

**HOUSING CODE WALKS
BRING COMMUNITY AND
CITY OFFICIALS TO-
GETHER**



The PPNA housing code committee conducted two neighborhood walks with community members, police, code enforcement officers, and elected officials in early December. The walks were organized to draw the city's attention to abandoned and blighted structures in the neighborhood that compromise safety and quality of life.

The walks resulted in multiple citations on problem houses and the cleaning of the alleyway behind Curley and Potomac streets. Thanks to the office of State Delegate Pete Hammen, and to Catalina Rodriguez of City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's office for organizing the two walks.

If you need to obtain information on how to report abandoned or problem houses to the city, contact housingcode@pattersonparkneighbors.org.

HAPPY HOUR!



Join your neighbors for happy hour at 7:00 pm on the last Thursday of each month at bars located in and near our neighborhood! The next happy hour is scheduled for January 29, 2008, at Sign of the Times, which is located on the 100 block of N. Belnord. In the meantime, please patronize our local establishments who have been so generous in supporting the PPNA: **Three...** (at Linwood & Baltimore), **Sign of the Times** (139 N. Belnord), and **Roman's** (2 So. Decker).

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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.

**PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL**
*the city is our classroom;
the world is our future.*



The time has come for parents to decide where their children will be attending school next fall. If you or your friends are among those parents, we ask that you consider the Patterson Park Public Charter School, PPPCS.

PPPCS is an innovative, tuition-free, diverse public school in your neighborhood, on Lakewood Avenue.

Next year the school will be home to grades K-8, and we are hoping to begin a pre-K as well. We will have a fixed number of kindergarten slots and a small number of slots for other grades. All slots will be filled by lottery and February 25 is the lottery deadline. The lottery will be conducted February 27.

The school will be hosting an Open House on January 25 from 1:00 to 4:00. This will be an opportunity to tour the school, meet administration, teachers, and other parents, and to learn about our exciting future.

Patterson Park Public 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.

For more information about the Open House or the school, 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.

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ALLEY GATING EFFORTS

Residents across Patterson Park are excited about the possibility of transforming their blighted alleys into revitalized community assets. Over fourteen blocks in the Patterson Park neighborhood have expressed interest in gating and greening their alleys under the 2007 city ordinance. More blocks in Patterson Park are pursuing this unique opportunity than anywhere else in the city.

Six blocks have submitted initial requests to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to begin the gating and greening process. A number of these blocks are in the process of collecting signatures of the necessary 80% of homeowners who abut the alley ways. The 100 block of N. Luzerne is the first block in the city to submit a completed application to DPW and has applied for funding as a Health Neighborhood Target block. Patterson Place has submitted the initial requests to DPW to gate and beautify all nine alleys in their neighborhood.

For Patterson Park residents interested in this unique opportunity, contact Benjamin Nathanson at greens@ashoka.org or 410-925-0166.



**BANNER NEIGHBORHOODS
NEWS**

Banner's Youth Basketball League is starting soon! The league accepts boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13. The season begins in March and ends in June, with practice one night a week and games every Saturday at William Paca Elementary/Middle. We need adult volunteer coaches! For a time commitment of 2 hours a week, you can make a big difference in the lives of young people in the neighborhood. Even if you have never coached or don't know much about basketball, you can be a big help just by showing up and helping other coaches. If you're interested in coaching or if you know young people who like basketball, please contact us at (410) 585 - 8810, or by email at info@bannerneighborhoods.org



Youth players strategize with their volunteer coach

TRASH AND SANITATION



DECORATED TRASH CANS: A special thank you to the 7th graders at Patterson Park Public Charter School for adding their artistic touch while reminding us to keep our neighborhood clean. The 20 receptacles were added through the Mayor's Cleaner Greener Initiative.

DAILY STREET CLEANING CREWS: The daily street cleaning crews that dutifully maintained our streets, sidewalks and alley have had to reduce their efforts as funding for their operation has declined. Please do your part and pick up trash in front and behind your home. Work with your neighbors to keep your block clean and green.

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.*

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...

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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 on 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.

