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Chances are you live near a vacant, boarded-up rowhouse, and you know all of the ills it attracts, from rats to trash to drugs. If so, you have a chance to speak out. The "Outer Harbor Initiative" is a proactive housing reform resolution being proposed to City Council this Spring. If implemented, the proposal would:



- Increase the resources available to housing code enforcement efforts
- Spur private investment in city neighborhoods and rehabbing of vacant homes
- Help market neighborhoods to attract residents, thus increasing safety and stability
- Increase opportunities for homeownership

The resolution will be introduced in a public hearing before City Council, and it's vital that members of the public be on hand to show support. The exact date of the hearing has not been set as of press time, but it will take place in late March or in April. The date of the hearing, along with details and updates, will be posted online at www.OuterHarborInitiative.com. You can also refer to the Yahoo! Group for updates.

To obtain information on how to report abandoned or problem houses to the city, contact housing-code@pattersonparkneighbors.org.

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PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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Patterson Park Public Charter School ("PPPCS") is an innovative, tuition-free, diverse public school in your neighborhood, on Lakewood Avenue. It was created by residents of the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association and it opened its doors in 2005. It has helped strengthen the neighborhood by giving parents an option other than moving out of the city. You can help the school and your neighborhood by talking to your friends and letting them know about this educational opportunity. The school is open to any city resident.

The Patterson Park Public Charter School (PPPCS) will sponsor Spring Into Art on March 28 and 29. This collaborative effort between PPPCS and the local art community serves as a fundraiser for the school while providing a showcase for local and student artists, and will consist of the following events:

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A unique art exhibition and sale showcasing local talent and benefiting Patterson Park Public Charter School. 40% of all art sale proceeds will be donated to the school.

Open Night Silent Auction

Saturday, March 28th - 6 pm to 9:30 pm
VIP Reception—6 pm to 7pm.

Enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, music, and the opportunity to place the first bid! Tickets are \$35 and include the Opening Celebration.

Opening Celebration—7 pm to 9:30 pm.

An evening of great art, food, drink, and music. Get your auction bid in before 9 pm! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. All tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at <http://www.pppcs.org/spring-into-art>

Opening Gallery + Family Art Day

Sunday, March 29th—10 am to 2 pm
Browse and purchase art at this free open gallery. See (and hear) the talents of PPPCS students. Learn more about the arts and programs at PPPCS.

For more information, please call 410-558-1230 or e-mail to erutkowski@pppcs.org.

CASA DE MARYLAND—A GREAT RESOURCE!

Need a hand around the house? Hire a worker from the CASA de Maryland workers' center to help you with your project -- big or small!

CASA de Maryland workers have a variety of skills, including painting, carpentry, finishing, framing, and more! Plus there are general laborers to help with things like house cleaning, yard work, and moving. You can stop by Monday - Saturday from 6am to 2pm to pick up a worker.

We are happy to be part of your neighborhood. Even if you don't need a worker, stop by the office to say hello and see how the center operates, or to speak with one of our employment specialists.

ALLEY GATING EFFORTS

Things are coming together for the community initiative to gate and green the alleyway between 100 N Glover and N Luzerne. Come together with your neighbors and start making it happen. As noted in this issue's Sanitation section, neighbors of the community will join on March 28th to beautify the alley behind our homes. A committee will meet March 7th to make plans for the day and decide on materials to purchase. Send in your ideas and imaginings before then and come out on the 28th to build a better backyard and socialize with your neighbors. All are invited. Send ideas to dsugrue1@jhu.edu.

For other Patterson Park residents interested in gating their own alleys, contact Benjamin Nathanson at greens@ashoka.org or 410-925-0166.



