

NEW PHONE NUMBER TO REACH PPNA!!!

You can now reach your PPNA leaders by calling
410-497-PPNA.

CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE

It's hard to believe that Patterson Park Public Charter School, founded by the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association, will start its fifth year on August 31. But it is, with grades K through 8, and the superior program that we have developed. The school was conceived to educate the whole child, and it offers art, music, technology, Spanish and physical education in addition to math, language arts, science and social studies.

We also believe important components are community service and use of community resources like Patterson Park as an integral part of our students' education. Our motto is "The City is Our Classroom, the World is Our Future."

Neighborhood families with children entering kindergarten next year should keep an eye out for the beginning of open enrollment in November. Because more apply than we can accept, it is important to have your application in before the February lottery.

The Charter School's executive director, Ed Rutkowski, will be attending the September PPNA meeting.

HELP DISCOVER CLIMATE CHANGES IN BALTIMORE

The Maryland Science Center, in conjunction with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study, is embarking on a new project involving everyday citizens studying indicators of climate change in Baltimore. With guidance from professional researchers, these projects will allow you to contribute to vital areas of ongoing study that affect us locally and globally that scientists can't obtain on their own.

Communicating Climate Change (C3) participants will observe and record local phenomena that are indicative of climate change. We are currently signing up volunteers to participate in "temperature blast" events - timed temperature measurements within and around the Baltimore metro area to reveal temperature variations between cities and suburbs. Our first event will be Friday evening, October 2, from approximately 6:45pm to 8:00pm. We are looking for individuals or groups to take measurements at their home, school, place of worship, etc., at that time.

In the spring and summer, citizen scientists can also monitor plant life cycle events, such as the first leaf or first flower to see how climate change affects the timing of these budbursts and other phases. We'll be studying flowering dogwood and Forsythia in spring, and black-eyed Susans in the summer.

Any group or individual with interest in environmental issues or in becoming involved in scientific research is encouraged to participate. To learn more about these projects, please visit the project website: <http://www.marylandsciencecenter.org/exhibits/c3.html> - from there, you can join our citizen science email list for reminders and updates about the project. To sign up for the October 2 event (we'll let you know how to borrow or purchase the necessary temperature instruments), please email c3@marylandsciencecenter.org or call 410-545-5976.

We hope you will join us in these important studies to learn more about how Baltimore is changing as the world changes.

ALLEY GATING

Patterson Park residents interested in gating their alleys may contact Kate Herrod of ASHOKA Community Greens at greens@ashoka.org or 410-925-0166.



BANNER NEIGHBORHOODS

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at Banner, through sports, arts, and other activities! If you'd like to help, email us at info@bannerneighborhoods.org, or call 410-585-8810.

Banner is a great way to meet neighbors young and older, as well as a fulfilling way to contribute to the community. Just ask any of the many volunteers already living and working in our neighborhood!

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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

RED LINE UPDATE

Over the past 3 years, there has been an enormous amount of planning and preliminary engineering about the various alternatives (light rail or bus rapid transit) along several different alignment schemes (routes and tunneling options), including a do nothing option. After 3 years of study and public comment, the City and State turn to our public officials for their endorsement of the "Locally Preferred Alternative", which includes the light rail option that runs down Boston Street (See link for a map: www.baltimoreonline.com/images/stories/redline_documents/lpa/lpa_corridor_map_20090803.pdf). The Locally Preferred Alternative, which includes an above-ground alignment for Boston Street, has been endorsed by Governor O'Malley.

Although Canton residents have expressed opposition to an above-ground alignment on Boston Street, studies have revealed that tunneling would be too expensive for the demand it produced. Canton residents' opposition to the above-ground alignment for Boston Street does not mean that the MD Dept of Transportation will likely consider alternate routing options such as Fayette or Eastern at this point. As with all large public works projects, there is rarely 100% agreement. Most public officials are behind this project, and it is likely that the stated Locally Preferred Alternative will now be submitted to the US DOT (Federal Transit Administration) for funding.

Unlike highway dollars, new rail transit must compete for funding with other projects around the country, including the Purple Line in DC. Federal funding for this type of project is critical for its completion. Funding is based upon likely success of the project, with a critical eye to the cost/benefit ratio. If the Red Line is approved, more detailed engineering and study will be done, including planning for stations and stops and after review, construction can begin (probably at least 3 years from now). If the project is rejected, Baltimore can modify the project or re-evaluate costs or demand projections and reapply.

Kelly Clifton

Chair, PPNA Transportation Committee

TRASH AND SANITATION

NEW TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Recycling: Every Tuesday.

Trash: Every Thursday

This schedule applies to our entire neighborhood.

TRASH PICK UP:

You must use a garbage can with a tight-fitting lid. Cans may be placed in the alley the evening before collection. Failure to use a can may result in a \$50 fine.

RECYCLING:

Please use a yellow bin or other durable container. Set your recycling out at the same location where you place your trash. Plastic bags cannot be used, but can be recycled at most area grocery stores. Official City yellow bins are for sale at Santoni's Market, 3800 East Lombard Street. To find out what you can recycle go to www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/ or www.baltimorecity.gov. To find out what you can recycle go to www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org/.

