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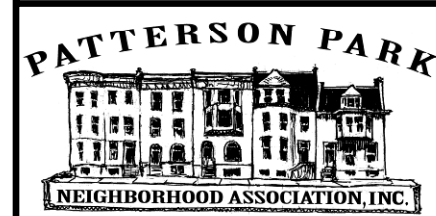
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President's Message

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone! As we struggle to stay warm and energized fighting off the winter doldrums, it is time to look forward to the year of possibilities in front of us. Among them a new free fun event PPNA is working on in conjunction with the Highlandtown Community Association and Community for All Ages group at the Breath of God Lutheran Church on Pratt and Clinton Streets. A community dance event, come meet your neighbors, make new friends and learn to dance. We will have food/ refreshments, music and dance instructors to help those of us that are rhythmically challenged. Saturday March 5th, come out and join us in forgetting at least for a couple of hours that it is so grey and gloomy outside, celebrate that spring is coming and we will be out enjoying our blocks and the park very soon!

Come out and join us for COP walks, our monthly meetings and stay tuned for spring clean-ups, tree plantings and more! Have ideas for events/ activities you want us to do e-mail or call us and we will work with you to make them happen. Hope everyone is looking forward to 2011 and all we will be able to accomplish together.

Heather Hurley, President PPNA

Mensaje del Presidente

Hola y feliz año nuevo a todos. Mientras luchemos para animarnos y calentarnos durante este invierno tan frio, es tiempo para pensar en todas las posibilidades para el próximo año. El PPNA está trabajando con la asociación comunitaria de Highlandtown, el equipo de Comunidades para Todas Edades y la Iglesia de Breath of God en las calles Pratt y Clinton para organizar un evento divertido y gratis. ¡Venga a una noche de danza para aprender bailar, conocer sus vecinos, y hacer nuevos amigos! Tendremos comida, música e instrucción de danza para nosotros que nos cuestan bailar. ¡ El 5 de Marzo, olvidese del frio y venga a bailar y celebrar que la primavera está por llegar y vamos a poder estar afuera disfrutando nuestros barrios y parques ya pronto!

Nos acompañe en las caminatas de COP, reuniones mensuales, y las limpiezas, y siembras de arboles en la primavera. Si tiene ideas para actividades y eventos en la comunidad, por favor nos avise por correo o teléfono y haremos lo posible para que sucedan. Espero que todos estén animados para el año que viene y todo lo que podemos lograr juntos.

Heather Hurley, President PPNA

Tenemos interpretación en español durante nuestras reuniones y puede dejar mensajes y cualquier idioma en nuestro correo de voz 410-497-PPNA.

Community Fiesta

Join Patterson Park Neighbors, Highlandtown Community, Banner Neighborhoods, and Communities for All Ages for a night of food, dancing, crafts, and fun!

When: Saturday March 5th, 6-10pm

Where: Breath of God Church, 141 S Clinton Street

A night to celebrate Latin culture! Taste your way through Latin America with food from Chicken Rico, Los Palominos, Tortelleria Sinaloa, Mi Viejo Pueblito and more. Learn how to dance the salsa, bachata and merengue with professional dance instructors from SalsaNow. Enjoy craft making and activities for kids of all ages.

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And you can reach your PPNA leaders by calling 410-497-PPNA (7762). This is a 24-hour voice-mail that will be answered.

PPNA Monthly Meetings

PPNA meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:45 PM in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Baltimore & Lakewood. (Use the stairs down to the basement hall on Lakewood.)

Next meetings:
Monday, March 14th
Monday, April 11th—annual pot luck supper
Monday, May 9th



Annual Pot Luck Supper & Silent Auction!



Mark your calendar for our Annual Pot Luck Supper and Silent Auction, Monday, April 11th, 6:30 pm, St. Elizabeth's Church Basement (in lieu of the regular PPNA meeting). Bring a dish to share and win a prize! Categories for competition include Ethnic, Salad, Vegetarian, Meat Specialties and Decadent Deserts.

And be sure to bring your checkbook to bid on an array of fabulous items!

For more information, contact Ginny Dobry at 410-563-1444.

New Neighbors?