BANNER NEIGHBORHOODS

Banner's youth sports leagues are now taking registrations! The youth basketball league starts in March

and slots are currently open for boys and girls, ages 8-13, who live or go to school in the area. The first practice is on March 3rd at William Paca Elementary, where all the practices and games are held. Youth who are interested should call 410-585-8810. Adult coaches and volunteers are also needed, so please call if you are interested in helping. If you don't have time to volunteer, donating to the league via our website (www.BannerNeighborhoods.org) is another great way to contribute to quality after-school activities for youth in our neighborhood. The youth football league will start soon after the end of basketball season, which is the last weekend in May.

PAGODA OPENS FOR SEASON!

On Sunday, April 19, the Pagoda will open for the season from 12-6pm. It will be open every Sunday until the end of October, weather permitting. As always, there is no charge for admission, so come out and enjoy the best views of Baltimore!



THE NEIGHBORS OF LIBRARY SQUARE

Thanks to the Neighbors of Library Square, the Enoch Pratt Library branch at E. Fayette and N. Linwood is now adorned with new flower boxes, made by Joaquin Hidalgo using materials donated by the Patterson Park CDC and dirt donated by Banner Neighborhoods. Plants, also donated by Banner, will be planted in the boxes this spring.

You can support projects to beautify and maintain Library Square by attending NOLS meetings the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the Library located at E. Fayette and N. Linwood, or by calling Pat at (410) 354-6961.

Just a reminder: *When parking, please be sure to pull your car as far forward or backward as the law permits, so that as many cars as possible can fit in front of or behind you!*

TRASH AND SANITATION

TRASH PICK UP: Place your trash out by 7 am on the MORNING of pick-up. Do not place your trash out the night before a pick-up.



West of Potomac – Wednesdays & Saturdays

East of Potomac – Mondays & Thursdays

*La basura será recogida los **miércoles** y **sábados** en la mañana si usted vive al **este de Potomac St.**, Y **lunes** y **jueves** en la mañana si usted vive al **oeste de Potomac St.** Por favor coloque su basura afuera antes de las 7 de la MAÑANA que la basura va a ser recogida para estar seguro de que será levantada, y por favor no la coloque desde la noche anterior.*

RECYCLING: Recycle your cans, glass, plastics labeled with the numbers 1 -7, and unsoiled paper and cardboard by placing these items in front of your house in a cardboard box, paper bag, or City-issued recycling bin by 7 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

Tengan en consideración que pueden reciclar sus latas de vidrio y de plástico, además de cualquier plástico con etiqueta numerada de 1-7, papel, y cartón. Favor de colocar estos productos en frente de la casa en una caja de cartón, bolsa de plástico, o caneca de reciclaje proporcionada por la ciudad antes de las 7am el segundo y cuarto viernes de cada mes

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL & SPRING CLEAN

Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10: a.m.
100 Block of Glover/Luzerne

Meet your neighbors and usher in Spring with an alley cleaning and neighborhood social on March 28. Money has been acquired to purchase planters, paint, and other small items to beautify the alley. The day will cap off with food, drinks and socializing. All are invited, even if you don't clean in the morning. Bring your creativity and your desire to improve the alley between 100 N. Glover and Luzerne.

CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

The Mayor's Spring Cleanup will be held on April 18th. To volunteer, meet at the entrance of Patterson Park on Baltimore Street and Linwood Avenue at 10 AM to pickup tools and bags. For more information, contact Steve at sanitation@pattersonparkneighbors.org or 410.456.7757.

KIMI AGHEVLI

PATTERSON PARK'S NEIGHBORHOOD REALTOR

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ANGLED PARKING PLANS



To alleviate some of the parking issues in our neighborhood, we are considering angled parking on wide streets that can accommodate it. Angled parking can provide up to 50% more parking, and with creative landscaping and tree planting, the streetscape can remain attractive and safe. However, affected streets will have to be converted to one way, so a master plan is in the works to ensure a logical and safe traffic flow through our neighborhood. The window of time the City can paint stripes for angled parking is April to November.

The City has approved the application for angled parking on four blocks, and we have submitted requests for eight additional blocks.

