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**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010 AT 7:30 PM
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is almost over, and our community has survived the double winter blast. I would like to thank all those who did their part in helping both neighbors and the city during the blizzards of 2010.

I also wanted to give an update on the activities that members of the association have been working on during the past few months. We launched our facebook and twitter pages. Facebook was a great tool for communicating storm updates to the community. I would encourage you to join us on facebook for happenings in the community and around Fell's Point. We welcome a new Beautification Chair: Anne Fleshman. Anne will start a new garden committee this spring. The association has been working on applying for grants for beautification projects. We will have up to 19 trees planted this spring in the community. We will be asking that the residents do their part in making

sure they are watered during this spring, summer and early fall. This year we hope to be awarded a grant to garden the entrance to Patterson Park. We have also set up a sub-committee to look at ways the community association can find funds to cover the cost of our alley gating project.

This past year was challenging for many in the community, and we have been working to get information out via facebook and email about programs offered for mortgage help, energy assistance etc. We also used facebook to dispense information on the circulator, traffic, and events happening around the city. We have had great success with our new tiered approach to membership; we thank all of our new members and a special thanks to our Associate and Patron members. This year, thanks to help from our membership, we made a donation to the Clinton Bush Haiti Relief Fund. This will help those in need rebuild their communities. I would encourage more residents to join the association get involved since this is your community too. We can't do some of the projects that you have asked for without your time and donations. I personally would

like to thank the Board for all the time they have put into improving the community. The people who are involved in working on issues with and for the community do so by volunteering their time.

Fells Prospect Community Association will launch a corporate sponsorship program this year to help cover the cost of our newsletter and website. Membership dues will go for community building, quality of life projects. We are also looking at creating events at local restaurants and in the park this coming year. If you have any ideas please email us with suggestions. We are still in need of a social committee chair.

Finally, with other community associations we have tackled greater Fells Point community issues. We have taken on problematic bars and institutions, addressed issues of crime and grime, and we are now working with Fells Point Main Street with ways to improve the businesses in and around Fell's Point. We will continue to forge partnerships in the coming months. I encourage you to attend the March 10 meeting. We have an exciting year planned ahead and are looking forward to improving the quality of life for us all.

Victor Corbin,
President, Fells Prospect

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Each \$1,000 dollars spent on cleanup could instead purchase: 181 pothole repairs, 6 police officers on patrol for one, eight-hour shift, 100 park bench repairs, 29 trees, or 5 ball field repairs, just to name a few.

Take time every week to pick up litter in the streets and in the park. If we all just do our part, we can keep our community clean.


Help us keep Fells Prospect and Baltimore clean—call 311 and report littered sites.

A neighborhood resident adds: Every one of us sees cups, paper, wrappers, untouched plastic bags of unsolicited advertisements, chewing gum, broken branches, bottles and cans lying in front of our houses and tossed into tree pits and strewn along street gutters. Pick it up, please.

We don't have a street cleaner in Fells Prospect and Butchers Hill to pick up after all of us. The folks who pick up our trash and recycling each week are not going to do it. We are.

For a greener community, take a store plastic bag and fill it with litter lying in front of your house. Doing this on a consistent basis reduces negative visual impact, reduces the number of rats looking for their next meal, encourages reinvestment in our communities, and attracts new neighbors.

Some neighbors shove plastic shopping bags into lamppost receptacles for dog walkers to use. Those same bags are ideal for cleaning our street-scape. If we always pick up litter, our streets will always be clean.



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MAJOR DAVIS AND COUNCILMAN JIM KRAFT TO ATTEND MARCH MEETING

On Friday, January 28, 2010; Deputy Major Davis was promoted to Major of the Southeastern District. Also, Lt. David Reitz has been promoted to Deputy Major of the Southeastern District.

We look forward to working with the members of the Southeastern District Police on issues of crime and appreciate their support for the safety of our community. The Major and Deputy Major will attend our March meeting.

Councilman Jim Kraft will also attend this meeting.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Fells Prospect Community Organization would like to thank the following people for their generous support and membership.

Patron: Maria Cavacos, Laura Irwin, Victor Acosta, Alana Ridge, Thomas Glasener, Janet Allan, Rebecca German, Bev Hall


Advocate: Janice Angevine, Christine Peterson, Steve Clayton, Francesca Gallucci, Pamela Nopulos, James Piercefield, Tracy Hayden, John Lindsley, Brian Hayden, Robert Jones

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WHEN A LOCAL BAR BECOMES A PROBLEM

If you want to take action against a local bar, the following is the general process regarding how to handle things when an existing bar becomes a problem. This article was written by FPCO, a neighboring community organization.

1. Speak directly to the bar owners about identifiable concerns if you're comfortable doing so.

2. Use 311 to lodge a complaint either by phone (before 10:00 pm) or via the internet. Go to www.baltimorecity.gov and click on "311" at the left of the screen.

