 2-6 p.m.
Beverly Hills Labor Day Weekend Cookout
4320 Walther Avenue
Hot dogs and drinks provided.
You are welcome to provide a side dish or dessert

September 12, 2015 9 – 1 p.m.

Beverly Hills Community Yard Sale
Rain Date: Saturday, Sept. 19

Saturday, Sept. 26

Lauraville Fair, Heinz Park, Parkside at Harford
Each year Beverly Hills has a table and sells cakes, candies, other goodies. If you would like to donate candy, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, other baked goods we will gladly sell them. We are also looking for volunteers to run our table. Please send a message to goldiem1951@gmail.com if you would like to donate to the fair table or spend some time helping the day of the fair!

Saturday, October 31 – 1-4 p.m.

Beverly Hills Annual Halloween Party
Grindon between Walther and Arabia
Come in costume!
Games, Prizes, Food!!!!

Beverly Hills Fall Dumpster Day

Saturday, October 3
Dumpster will be delivered sometime between 8 and 9:30 a.m. and on site four hours.
Location: In front of 3202 Montebello Terrace

UPCOMING NORTHEAST AREA and BALTIMORE EVENTS

September 12, 2015 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Main Street yard Sale
4500 Harford Road across from Safeway

September 15, 2015 7:00 – 8:55 p.m.

Frankford Coalition of Communities General Meeting
4801 Sipple Avenue – Transforming Life Church Fellowship Hall
Guest speaker is Dr. Carla Hayden, Director for Pratt Libraries who will provide information related to the current drive for a new Northeast Anchor Library.

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September 19, 2015 – Saturday

Montebello Centennial at Lake Montebello
Free Family Fun Event
Free Parking at Hopkins Eastern Campus lot on the southeast Corner of Ellerslie Avenue and East 33rd Street
Free shuttles to the event!
There will be exhibits, bands, and activities for all to enjoy!
Food and Drink: A wide variety of food trucks will be there and there will be a beer and wine garden for those 21 years of age and older.

September 19, 2015 – Saturday
2nd Annual Baltimore Seafood Festival
Canton Waterfront Park, Boston Street
Noon – 7 p.m.
Visit bsceneeventws.com
(<http://bsceneevents.com>) for more information. If you are a vendor or artist please visit the website for an application.

October 3, 2015

Belair-Edison Wine Festival
Saturday, October 3rd
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Herring Run Park/Belair Road and 2800
Chesterfield Avenue
Call 410-914-4241 or 410-914-4242 for more information

October 25 from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Downhill Derby 2015
Sponsored by Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street
Join us on Harford Road for another community event, starting with HL Sprouts Halloween Parade at 9:00! Bring the little ones dressed in costume for a parade on the raceway and into the neighborhood. Downhill Derby race begins at 9:30. Bring your family, neighbors and friends to this fun event. - See more at:
<http://bmoremainstreet.com/event/downhill-derby-2015/#sthash.9yj9v2sp.dpufCome>

November 11-15, 2015

Beverly Hills resident Scott from Harcourt will present Ebon Kojo: the Last Tribe at the Charm City Fringe Festival. Please check out website for additional information.

Baltimore Heritage

For additional information on Baltimore history and tours visit Baltimore Heritage. There are many wonderful things to do and places to visit!

FUTURE NEWS

If you would like to submit newsletter material please send to goldiem1951@gmail.com

PEACE!

Commented [MB1]: