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PROPOSED PATTERSON PARK DOG PARK

The Friends of Patterson Dog Park is working to establish a fenced off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property, or wildlife. A Parks and Recreation representative will discuss off-leash recreation spaces for dogs in Patterson Park at the Canton Community Association Meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd @ 7pm at the United Evangelical (Batz's) Church on South East Ave on the corner of Dillon St. Visit www.patterson-dogpark.org for more information.

MAYOR'S SPRING CLEANUP Saturday, April 16, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Join your neighbors and choose a location that needs a special cleanup. This year's theme emphasizes the connection between litter around the neighborhood and the health of Baltimore's streams and harbor. Containers for debris collection are available on a first-call basis. Trucks will not be available. Even communities without a container can participate by bagging debris and stacking it at a designated location for collection on Monday, April 18.

Fells Prospect hopes to have a dumpster available for trash. More information will be in the April newsletter.

ALLEY GATING PROJECT COMPLETED!

Fells Prospect completed two major alley-gating projects in February. A special thanks to Laura Irwin and Alana Ridge, VP for all the work they did over the past two years to see that this project was completed. We would also like to thank BCF for awarding us a grant and all the residents who helped match the grant. We would also like to thank Councilman Kraft for his support for this project.



2011 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONTACTS

A message from your representatives:
As the 2011 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session heads into high gear, we wanted to be sure that our neighbors in Fells Prospect have our contact information.

We will be tackling many challenging issues in the next 90 days, including the \$1.4 billion budget deficit, implementation of the national health care legislation at the state level, same-sex marriage, improving public education, and making our streets safer, just to mention a few.

Please use the following information to contact us at any time to let us know how you feel about a particular issue or if there is a way we can be helpful to you.

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EVERYDAY HEROES: FINDING STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Several years ago, members from a handful of small clean water advocacy groups in Baltimore began tossing around an idea that seemed like a long shot: the possibility of combining resources to form one mega group to advocate for improving the health of area waterways that feed into the Inner Harbor and Chesapeake Bay.

Blue Water Baltimore formed in 2011 to advocate for improving the health of area waterways. Blue Water Baltimore covers all of Baltimore City's and much of Baltimore County's waterways.

Blue Water Baltimore has a team of experienced and dedicated employees and volunteers working to improve the health of our local waterways, but you can do your part too by promoting or joining the following initiatives:

Rain barrels: A rainwater collection system is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce your water bill and minimize pollution.

Tree planting: Planting native trees helps filter polluted runoff, air pollution, and cool our neighborhoods.

Rain gardens: Designed to capture rain runoff from a hard surface and help limit the amount of polluted runoff that winds up in storm drains and streams.

Conservation landscaping: Conservation landscaping is done with the specific goals of reducing pollution and improving the local environment.

Pavement reduction: Pavement prevents rainwater from naturally soaking into the ground, a process that naturally filters and cools the water, and recharges groundwater supplies.

Downspout disconnection: Learn how easy it is to help keep trash and chemicals out of your neighborhood streams by redirecting your downspout to flow into your yard or garden.

Indoor water audit: A trained team of professionals will help you assess and reduce your water usage at home.

For more information about how you can help improve the city's waterways, visit www.bluewaterbaltimore.org.

MAYOR'S RED LINE UPDATE

A tremendous amount of work has been accomplished for the Red Line project and in our efforts towards realizing the goals in the Community Compact. With new investments in neighborhoods and changes to the way the city does business, we wanted to share with you some highlights from 2010:

- New policy from the U.S. Department of Transportation will allow transit projects like the Red Line to win funding based on quality of life improvements for residents as well as helping to reduce car congestion.

- Ten high school students were awarded scholarships through the ACE Mentor Program of Baltimore for their work designing a Red Line light rail station.

- Formed the Red Line Station Area Advisory Committees (SAACs) with MTA to engage residents, workers, and business owners from every neighborhood along the route in the station design process.

- Educated thousands of people about the Red Line at 15 citywide festivals and events last summer.

- Launched an innovative program to offer incentives for contractors to hire and train Baltimore residents for construction jobs.

- Broke ground for the Uplands Redevelopment, a major new housing investment along the Red Line corridor.

- Began demolition on the Highway to Nowhere, marking the first stage of a project which will accommodate the Red Line and reconnect neighborhoods. A local West Baltimore resident was hired as the Community Construction Liaison for that project.

- Worked with partners from the Department of Transportation, Housing and Community Development and the Baltimore Development Corporation to secure a \$1.8 million bond measure for the Red Line community development fund, which will be available in 2012 and 2013.

- The Red Line is one project targeted to receive funds from the \$19 million awarded to the City of Baltimore from the Living Cities Integration Initiative. Funds will be used to increase current efforts to connect development with job opportunities and economic benefits for lower-income residents.

LOCAL HISTORY EDWARD JOHNSON, MAYOR

Part 2

An ongoing series by Zippy Larson, Baltimore historian, speaker, and tour guide

The waterfront in Fell's Point was settled by William Fell of Lancashire, England, in 1729. Fell, a noted ship builder, gathered shipwrights who built clippers—swift, sure-sailing armed vessels that began sinking and setting adrift British men of war. Retaliation by the British followed after 500 of their vessels were lost to “that den of pirates” in Fell's Point. British supporters of the *Federal Gazette* matched anti-British sentiment. In 1812, a mob in favor of war with England rioted, vowing to break into the city jail and lynch anti-war citizens. Mayor Johnson bravely stepped into the mob, placing his hands on the shoulders of a rioter, and said, “My friend, you must not talk so; I am the mayor of your city; they are my prisoners, and I must and will protect them.” In trying to stop the mob, the mayor was nearly killed.

Mayor Johnson also headed the Committee of Vigilance and Safety and rallied Baltimore's citizens for battle. Because the capital at Washington, D.C., lay in ruins, burnt and plundered by the British, banks in Baltimore advanced \$663,000 for guns, tents, bricks, canteens, horses, whiskey, uniforms, and hay by the ton. The plan by the British land force to take the city by marching from Northpoint into Patterson Park required digging trenches and building bullwarks; 4,000 men rallied to that effort. Francis Scott Key's poem, “The Defence of Baltimore,” tells of the battle and Baltimore's role.

This article continues in the April issue.

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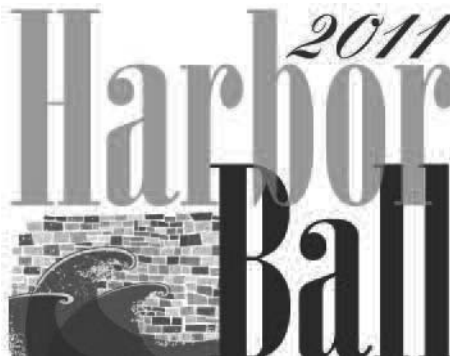
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