Talk with your neighbors, gauge their interests, and collect concerns. We hope to relieve some of our parking pressures while maintaining an attractive and safe neighborhood. Contact Kelly Clifton at transportation@pattersonparkneighbors.org with questions.

La misión de la Asociación de Vecinos del Parque Patterson (PPNA) es colaborar con todos los vecinos para mejorar y disfrutar juntos de nuestro vecindario. La PPNA se encarga de organizar muchas actividades tanto sociales como de servicios comunitarios. Queremos que nuestra Asociación sea una verdadera representación de nuestro vecindario, y es por eso que le invitamos a que participe de la próxima reunión. Vengan a descubrir de lo qué se trata la PPNA. ¡Ofrézcenos sus comentarios!! La PPNA se reúne el segundo lunes de cada mes, a las 7:00pm en el sótano de la iglesia St. Elizabeth s ubicada en la esquina de las calles Baltimore St. y Lakewood Ave. La próxima reunión será el 9 de **March** del 2009. (La entrada al sótano se encuentra por la N. Lakewood.) Para más información o cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con Carlos Felipe. Si usted quiere recibir este Boletín de Noticias en español, llame al (410) 276 -1130 y dígame su dirección. ¡¡Bienvenidos

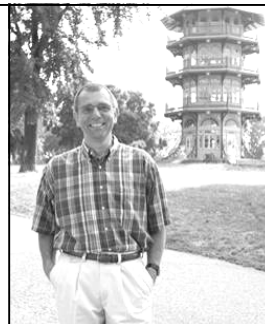
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NOTES FROM JIM KRAFT, CITY COUNCILMAN (and a Patterson Park resident!)



The Highlandtown Middle School Task Force held its first meeting on February 10. At this meeting, two teams of developers presented their proposals and answered members' questions. The Task Force's next step will be to arrange for presentations to be made to associations in the affected neighborhoods. The Task Force will meet again in April, when members will determine what recommendations, if any, to submit to Commissioner Graziano regarding development at this site.

The Revitalization Project for the 100 block of North Glover is in full swing! We just sent out our second letter to property owners on this block, asking them to take responsibility for their part in keeping our neighborhood clean and safe. If they won't come to us, we'll go to them-over the coming weeks, we'll be making phone calls and, if they are ineffective, personal visits asking them to tell us directly what steps they'll be taking to clean up their property.

Please contact me with any comments or questions at 410-396-4821 or james.kraft@baltimorecity.gov.

HIGHLANDTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

The Highlandtown Middle School Task Force had its first meeting February 10th. RFP proposals were outlined and community representatives were given the opportunity to question the developers. The Department of Housing and Community Development stated that a full demo of the building is not an option that will be considered. Additionally, a full traffic study must be conducted by the developer who is ultimately chosen prior to commencement of any building project.

For more information from this meeting and to stay abreast of HMS updates, please visit the Patterson Park Yahoo! Group.

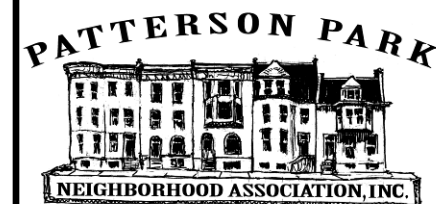
NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME PACKET

If you are new to the Patterson Park neighborhood, or if you know someone who has just arrived, please call Ginny Dobry at 410-563-1444. Each new resident will receive a special **Welcome Packet** with information about the neighborhood, the city, and a special welcome gift.



CITIZENS ON PATROL

The PPNA Citizens on Patrol group meets every Wednesday at 7 PM at the intersection of Baltimore and Linwood. Please come out to support this important activity—dogs welcome! Casual drinks usual follow at Three...



