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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

TRASH ENFORCEMENT

A letter to our president

Dear Mr. Corbin:

Thank you for your encouraging words regarding 1+1 and for your information about troublesome locations. We are aware of the abuses of city cans and have been actively pursuing violators.

Currently, Housing Inspectors are engaged in aggressive enforcement Monday thru Friday across the City. In addition, for the past three weeks our Special Investigators have been deployed on Saturday afternoons in the Fells Point area, citing violators who place commercial and household trash in and around the city cans along the Broadway corridor and along the streets off Broadway.

A significant number of citations have already been issued to these violators. We have conducted these weekend deployments midday so that the investigators would be visible to the merchants and residents.

At this point we would like to meet with the merchants association and community leaders to get a better understanding of what we have observed and to fine tune our enforcement. Celeste Amato from the Department of Public Works will be contacting you to arrange our meeting.

Thank you so much for your support of our communities.

Michael Braverman,
Deputy Commissioner, Permits and Code Enforcement

PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION

The regulation concerning placement of trashcans reads as follows.

Storage receptacles:

1. Should be placed out for collection no later than 6 am of the day of collection.
2. May not be placed out for collection on any sidewalk or alley earlier than 6 pm of the evening before the day of collection.
3. If placed on a sidewalk along an alley, must be returned to the premises no later than 6 am on the day after the collection.

FELLS PROSPECT AT THE BUTCHERS HILL FLEA MARKET

Fells Prospect will be accepting donations of items for our table at the Butchers Hill Flea Market held on the morning of September 19th in Patterson Park.

All donators will receive a receipt for their donation, which is tax-deductible. The proceeds will go to Fells Prospect to benefit our neighborhood.

Donations will be accepted September 14, 15, and 17 between the hours of 6 pm and 8 pm at 2039 Gough St. You can also drop off your donations before 8:30 am at our table the day of the flea market.

Please call Laura for more information at 443-791-7505. Volunteers for the table are welcome.

Note: No bedding or clothing will be accepted.

OPPOSE PLANS TO CLOSE FELLS POINT POST OFFICE

According to postal personnel and local residents, plans are being made to close the Fells Point Post Office. This decision is a cost-cutting measure, but the closure would mean that the greater Fells Point area would have no walk-in postal services. Additionally, local mailboxes would no longer be available, including those that serve many businesses and community organizations (including our own).

Please voice your opposition to the plan to close the Fells Point Post Office by sending letters to the following persons.

Barbara Baynes
Assistant to U.S. Senator
Barbara A. Mikulski
1629 Thames Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, MD 21231

Dan G. Blair
Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

Mr. John E. Potter
Postmaster General and
Chief Executive Officer
US Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW
Washington, DC 20260

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Ukrainian Festival, September 12-13, Patterson Park at Linwood and Eastern avenues, Saturday noon-10 pm and Sunday noon-9 pm. A celebration featuring four dance groups, Ukrainian Easter Eggs demonstration, musicians, traditional crafts, Ukrainian beer garden and children's activities, 410-687-3465. www.ukrainianfestival.net.
- Korean Festival, September 12-13, War Memorial Plaza at Fayette and Gay streets. A cultural program with traditional dances, taekwon do demonstrations, games and more, Saturday 10 am-6 pm (tentative), 410-625-2442. FREE. www.koreansocietyofmd.org
- Rain Barrel Roll Out
Thursday, September 17, 6 pm – 8 pm
Herring Run Park, 6131 Hillen Road
Using a rain barrel may save the average homeowner up to 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months! Participants learn every aspect of rain barrel construction and installation, and build their very own rain barrel! Please contact Ashley Traut at 410-254-1577 or atraut@herringrun.org to register for this workshop or to arrange a workshop in your neighborhood. Carpe aqua!
- Weeds and Weed Management
Tuesday, September 22, 7-9 pm
Kennedy Krieger School Board Room, 3825 Greenspring Ave
Hosted by the Baltimore Master Gardeners, this event (workshop and general meeting) is free with refreshments provided. Workshop presented by Betty Marose, IPM specialist at the University of MD. Contact board president Ursula Scheffel with questions: uscheffel@verizon.net.
- Baltimore Book Festival, September 25-27, Mount Vernon Place, 600 block of North Charles Street, Friday & Saturday 12-8 pm and Sunday 12-7 pm. The mid-Atlantic's premier celebration of the literary arts offers well-known authors, local bookstores, publishers, children's writers, storytellers, author signings, crafts, refreshments and entertainment.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY STAR

Bud Miller is one of our newsletter delivery stars, personally taking the newsletter to 140 homes in our community! He has served faithfully for 8 years. THANKS, BUD, for your continuing service to Fells Prospect!

There are currently several blocks open for volunteers to deliver our monthly newsletter. If you can spare about a hour a month, contact Rhonda Cooper at 410 675 0376 or coopwol2@earthlink.net. You could become a delivery star, too!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- MD HOPE (Home Owners Preserving Equity) State Hotline 1-877-462-7555. For assessment and possible referral to a housing counseling agency or a volunteer attorney for assistance in your foreclosure matter. www.mdhope.org
- Conserve energy, save money and protect the environment with BGE's PeakRewards program. If you have central air conditioning or an electric heat pump, you could save up to 15% year round in energy costs. www.bgesmartenergy.com/peakrewards
- Get a free Orioles ticket for your birthday. Any fan can get a free ticket to a game during the month of his or her birthday-- unless the Orioles are playing the Yankees or Red Sox. Register online at www.orioles.com/birthdays and receive a voucher for a free birthday ticket.
- Weatherization Assistance Program
The City of Baltimore received \$15.7 million through President Obama's stimulus package to greatly expand weatherization services over the next three years. Over 2,000 households with incomes up to 200% of poverty levels will be weatherized. Interested citizens should call 443-984-1066 or 311 for applications.