EL MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! 2008 era un gran año para la asociación de vecindad del parque de Patterson. Teníamos así que mucha gente elevadora y participamos activamente en la mejora de nuestra vecindad. Algunos de los puntos culminantes para mí son las nuevas latas de basura de la calle, la gran participación que teníamos para el "2008 Spring Sweep," y la manera somos todo el funcionamiento juntos en el proyecto de la escuela secundaria de Highlandtown. Gracias a cada uno por ofrecerse voluntariamente su tiempo. Gracias especiales a las 2008 sillas del tablero y del comité. ¡El trabajo que este grupo de personas puso en nuestra vecindad era el año pasado asombroso! ¡Todo el mejor a cada uno por un gran 2009!

Marisa Villardo

¡Y hizo usted sabe que la biblioteca pública en Linwood tiene muchos libros en español!

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



As you may have read, I recently introduced 13 bills, all aimed at updating Baltimore's Police Ordinances. The bills cover a wide range of topics, including the expansion of a law protecting minors from being lured into cars (Council Bill 08-0246), the streamlining of the parade permitting process (Council Bill 08-0251), and the relocation of snow removal requirements from the Police Ordinances to the Property Maintenance Code (08-0252), so that it can be properly enforced by Housing.

One of the bills I am most looking forward to passing is Council Bill 08-0257, which would increase the maximum penalty for vandalizing streetlights or other public utility structures from \$50 to \$1,000 and up to one year of imprisonment--with each structure damaged constituting a separate offense. This criminal act has significant consequences for the communities it impacts, and the penalty should reflect that fact. The goal of these bills is to 1) remove the burden of obsolete laws from police officers, 2) provide police with enforcement tools they need, and 3) to clarify the Code for Baltimore residents. There should be no guessing games as to which laws count--if a law is on the books, it should mean something. I welcome your comments and suggestions: 410-396-4821 or james.kraft@baltimorecity.gov.

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.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 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.



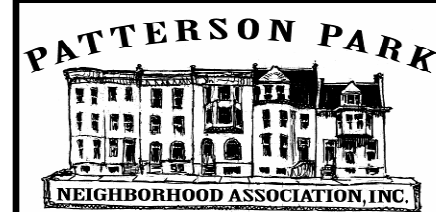
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2008 was a great year for Patterson Park Neighborhood Association. We had so many people step-up and actively take part in improving our neighborhood. Some of the highlights for me are the new street garbage cans, the great participation we had for the 2008 Spring Sweep, and the way we are all working together on the Highlandtown Middle School project. Thanks to everyone for volunteering your time. A special thanks to the 2008 board and committee chairs: Betsy, Hugh, Helene, Matt, Jen, Joe, Steve, Grant, Tyrel, Jane, Holly, Arch, Kelly, & Summer. The work this group of people put into our neighborhood last year was amazing!

All the best to everyone for a great 2009!

Marisa Vilardo

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Patterson Park Children's Holiday Party such a success! Neighbors pitched in with wonderful donated gifts for the children as well as volunteered to paint faces and bake cupcakes and other yummy treats. Santa stopped in with holiday cheer and gifts for every child, and several raffles aimed to please both parents and children. Each Year this event helps to introduce families to PPNA in a fun, family friendly environment. Make a resolution to keep the holiday spirit alive all year by staying involved, helping your neighbors, volunteering in our community. Find ways to keep our neighborhood healthy, happy and safe!



PPNA GREENING COMMITTEE

The PPNA Greening Committee is ready to start planning greening projects in our neighborhood this April. 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 email greening@ppnaneighbors.org.

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

HIGHLANDTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the October 20th meeting regarding Highlandtown Middle School redevelopment. The city has heard our concerns and is creating a panel of community members to move towards a development that has community support. The committee will be meeting in early 2009 and updates will be given at PPNA meetings and on the Yahoo! Group.

PPNA MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

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

January 12th—Election of 2009 PPNA Officers

PPNA will hold its annual election of officers on Monday, January 12th. Elected positions are President, Vice Presidents for NE, NW and SE sectors of the neighborhood, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to run, or nominate someone else, please send your nomination to Summer Gonter summerc@gmail.com. You may also present nominations at the January meeting.

To vote in the 2009 PPNA election or to run for a position, you must have paid your 2008 member dues and have attended a minimum of 2 PPNA meetings within 2008. You will also need to pay your 2009 dues on or before the day of the election.

February 9th—Regular monthly meeting



Kids and Adults were joined by Santa at the PPNA Holiday Party, with gifts and sweet treats galore!

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