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 gift.

2011 Application for Membership

The annual membership fee for the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association is \$10 per household (\$5 for students or senior citizens). This tax-deductible donation goes to help support our various activities, including our greening and beautification projects and the annual Children's Christmas party. If you haven't done so, please consider joining our association. You can join through our website (www.pattersonparkneighbors.org), by coming to a monthly meeting, or by mailing this form with your check to:

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PPNA boundaries are changing!!

Over the last year PPNA has worked with neighbors in the community named United at Library Square and those along the north side of Fayette Street along our northeast border on improvement projects, block parties and greening initiatives. These members of the SE Baltimore Community have proven to be a valuable resource for our collective community, helping work our spring home tour and more. The PPNA executive board has voted to incorporate these areas into the official PPNA boundaries as we continue to pool resources and gain in outcomes. This will extend our boundary north to Orleans Street from Lakewood Avenue to Curley Street and along the north side of Fayette Street from Curley Street to Ellwood Ave. This move necessitates a by-law amendment that will be sent out to the general membership in the next several weeks for consideration and will be voted on at a general meeting to be made official. If you have any questions or feedback as we move forward in the process feel free to e-mail Heather Hurley at president@pattersonparkneighbors.org or leave us a voice message 410-497-7762.

This change not only adds strength to our organization but adds another great outdoor space for use for events in Library Square, which we will be using as our headquarters as PPNA participates in the Mayor's Spring Clean Up on April 16th. Stay tuned for more details, a morning of neighborhood beautification and an afternoon cookout to celebrate our hard work and welcome our newest additions to the organization.

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Southeast Anchor Library
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Preschool Leap • Wednesdays, 11am—Stories, songs, and fun for children ages 3-5 and their families.

Celebrate Mardi Gras Tues., Mar 8. Show us your library card and we'll throw you some beads!

Garden Club: Spring Clean-Up Sat., Apr 9, 10am-12pm. Bring your gloves and favorite weeding tool. Meet behind the Library.

The Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow Wed., Mar 16, 3:30- 4pm. Listen to a St. Patrick's Day story, followed by a treasure hunt in the library!

Book Discussion: THE HELP Tues., Apr 12, 11am. Discuss "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

Fairy Tale Tea Party Mon., Apr 11, 11:30am. Dress up in your finest outfit and enjoy a tea party!

Register for Computer Classes! Now thru Thurs. Mar 24. Call 410-396-4636 to register for April/May classes.

Fabulous Fairy Tale Origami Wed. Apr 27, 3:30pm. Fun paper folding with a fairy twist.



Senior Home Maintenance Program

Banner's Senior Home Maintenance Program allows elderly and disabled homeowners the opportunity to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. By performing minor home repairs and maintenance, this program allows seniors in the community, who otherwise would have to move in with family or assisted living, to live in the comfort of their own home. To enroll in the program, residents must live in and own their own home, be at least 62 years old or be fully disabled.

Youth Programs:

Banner Neighborhoods offers a wide variety of programs designed for area youth:

- Art Club: Ages 10-15
- Reading Club: Ages 6-12
- Spring Basketball League: Ages 8-10 & 10-15.
- Cooking Club: Ages 8-16
- Spring Garden Club: Ages 8-15

For more information about enrolling in, or becoming a volunteer with any of Banner's programs, please contact us:

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Neighborhood Sign Design Project

PPNA has been awarded a capital grant award from Healthy Neighborhoods and Baltimore City to install neighborhood marker signs throughout our neighborhood to let people know where they are when they visit the area. You may have seen similar signs in Upper Fells Point and Butcher's Hill. We have the money covered so here is where you get to be involved! We want you to submit design proposals and the winner will get to see your work on corners throughout the neighborhood and brag to all your friends. Details will be forthcoming once we receive our grant contract, but get to sketching, open to all show us what you've got!



Spring Into Art Six

Patterson Park Public Charter School invites you to join us for Spring Into Art Six, a unique art exhibition and sale showcasing local talent and benefiting Patterson Park Public Charter School. The Opening Night Silent Auction will be held at the school (27 N. Lakewood) on **Saturday, March 19th** from 6 until 9:30 p.m. VIP Reception from 6 to 7 with passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Tickets are \$40 and include the Opening Celebration. The Opening Celebration will be held from 7 to 9:30 and the \$25 ticket price includes food, drink and music.