FELLS PROSPECT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I would like to become a member of Fells Prospect.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Fells Prospect, Inc.

(*Dues are \$10 **per person** per calendar year)

Mail to: Fells Prospect, PO Box 38291, Baltimore, MD 21231

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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REVERSE-ANGLE PARKING UPDATE

Chester Street was converted to one way southbound the week of August 17th, except for the 500 block. Due to residential and commercial requests, that block is now northbound.

A stop sign has finally been installed on Gough Street and Chester Street. Please be aware of the traffic pattern changes.

Fells Prospect would like to thank councilman James Kraft and Tia Waddy and Daniel Dupree from the Department of Transportation for all the hard work in helping Fells Prospect complete this project. We hope to have the RAP completed by the end of September. Thanks to Alana Ridge, Debbie Ritter, and others who made this happen.

CONSTRUCTION AT CRISTO REY TO BEGIN

On or about Tuesday, August 25, the construction area around the former Holy Rosary Convent (now part of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School) will be secured with a perimeter fence. The construction area will extend into the west part of Chester Street directly in front of the school. A crane, which will be used to convey materials into the building, will be delivered to the jobsite very shortly.

The former convent will be renovated during this academic year, with construction beginning in September 2009 and ending in August 2010. Working closely with Mullan Contracting, Cristo Rey is making every effort to ensure that the construction goes as smoothly as possible. Construction hours are 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All workers on the jobsite must obey a series of rules designed to ensure that they are welcome visitors to our neighborhood. A Mullan worker will clean the 400 block of Chester Street every Friday afternoon. There will be additional security on the jobsite when workers are not present.

If anyone in the community has any questions or concerns about this construction, please call Mary Beth Lennon at 410-727-3255, ext. 1002 or email at mlennon@cristoreybalt.org.

FALL INTO SAVINGS

Use one or two of these green tips to save money at home.

- Unplug your chargers when not in use. They are still using energy while they do NOTHING.
- Pack your lunch in reusable containers or use those sandwich bags more than once.
- Bring a reusable bag with you to the grocery store. Plastic bags are littering our streets and waterways. If you use one less plastic bag a week, that is 52 bags a year or 520 bags in 10 years that you won't use and won't need to be manufactured.
- Use a power strip to turn in appliances and electronics that do not need to stay on 24 hours a day. Use the switch on the power strip to turn items off instead of manually plugging and unplugging everything.

CIRCULATOR ROUTES BEHIND SCHEDULE

Free Downtown Circulator busses were set to start running in July. Now officials are saying the first route, to run from Hollins Market to Harbor East, will begin by September 21. The second and third routes should be in service by the end of this year.

Design changes to the front of the buses, the seats, and the dashboard have caused the delay, but officials feel that the changes are worth the wait. The hybrid buses are cleaner and quieter than any other bus available.

There will be a total of 21 buses running on the three routes. Digital displays at planned stops will inform riders when to expect the next bus. Buses are supposed to arrive every 10 minutes and will run seven days a week.

The second route is a U-shaped path that connects Johns Hopkins Hospital with Fells Point. It should be ready in October. The final seven buses for the last route, which will connect Pennsylvania Station with Federal Hill, should be ready in November.

Source: *The Baltimore Sun*



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FELLS PROSPECT MAP



Trash Pick-up Schedule

- Tuesdays: trash collection**
- Wednesdays: trash collection**
- Thursdays: recycle collection**
- Fridays: recycle collection**

TRASH COLLECTION

In an effort to cut the rat population and reduce the amount of trash on our streets and sidewalks, the city is enforcing the use of trash cans. This requires all residents to use a trash can with lid when placing their trash out for collection. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED, HOWEVER TO LEAVE YOUR TRASH CAN IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME** on non-collection days.

Bulk Trash Rules:

Bulk Trash is furniture, appliances and up to four tires with rims. Bulk Trash will not collect building materials such as sheetrock, siding, lumber or roofing. The second Wednesday of the month is the regularly scheduled bulk trash pickup day for this area. Call DPW at 311 to arrange for pickup no later than the Friday prior. Do not put out any of bulk trash items until you have received confirmation of pickup.

Hazardous household waste: Call for dropoff locations 410 396 5916

EL DISPONER DE LA BASURA

Para eliminar los ratones y reducir la cantidad de basura en nuestras calles y aceras, la ciudad de Baltimore empezará a enforzar el uso de recipientes al disponer de la basura. Esto quiere decir que todos los residentes estan obligados a usar recipientes de basura con tapa. **SE PROHIBE DEJAR SU RECIPIENTE DE BASURA VACÍO EN FRENTE DE SU CASA, O SERÁ MULTADO \$50.** Para más información, favor de llamar al 410-396-9950.

Reglas para Colecciones Especiales (grandes cantidades de basura y objetos grandes):

La clase de basura que se considera de colección especial incluye, muebles, enceres y hasta cuatro llantas con aros. Los materiales de construcción no seran recogidos por este servicio. Favor de llamar a la Oficina del DPW al 311, a no mas tardar del primer Viernes del mes. Su colección especial será recogida el segundo Miércoles del mes. **OJO:** Favor de no colocar los materiales que necesitan ser recogidos fuera hasta que reciba verificación de la colección.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

President: Victor Corbin(410) 327-2427
Vice President: Alana Ridge(443) 562-5168
Treasurer: Jeffrey Rogers(410) 563-8547
Secretary: Kate Richardson(410) 675-8827
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