

SPEAK OUT ON VACANT AND BLIGHTED HOMES

Chances are you live near a vacant, boarded-up row-house, and you know of the ills it attracts, from rats to trash to crime. If so, you have a chance to speak out! Following closely on the heels of the April hearing regarding the Outer Harbor Initiative (www.outerharborinitiative.com), this meeting, held by Mayor Dixon, gives our community another avenue to speak out on the detriments of vacant homes, and brainstorm solutions. Bring your comments and suggestions to the Mayor's Neighborhood Conversation to discuss the problem of vacant homes in Baltimore City.

Wednesday, May 6 from 6pm to 8pm

Heritage High School on the Lake Clifton Campus
2801 Saint Lo Drive
Baltimore 21213

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods at **410-396-4735**

To obtain information on how to report abandoned or problem houses to the city, contact

housingcode@pattersonparkneighbors.org.



ETHNIC FESTIVALS IN THE PARK

May 29-31

Polish Festival - The Polish community kicks off the festival season with local, regional and national entertainment by polka bands and more; delicacies; Polish crafts including hand-made dolls and afghans, Friday 5-10pm and Saturday & Sunday noon-10pm, Patterson Park at Linwood and Eastern avenues.

June 27 & 28

LatinoFest - Experience a lively weekend of Hispanic arts and culture featuring headlined performances by Larry Harlow & His Latin Legends Band, Fania All-Stars Legend "El Judio Maravilloso," and more. Hispanic cuisine and more, Saturday noon-10pm and Sunday noon-9pm, Linwood and Eastern avenues, 410-563-3160, www.latinofest.org.

August 8 & 9

FestAfrica 2009—An African festival with traditional music, dances, food, crafts and art, Saturday & Sunday noon-8pm, Linwood and Eastern avenues, 410-608-0420, www.festafricausa.com.

September 12 & 13

Ukrainian Festival - A celebration featuring dance groups, Ukrainian Easter Eggs demonstration, musicians, traditional crafts, Ukrainian beer garden and children's activities, Saturday noon-10pm and Sunday noon-9pm, Linwood and Eastern avenues, 410-687-3465, www.ukrainianfestival.net.



Mean, Green & Growing Summer Camp 2009 in Patterson Park this summer!!!

When: Two one-week sessions available

July 13th- 17th from 8:30am – 11:30am

August 3rd – 7th from 8:30am – 11:30am

Who: Rising Kindergarten through Second Graders

Where: Patterson Park- Pick up and drop off TBA

Cost: \$150 for the entire week of camp

Mean, Green & Growing is a summer camp that gives campers the opportunity to look up close at plants and discover how their adaptations make the Park a perfect place to live. Through observations, experiments, games and crafts, the campers will realize how important plants are to humans. Each day includes tasty treats supplied by plants!

Registration required- go to our website or stop by our office to fill out the registration forms.

Financial Aid Available- information available on website <http://pattersonpark.audubon.org>

ALLEY GATING EFFORTS

GLOVER/LUZERNE ALLEY CLEANING A SUCCESS

Congratulations to everyone who attended the March alley cleaning and block party on the 100 N. block of Glover and Luzerne. Residents and PPNA worked together to organize and promote the event. Despite the cloudy skies and wet weather, turnout was great and enthusiasm was high. New neighbors met for the first time, enjoyed a barbecue, and cleaned and greened the alley in anticipation of the planned alley gating.

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



BANNER NEIGHBORHOODS



Special thanks are in order for neighborhood residents Tyrel Mossness, Ned Darrell and Joe DiMattina for volunteering their time to coach in Banner's Youth Basketball League. Come support these coaches and the kids every Saturday from 10-2 at William Paca Elementary. The championship games will be held on Saturday, May 30th at Ellwood Park. For info on the league, check out: www.bannerneighborhoods.org.

THE NEIGHBORS OF LIBRARY SQUARE

Fair at the Square

Saturday, May 30. 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Neighbors of Library Square will be holding its second annual "Fair at the Square" complete with music, food, activities, and fun! The Fair will provide an opportunity for neighbors and friends to walk just a few blocks for a relaxing afternoon in Baltimore's next "great small park". The Fair also serves as a showcase for all the organizations working to improve their communities surrounding the park. For further information or to inquire about participation and/or sponsorship, please contact Patrick Moylan at (410) 354-6961 or email neighbors.librarysquare@gmail.com. Remember - music, food, activities, fun. **Be there - or be "Square"!**

PATTERSON PARKING ETIQUETTE

When parking on the end of a block, 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. A flier asking residents to comply with this guideline is available on www.pattersonparkneighbors.org – please feel free to print it pass it out on your block!

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

If you are interested in cleaning your block/alley with your neighbors, PPNA can provide tools and bags. Please contact Steve at sanitation@pattersonparkneighbors.org or call 410.456.7757.

We need your help to keep our neighborhood clean and green!