Bring your family on **Sunday, March 20th** from 11 am until 3 pm for the free Open Gallery and Family Art Day. Browse and purchase available art. Children's activities begin at noon.

"Bloom Your Block!"

PPNA's award-winning beautification project is now a springtime tradition! Dress up your stoop with a Bloom Your Block Kit! The kit includes a container, flowers and plants, soil and a watering can.



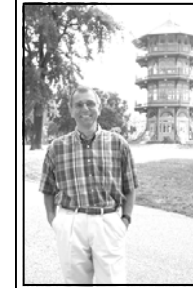
REGISTRATION: March 14th to April 15th

GIVE AWAY DAY: early May--stay tuned for the exact date!

Every resident living in PPNA is eligible! But you must register in advance to participate, because supplies are limited! A small donation will be requested to help us to expand our beautification efforts.

Encourage your neighbors to register so that your block is the bloomiest!

For more information, please contact greening@pattersonparkneighbors.org or call (410) 497-7762



Notes from Jim Kraft, City Councilman

During February and March, the City Council will be undertaking the massive project of redrawing the City Council districts in accordance with the 2010 Census data. According to City Charter requirements, we must adopt our plan by April 1st. You can visit the Council's website at www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/redistricting for more information, including the briefing packet Council members received, the Mayor's proposed plan, and updates throughout the process.

I will be serving as the chair for the redistricting hearings. It is our goal to make the process as inclusive as possible. In addition to our hearing at City Hall on February 16th, we will be holding meetings at locations throughout the City on March 2nd, March 9th, and March 16th. I will let PPNA know what the locations for these hearings are as soon as they have been confirmed. All hearings will be held from 5pm to 8pm and will be televised on Channel 25. If you want to attend, but cannot be there at the start of the hearing, please come anyway—there will be materials available so you can follow along, and your testimony will be welcomed. Please take every opportunity to get involved.

Durante los meses de febrero y marzo, la Corporación Municipal emprenderá el gran proyecto de volver a trazar los distritos municipales de acuerdo con la data del Censo 2010. Según los requisitos del Estatuto de la Ciudad, necesitamos adoptar nuestro plan antes de 1 de abril. Se puede visitar la página de Web de la Corporación Municipal en www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/redistricting para más información. Aquí, se puede ver el informe que recibieron los diputados, el plan propósito de la alcaldesa, e información actualizada durante todo el proceso.

Yo presidiré las audiencias de redistribución de distritos. Es nuestra meta que el proceso sea lo más inclusivo posible. Además de la audiencia en la alcaldía el 16 de febrero, tendremos reuniones en varios locales por la ciudad los días de 2 de marzo, 9 de marzo, y 16 de marzo. Voy a informar el PPNA de los locales por estas audiencias tan pronto como son confirmados. Todas las audiencias serán de las 5pm hasta las 8pm y estarán televisados en el Canal 25. Si quiere asistir pero no puede llegar para el principio, por favor, venga de todos modos—estarán materiales disponibles para ayudarlo a seguir la audiencia. También, su testimonio será bienvenido. Por favor, tome cada oportunidad para estar involucrado.

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Trees on 100 N Curley!

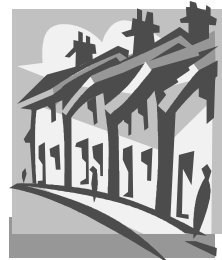
On December 13th, the PPNA Greening Committee planted 27 trees on the 100 Block of North Curley Street! With generous funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, technical support from the Parks & People Foundation, and the leadership of Curley Street Tree Captain Callie Schwartz, we transformed a block that had **NO** trees into a block graced with a forest of beautiful native trees—increasing the tree canopy on this block by 100%! In the summer, we will implement a tree stewardship effort—with regular watering and mulching—to ensure that all of the trees we plant survive. This block is the first of eleven blocks that will be planted under our "Urban Greening and Master Plan" project, which is funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Matt Dodd is leading our tree stewardship effort. We will plant about 80 more trees on the other in March/April 2011! Stay tuned for exact planting dates!