Patterson Park Neighborhood Assn. March—April 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buy Local! Remember to support the local businesses in our neighborhood and area, especially during these difficult economic times. Try **Patterson Park Laundromat & Dry Cleaners** at Fayette & Streeper. Business owner Gloria is super friendly and will even give you a call to remind you about your dry cleaning items ready for pick-up. Or try her wash and fold service if you need a break from doing your laundry! For fantastic, home-cooked meals and inexpensive drinks, stop into **Roman's Place** at 2 S. Decker. Or for a taste of Central America, try the tacos at **Tijuana Tacos** or the papusas at **Genesis**. Check out **Three...** for dinner and drinks where you're almost certain to run into PPNA COP walkers on Wednesdays after 8:00! Just outside of our PPNA boundaries, Highlandtown has everything from locally roasted coffee at **High Grounds** to delicious pastries and sweets at **Hoehn's Bakery** to diner food at **Eastern House** or pizza at **Matthew's**. Also not to miss are **Di-Pasquales**, recently featured on Food Network, and **Laughing Pint** for fun bar games ...and that's just to name a few! For more ideas, check out www.buylocalbaltimore.com where you can search by category or by neighborhood. **Let's keep our dollars in the neighborhood!** Just another way we can invest in and improve Patterson Park!

MARISA VILARDO, PPNA PRESIDENT

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

To Report a Crime:

Call **911** to report a crime in progress.

Call **311** to report crimes not currently in progress.

Call **410-637-8848** to request graffiti removal.

Call **410-666-DRUG** to report drug activity.

Go to www.sepcrc.org/reportcrime.html to submit a Citizen Complaint Form to the police department online.

Go to <http://www.sepcrc.org/crimewatchnumber.html> to sign up for a Block Watch number.

The Southeast Police Community Relations Council holds a meeting at 7 pm on the first Monday of every month at the Southeast Police District station, which is located at 5710 Eastern Avenue. The meeting is open to the public and PPNA always needs volunteers to attend on behalf of our community.

If you want to help or have concerns about ongoing criminal activity in your area, please email safety@pattersonparkneighbors.org.

UPCOMING PPNA MEETINGS

PPNA meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Baltimore & Lakewood. **March 9th and April 13th. Please attend to discuss important neighborhood news and events!**

April 13th is our Annual Pot Luck! 6:30 PM. Enter a dish in one of the following: Ethnic, Salad, Vegetarian, Meat Specialties, or Desserts. Prizes to the best dishes. Contact Ginny Dobry at 410-563-1444 with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR!



Mark your calendars and join your neighbors for happy hour at 7:00 pm the last Thursday of each month! May 28 and Aug. 27 at **Three...**

(Baltimore & Linwood); March 26, June 25 at **Roman's** (unit block of S. Decker); April 30 and July 30 at **Sign of the Times** (100 block of N. Belnord).

PPNA will also be hosting "Tuesday Trivia" at 7 PM at Three... every Tuesday, so long as the event remains well attended.



PPNA GREENING COMMITTEE

The PPNA Greening Committee is ready to start planning greening projects in our neighborhood this spring. If you would like to have a tree planted in front of your house, or to help us plan a block-wide planting or greening effort, please contact Arch or Marisa at greening@ppnaneighbors.org. We would like to plant some trees this April so please email us with your requests and we will get back to you with the forms needed and time line!

Reminder to all to water the trees on your block, especially any young trees!!

PATTERSON PARK IS ALL OVER THE WEB!

- **Neighbors Social Network:** www.pattersonpark.ning.com - see neighbors' profiles, list items for sale, have discussions, advertise social events.
- **Facebook:** Hooked on Facebook? Our group is Patterson Park Neighbors. Find new neighbors and friends. This is also a way to reach people that may not already know about the neighborhood.
- **Yahoo Groups: PattersonPark** - An email listserve/message board for residents of the neighborhood. Many announcements go out over this group and it is the best way to get weekly reminders about recycling, meetings, happy hour and other events as well as lively discussion. Go to Yahoo.com and search groups for "PattersonPark" to join.
- And of course, the **official PPNA website** is www.pattersonparkneighbors.org