A MESSAGE FROM PATTERSON PARK LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANER

2806 E. Fayette St. - 410-276-1994

Wow! Can you believe it's been 1 year since we opened our doors as a new member of the Patterson Park business community? Well it's true, and we would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the residents of Patterson Park for all of your generous support. It has been a wonderful experience and a great pleasure serving you. We hope that you will continue to support us, as we look forward to serving you for years to come!

Open 7am – 7:30 pm Sat. - Mon.; 11 am – 7:30 pm Tues.; & 7:30 am – 7:30 pm Wed.-Fri.

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.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME PACKET



New to the Patterson Park neighborhood? Know someone who has just arrived? 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.

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 que 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 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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TOUR REHABBED HOMES BY HOPKINS

The neighborhood to our north, around Johns Hopkins hospital, is slowly being transformed. There is the large EBDI redevelopment project that is making over 88 acres in conjunction with the new Hopkins science and technology park. And then there are smaller, independent projects that are reclaiming formerly vacant shells and turning them into homes, one house at a time.

Now we have a unique opportunity to see one such set of homes. A local developer has offered to show Patterson Park residents a set of formerly abandoned homes she has rehabbed, six blocks east of Johns Hopkins hospital. This informal tour will be illustrative of some of the changes, and the challenges, in the neighborhoods of East Baltimore. And it will potentially show some of the work that can still be accomplished in our own neighborhood.

We will be touring the homes on Saturday, May 16 at 10am. If you are interested in seeing these houses, please send an email with your name and contact information to housing-code@pattersonparkneighbors.org by Tuesday, May 12. We need to know how many people will be attending a few days ahead of time.

REBUILD STADIUM PLAYGROUND

Join citizens from across Baltimore during the week of May 5-10 and help rebuild the children's playground on the site of the former Memorial Stadium in Waverly. Residents are looking to get 3,000+ volunteers to help rebuild the playground, which was burned to the ground in a 2008 fire. Volunteers can register at www.stadiumplayground.org or 443-756-6198.

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

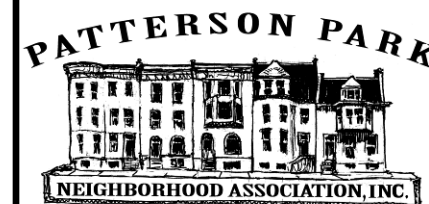
Help reduce crime in our neighborhood by keeping doors and windows locked, posting alarm system logos on your windows, and keeping your porch lights on throughout the night. If you want to help make Patterson Park a safer place to be, or have concerns about ongoing criminal activity in your area, please email safety@pattersonparkneighbors.org.

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.seprc.org/reportcrime.html to submit a Citizen Complaint Form to the police department online.
- Go to <http://www.seprc.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.

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



Patterson Park Neighborhood Assn.

May—June 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mayor's Spring Sweep on April 18! The neighborhood looks great with all of the clean alleys and freshly planted flowers. Please keep it up through the summer. Remember to keep the sidewalks and tree pits in front of your house free of trash and weeds. Homeowners can be subject to fines of up to \$50 for not maintaining the property in front of and behind their house. If we all pitch in and do our small share, the neighborhood will look great all summer long!

MARISA VILARDO, PPNA PRESIDENT

PATTERSON PARK SPRING HOME TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
 BEGINNING AT 9 S LINWOOD AVENUE

Help us showcase what a great community Patterson Park is! Featuring ten homes of varying size and style throughout our neighborhood, the Patterson Park Spring Home Tour will highlight our strong sense of community and diverse resources.

The Tour is schedule to coincide with the Kinetic Sculpture Race, and culminates at "Three... Restaurant" with a raffle. A variety of light refreshments provided. \$5 admission, no pets please! **Spread the word to friends, family and coworkers —help make this event a success for our community!** For more information, visit:

www.pattersonparkneighbors.org/houseTour or contact Kimi or Helene at VPSouthEast@PattersonParkNeighbors.org or VPNorthWest@PattersonParkNeighbors.org, respectively.



PPNA GREENING COMMITTEE

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 Fall, so please email us with your requests and we will get back to you with the forms needed and time line!

This spring, please remember to keep your tree pits mulched and free of weeds and animal waste. Mulching not only helps prevent weeds, but it also helps the tree retain moisture, prevents soil compaction, and helps to regulate the root system's temperature. Keep animal waste (both liquid and solid) away from the tree. The waste will overwhelm a tree, burning its trunk and throwing soil nutrients out of balance. **Please water the trees on your block, especially any young trees!!**

UPCOMING PPNA MEETINGS

PPNA meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Baltimore & Lakewood.

May 11th 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.
June 8th— Please attend to discuss important neighborhood news and events!

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); June 25 at **Roman's** (unit block of S. Decker); 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

CITIZENS ON PATROL



The PPNA Citizens on Patrol group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm at park entrance at the intersection of Baltimore and Linwood. Dogs are welcome but not required, so please come out to support this important activity. PPNA thanks Mayor Sheila Dixon, Baltimore City Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld, SEPD Major Roger Bergeron, Councilman Jim Kraft and all of the community members who participated in PPNA's April 8th COP walk!

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