With additional funding, we hope to plant more trees on more blocks in Fall 2011; some blocks have already begun to mobilize, but more work is needed. Details of our Fall plantings will be announced in a few months.



The mission of the PPNA Greening Committee is to make our neighborhood the greenest in Baltimore! We focus on beautification, environmental sustainability and tree planting. Greening is a great way to build community, too. To get involved in making our neighborhood greener and more livable, contact Robbyn Lewis at greening@pattersonparkneighbors.org or (410) 497-7762

\$25,000 Forgivable Home Loans!



If you or someone you know is looking to purchase a new home in Patterson Park, there is an excellent opportunity to do so through the Direct Purchase Program, now available in our neighborhood. This program provides up to \$25,000 in forgivable loans to individuals to help defray the cost of purchase of a foreclosed or abandoned home. The homes can be ready to move into, and do not necessarily need to require rehabbing, in order to qualify for the program.

To learn more about the Direct Purchase Program, please contact Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. at 410-332-0387 ext 154, email directpurchase@healthyneighborhoods.org, or go to www.ILovePattersonPark.com and click on the "Incentives" tab.



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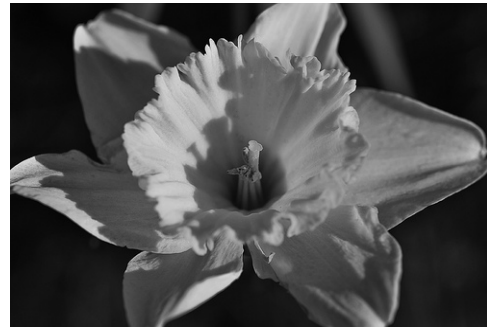
Ash Wednesday March 9th, 6pm

Wednesdays in March & April 7pm

Easter Sunday April 24th, 10:30am

Grow: Pub Theology @ The Laughing Pint, Wednesdays at 8pm

Serve: Projects every month; Habitat for Humanity Week in WVA, Aug. 21-27



Hello PPPCS Neighbors!

We are looking for community members who would be willing to commit one hour per week to mentoring a PPPCS student.



The Project PROMISE Mentoring Program was started in 2009 to match PPPCS students with committed and caring adults whose support and guidance can help our students reach their full potential.

Mentors meet on-on-one with students for one hour per week during the school year. Mentors and mentees play games, do homework, work on art projects, or just hang out and talk.

While we have opportunities to mentor students in grades K-8, we are particularly looking for mentors that would be interested in working with our older students, particularly the older boys.

All mentors must be able to:

- Pass a background check
- Meet with their mentee for one hour per week for the duration of the school year

For more information, please contact Molly Keogh at 410-558-1230 ext. 380 or mkeogh@pppcs.org



As the 2011 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session kicks off, we wanted to be sure that our neighbors in Patterson Park had our contact information. As you've likely already read in the newspapers or seen in the news, 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. With so many topics coming across our desks daily, it's important that we hear from you. 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.

Sen. Bill Ferguson(D), District 46
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11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-3600
e-mail: bill.ferguson@senate.state.md.us

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House Office Building, Room 316
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-3303
e-mail: luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us

Del. Peter A. Hammen (D), District 46
House Office Building, Room 241
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-3772
e-mail: peter.hammen@house.state.md.us

Del. Brian K. McHale (D), District 46
House Office Building, Room 350
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-3319
e-mail: brian.mchale@house.state.md.us

An Interview with Wayne Mahaffey, owner of BistroRx

On October 7, the bar/restaurant BistroRx located at corner of Baltimore and Linwood, opened to a packed crowd. The opening of the restaurant had been eagerly awaited by the Patterson Park neighborhood. Patterson Park Newsletter editor Holly Warren sat down with the owner Wayne Mahaffey and asked him about his new restaurant. Wayne also owns Mahaffey's Pub in Canton.

Opening a new restaurant can be a tricky endeavor, why do you think the restaurant will be successful?