NOTE: Internet complaints go directly to Mr. Fogleman and other Liquor Board inspectors who are available until 3:00 am. Therefore, whenever possible, these complaints should be made in real time.

Closing time bar disturbances will be hard to enforce, so email the complaint to the Liquor Board at stephan.fogleman@baltimorecity.gov in addition to sending the complaint to 311. For closing time disturbances, the Liquor Board will send an inspector at another time.

For people who don't have internet access, there's a Complaint Line to use after 4:40 pm: 410.545.6360. Prior to 4:30 pm, you can reach the Liquor Board office by calling 410.396.4380.

3. Ongoing problems can be addressed by the community by filing:

(a.) A Protest of Renewal, which MUST be received by March 31st of each year. Signatures from 10 or more residents are required, and the strongest cases will have previous documentation of problems and efforts to resolve them. The licensee must participate in mediation once the protest has been filed.

(b.) Additionally, a protest can be filed at any time asking for the revocation of a liquor license.

NOTE: Residents signing a Revocation Petition MUST live in the exact election precinct as the establishment.

DONATION FOR FIRE STATION



The association and Kislings Bar and Tavern made a food donation when we heard that our first responders at our local fire house were in need during their long hours of service.

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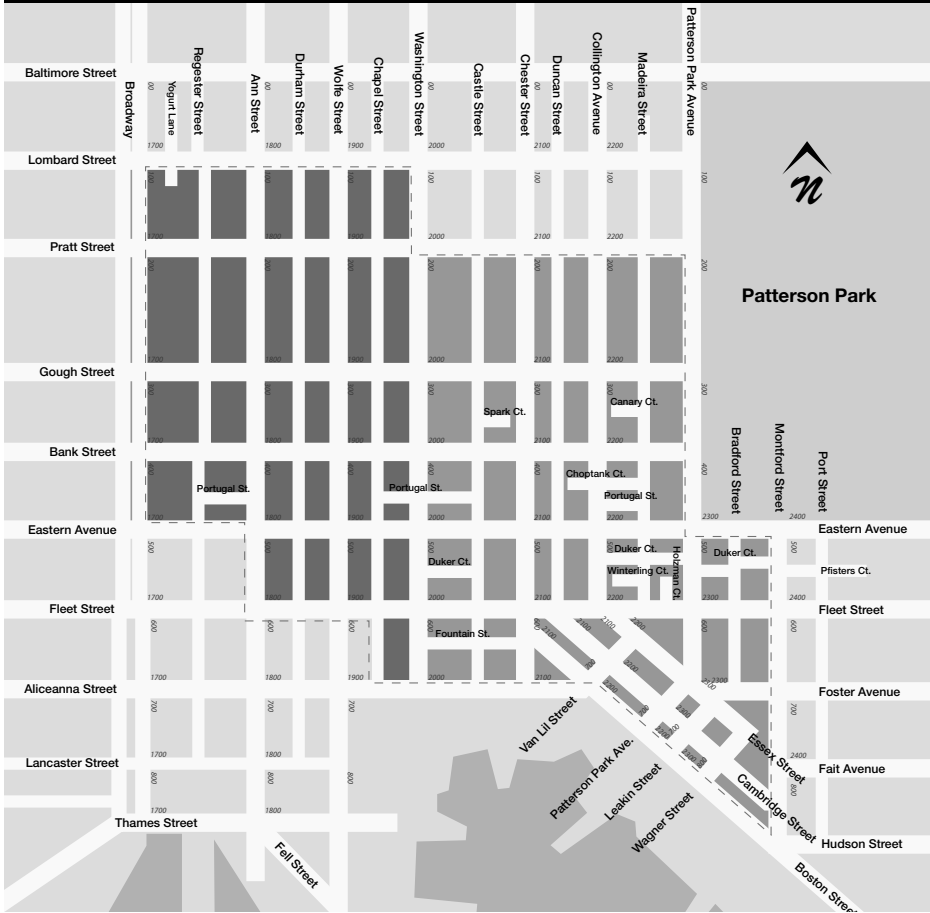
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GARDEN CLUB FORMING

We are forming a garden club for the community and want your ideas and participation.

The first meeting, originally canceled due to snow, will now be held on Monday, March 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Location: Baltimore Contained at 2400 Fleet Street. Contact: Anne Fleshman, 410-732-7717

baltimorecontained@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW BUSINESS PARTNERS

We would like to welcome a new business partner, Lombard Hardware, located at 1747 Lombard Street. Visit Lombard Hardware at <http://www.facebook.com/lombardhardware>.

We are also happy to welcome back Tenpachi Hair Salon, located at 1722 Eastern Avenue.

As always we ask that you support our local business partners. Think local—buy local first. For a complete list of our business partners visit <http://www.fellsprospect.org/Business-Partners-.html>

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