Additional information regarding City sanitation services can be obtained at 410.545.6541. For information regarding PPNA's Sanitation Committee, please email sanitation@pattersonparkneighbors.org or call Steve at 410.456.7757.

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

THE NEIGHBORS OF LIBRARY SQUARE

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

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NORTH EAST SECTOR CLEAN UP AND BBQ HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday August 15, approximately 45 Patterson Park neighbors and friends came out to clean up the NE sector. We were very generously supported by a grant from Banner Neighborhoods for food and painting supplies. One family came all the way from Dundalk to pitch in, painting over graffiti-laden walls, brightening the area for all. Participants were so committed efforts extended through the allies to Highland Ave, picking up trash, pulling weeds and meeting new neighbors. Great Job to all that participated—we look forward to the next time. We will rotate similar events throughout the neighborhood stay tuned!

NEWS FROM CASA DE MARYLAND

Warm weather gives us the perfect opportunity to work on those projects around the home we've been meaning to get to. CASA de Maryland workers are available daily to help with those projects! Last month, CASA workers helped over a dozen local homeowners with gardening and landscaping projects.

CASA tracks worker performance by inviting employers to evaluate the workers. One employer gave this report about the worker she hired for gardening: "He was wonderful. Worked so hard and did the most beautiful job. Plus he knew what he was doing with little instruction."

If you're thinking about hiring a worker, feel free to call with questions today! (410) 732-2694

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 14 de **Septem-ber** 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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Email: mirejo@casamd.org

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Enjoy fall with Audubon! We have events for the whole family and we would love to see more of our community at the events. See you in the Park! To register call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com

FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAMS

Family Program- Pumpkin Carving in the Park *Saturday, October 24, 10:00-11:00am Meet at the Pagoda \$5 per pumpkin.*

TINY TOT PROGRAMS

Fun & educational programs for children 2-5 with an adult. Meet at the Pagoda.

\$5 donation per child, \$2 for each additional child

Flying Things *Saturday, September 26th, 9-10am AT THE CASTLE PLAYGROUND*

B is for Bat *Thursday, October 22 9:30-10:30 OR Saturday, October 31, 10:00-11:00 am*

MONTHLY BIRD WALKS- A Fun Family Activity!

Meet at the fountain, no need to register! 8- 9:30am

Please join us- we have binoculars if you don't!

Saturday, September 26th and Saturday, October 31st

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. Email safety@pattersonparkneighbors.org with questions or concerns.

To Report a Crime:

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

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

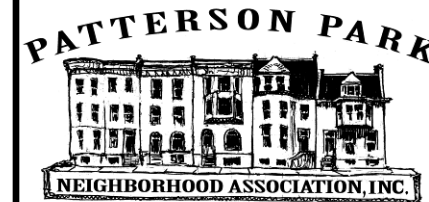
Call **410-637-8848** to request graffiti removal.

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 the first Monday of the month at the Southeast Police District station, located at 5710 Eastern Avenue.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that Patterson Park is part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative? As a Healthy Neighborhood, we have access to many special programs. As an individual homeowner, you have access to below market rates for home improvement loans or for rehab/refinance loans. New homebuyers buying a house in Patterson Park can also get below market rates on their mortgage. In addition, Healthy Neighborhoods has block project grants for up to \$3,000 where block residents can organize a project that improves the block, such as exterior painting, decorative lighting, or greening and beautification.

Check out the Healthy Neighborhoods website to find out more <http://www.healthyneighborhoods.org/> and contact PPNA if you're interested in pursuing an improvement project on your block!

MARISA VILARDO, PPNA PRESIDENT

PPNA GREENING COMMITTEE



If you would like to have a tree planted in front of your house this fall or spring, please contact greening@pattersonparkneighbors.org ASAP. We will explain the process for getting a tree as well as provide you with the City's Tree Request Form. As a reminder, newly-planted trees require 20 gallons of water per week during dry summer months. Also, please keep the sidewalks, planters and tree pits in front of your house free of weeds – it makes a huge impact on the appearance of our neighborhood.

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

UPCOMING PPNA MEETINGS

PPNA holds general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month of the year, except for July and August, in the basement of St. Elizabeth's Church. The entrance to the Church basement is on the unit block of N. Lakewood. We hope to see you at our next meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009. Arrive at 6:45 pm for socializing and light refreshments; the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR!



PPNA is revamping it's Happy Hour In the meantime, be sure to patronize our local establishments .

PPNA will continue to host "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.

HIGHLANDTOWN MIDDLE UPDATE

After almost a year of working with the city PPNA is proud to announce that the Highlandtown Middle School developer has been chosen by the city, and the city has agreed with your recommendation! After numerous meetings and a community vote on the topic, PPNA made the recommendation of Focus Development to convert the Highlandtown Middle School into apartments with self-contained parking and light retail. The Baltimore Department of Housing agreed with our recommendation and the building will be awarded to Focus Development in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone that has been involved in this process. For updates on this project please visit our Yahoo! group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PattersonPark/>

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.