I believe we have the right tools in place to run a successful operation. I have lived in this neighborhood for 8 years and I think BistroRx is perfect for the area. People want a friendly place with great moderately priced food and a nice selection of beer and wine.

How do you decide what items to place on the menu?

I work closely with executive chef Jason Lear to make the choices. We change the menu selections regularly to keep the food interesting. We are lucky to have Jason who was formerly at The Wine Market and is very well known in Baltimore. (Editor's note- there is a Q & A with Jason in the March Baltimore Magazine's "Best Restaurants" issue.)

How do you make the wine and beer selections?

We have 70 different wine selections which are selected according to what we think our diners will enjoy. Kelly Quaerna, the bar and restaurant manager, is also involved in the making the wine selections. We have 25 different bottled beers and 7 beers taps that are continually rotating.

Is there anything you want the neighbors to know about BistroRx?

(interview—cont.)

We have 20 seats outside which we will make available at the first sign of good weather. Our outside seating is across the street from the newly renovated entrance to Patterson Park and is a perfect spot to enjoy a Baltimore afternoon or evening. We also provide catering services and sell beer and wine to go. Additionally, we are featuring the work of local fine artist Bethann Wilson with an opening reception March 12 from 6-8p.

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Patterson Park started when William Patterson, a Baltimore merchant, donated 5 acres to the city for a public walk in 1827. The city purchased another 29 acres from the Patterson family in 1860. Additions and improvements to the park made after 1859 were funded through a park tax" on city streetcars. During the Civil War, the site was used as a Union troop encampment. Additional purchases in later years increased the park size to its present 137 acres. The 60-foot Pagoda, designed by Charles H. Latrobe, was built on Hampstead Hill in 1891. The park also boasted a glass conservatory.



What's Happening in the Park!

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5pm-6pm. Patterson Park Lady Knights Basketball League! *Virginia Baker Rec Center in Patterson Park.* For Girls 13 and under. Rolling registration, cost: \$10 a month for travel and registration expenses. To register, please call 410.396.9156 or email dot.mann@baltimore.gov.

Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm. Yoga for beginners. *Virginia Baker Rec Center.* \$60 for the entire 15 week session or \$5 per drop in. Pre-registration required, call 410.396.9156 to sign up.

Wednesdays, 12noon-2pm. Mommy & Me (or Daddy & Me) Ice Skating Classes! *Mimi DiPietro Ice Rink.* One hour lesson + one hour free skate time. For children aged 2-5 years. \$85 for 7 weeks or \$5 per drop in. Call 410-396-9392 for more information or to sign up.

Fridays, 6:00 pm-7:00pm. Zumba®! *Virginia Baker Rec Center.* Zumba® is an aerobic workout with Latin rhythms – A fun way to get or stay in shape! The cost is \$5 per class. For more information, please contact Katie@pattersonpark.com or call 410.276.3676.



The 2011 Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race will be held on Saturday, May 7th. The obstacle course part of the race will take place in the park from approximately 1-3 pm.

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Recipe of the Quarter

Becky's Potatoe* Salad

Submitted by Jim Warren, 100 North Linwood

This wonderful recipe for potatoe salad has been with me since I was a young public relations guy in New York City and Washington, DC. The recipe is indeed Becky's and the spelling of potatoe is hers. When I first met Becky she was a young Mormon girl who had come to DC to be a nanny for close friends. She was perky, delightful, full-of-life with a slight spelling problem. Becky ultimately ended up in New York (her dream), appeared as a dancer in several Broadway shows including *How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying* where she became a friend of Matthew Broderick. She still dances on occasion but spends most of her time as the mother of two wonderful boys and being married to a great guy whose claim to fame in our small circle of friends was being the person who for years was responsible for dropping the ball at midnight in Times Square to welcome in the New Year.

Here is the recipe exactly as Becky gave it to me more than 30 years ago.

The recipe includes the following:

6-8 medium cooked russet potatoes; 4-6 sweet pickles (sour doesn't work); ½ pound crisply cooked, then crumbled, sliced bacon; 6 hard boiled eggs; 1½ cups of mayonnaise; 1½ tablespoons yellow mustard; 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar.

Cut up the pickles, eggs, potatoes, sprinkle with celery seeds until it looks like enough, add salt and pepper to taste and then toss everything together gently until everything is blended and it tastes OK. If it is too dry, add more mayonnaise and a bit of mustard.

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an e-mail to jimwarren4@gmail.com

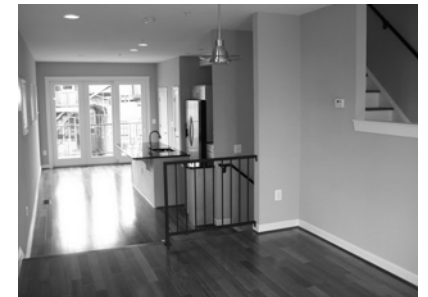
Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like featured in the newsletter? If so, just e-mail it to newsletter@pattersonparkneighbors.org



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Photo Contest!

Do you have a photo of the PPNA neighborhood that makes you smile or say "that's our neighborhood!" PPNA is sponsoring a photography contest and is requesting you submit your best photograph that represents the PPNA mission "to nurture diversity and empower residents to work together towards a health future for our neighborhood."

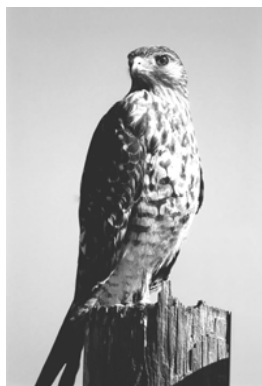
The winner of the photography contest will win a \$25 gift certificate to Bistro Rx and see their photograph published in the PPNA Summer newsletter. Wow, how can you say no!

Here are the photo contest rules-

1. Photo should represent the PPNA mission "to nurture diversity and empower residents to work together toward a healthy future for our neighborhood."
2. Submit all photos electronically to warren.holly@gmail.com
3. Deadline for photo submission is April 15, 12 midnight
4. An impartial panel of judges will select the top photo
5. Prize will be a \$25 gift certificate to Bistro Rx
6. Winner will be announced and photo published in the PPNA Summer Newsletter.

Meet Patterson Park's Newest Resident!

A number of people have recently spotted red-tailed hawks (like the one pictured) in the park. Hawks generally hunt rodents, and are drawn to the park's squirrel population. But a hawk can easily carry off a cat or a Chihuahua, so pet owners need to be careful.



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Check out our website that celebrates living in the Patterson Park neighborhood. It includes testimonials, photos, an interactive map, real estate listings, and other features helpful for longtime residents and newcomers alike.

Special thanks to Banner Neighborhoods and Healthy Neighborhoods for helping create and launch this website!

Safety Committee Update

Continuing to make our neighborhood a safe place is the Safety Committee's primary focus. Every month we meet with Major Davis to discuss issues regarding the security of our neighborhood. Major Davis put it bluntly no matter how minor our problems may seem "it is never a bother to call 911, more community involvement equals less crime."

Every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. the Southeastern Police Community Relations Council meets, this meeting is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. When signing in please make note that you are from Patterson Park Neighborhood Association.

Our Citizens on Patrol walk meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., weather permitting, at the corner of Baltimore and Linwood Streets. This is an opportunity to show your commitment to making our neighborhood a safe and viable place to live as well as getting to know your neighbors and the police officers who patrol our streets.

Youth ages 14-20 can take part in the Police Explorers Program. This program partners youth with police officers who serve as mentors, teaching them good citizenship, community involvement, and leadership skills. For more information about the Explorers Program, contact the Baltimore Police Department's Community Affairs Section at 410.396.2342.

Congratulations to Officer Jamie Lugo, Southeast Districts Officer of the Month. Officer Lugo responded to one of our neighbors when her car was stolen. Officer Lugo went above and beyond the call of duty in his response. For his efforts he was recognized at February's Community Council Meeting. If you feel an officer is deserving of recognition or have any other safety concerns please email us at safety@pattersonpark.org.

Green Master Plan

The Green Master Planning process has begun! The first meeting of the Green Master Planning team was held in December, and included partners from the Neighborhood Design Center, the Center for Watershed Protection and Blue Waters Baltimore (the newly merged watershed organization). Team members are all PPNA residents with interests and skills in urban or transportation planning, architecture, project management—a talented group. We even have the amazing good fortune to have TerraLogos Eco-Architects as a member of our Master Planning team! Other partners for our master planning effort will include the Patterson Park Charter School, Banner Neighborhoods and the Communities for All Ages Project of the Southeast CDC.

Over the next several months, we will reach out to residents throughout our neighborhood—old and young, English speaking and Spanish speaking, renters and homeowners, absolutely everyone!—to gather ideas and create a vision for a green and sustainable neighborhood. This vision can include tree planting goals, alley gating and greening, green roofs, stormwater bump-outs, transit, bicycle- and car-sharing programs, urban farming—anything! The outputs of this planning process will include a master plan design document, and an action plan for greening our neighborhood over the next five years.

Green Master Planning Charette in April!

A "charette" is a workshop that brings people together to brainstorm and design a vision. For us, this intense and creative effort will lay the groundwork for our Green Master Plan. Everyone who lives in this neighborhood is urged to participate. We hope to implement a brief survey of residents' ideas in advance of the charette, to help us understand everyone's priorities. Stay tuned for the exact date and location of the charette!

Baltimore Neighborhood Energy Challenge (BNEC)

BNEC is a not-for-profit initiative working with PPNA to educate residents about saving energy in their homes. Take the BNEC pledge and receive a **FREE ENERGY SAVERS KIT** full of energy saving products and resources. Allow us to connect you to programs and services in the city that can help you reduce your energy bills and ecological footprint. Are you a fixed income senior who might qualify for free weatherization services without knowing it? Are you a new home owner interested in learning about cool roofs and attic insulation? Perhaps you'd simply like to have one of our staff come out to your home and discuss healthy home energy habits? **Whether you are having trouble with high energy bills, or if you are interested in preserving our environment BNEC is a free program here to help.**

Call today to save money and create a greener tomorrow! 410.927.6088 or anna.ewing@baltimoreenergychallenge.org

Complete Streets for the Southeast



Complete Streets is a transportation planning principle that promotes safe, more livable urban streets that serve all users—elderly pedestrians, young cyclists, and everyone else—not just speeding cars and trucks. You can learn more about complete streets at www.completestreets.org. Strategies include bike lanes, curb extensions, traffic calming measures—like wider sidewalks and greening—as well as parking improvements—like angle parking, or promoting a reduction in the number of cars by making Zipcars more available. (According to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, PPNA has gained a total of 168 new parking spaces as a result of the angle parking installations on Milton, Luzerne, Potomac, Kenwood and Lakewood).

The Baltimore City Council recently adopted a resolution that makes Complete Streets principles part of Department of Transportation operations.

The planning process for Southeast was launched in December 2010, with a series of meetings between city planners and a community work group. PPNA's options for greening, angle parking, Zipcars, and other ideas are now being considered. **If you have questions or suggestions about how to make our streets more complete and our neighborhood more livable, please contact greening@pattersonparkneighbors.org.**

Greetings from the Friends of Patterson Park!

Despite the cold weather our staff and board haven't been hibernating, we're busy getting ready for a great spring and summer of free and fun events in the park. We've got lots to celebrate this spring. Stay tuned for information on a formal celebration of the completion of the entrances at Linwood Avenue and Baltimore Street, and at Patterson Park Avenue and Baltimore Street. We'll also reopen the Pagoda to visitors and get ready for the free concerts and other events that take place on Pagoda Hill. We're also planning exciting sports clinics for youth, and continuing to support programming for people of all ages at the Rec Center.

If you'd like to get more involved, please consider signing up for one of our volunteer teams. These dedicated volunteers commit a couple hours a week to keeping the park in tip-top shape so that all of our visitors have a great time. No special experience or skills are necessary, and we make it fun with donuts and coffee and lots of opportunities to get to know your neighbors.

Our website has lots of information on events and membership in the Friends (www.pattersonpark.com) or you can call the office at 410-276-3676 to learn more about any of our events or volunteer opportunities.

See you in the Park!

Jennifer Arndt Robinson
President
Friends of Patterson Park Board of Directors