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The Charles Village
Community Benefits District

The District Bulletin

SPRING MEETING ON THE FINANCIAL PLAN

Lovely Lane Church, March 24, 2009 6:30 pm

The Charles Village Community Benefits District will hold its annual Spring Budget Meeting to discuss the financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

March 24th, 2008

6:30pm-9:00pm

Lovely Lane UMC (2200 St. Paul St.)

The purpose of this meeting is to allow surcharge taxpayers the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed budget and financial plan for 2009-2010. For the coming year Executive Director David Hill is proposing that the CVCBD:

- Phase out Safety Patrol program and staff no later than July 1 2009
- Create a Safety Education Program and hire a Coordinator for this new program on or about July 1 2009
- Hire additional Sanitation direct service team staff (2 – 3 additional staff depending on budget) on or about July 1 2009
- Increase Sanitation services beginning on or about July 1, 2009

Come to the Spring Meeting to hear details and express your opinion!

Conference Room at CVCBD Office (2434 St Paul)

As a service to the community, the CVCBD has made its conference room at 2434 St Paul available to the community for meetings. Over the past year, numerous organizations have begun to take advantage of this service. The room will comfortably accommodate 20 people. If your organization is interested in using the space, please call to find out about availability and to make a reservation. You can also see the current usage schedule on our website CVCBD and Community calendars.



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Board of Directors 2009

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Ron Griffin, President
Quad #3 Representative

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Charles Village Civic Association

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Jay Orr
Quad #2 Representative

Kirsch Jones
Quad #4 Representative

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Walter Glaze
Harwood Community Association

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Harwood Community Association

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Allan Garske
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Non-Voting Members

Mary Pat Clarke, Councilwoman
City Council Representative

Belinda Conaway, Councilwoman
City Council Representative

Delora Sanchez, Johns Hopkins U.
Nonprofit Representative

Patricia Cronin, The Family Tree
Nonprofit Representative



Thank you to Richard Burnham and Graphic Imaging for providing these beautiful pictures of Charles Village in the snow.

The Board and staff would like to recognize and thank Susanne Riveles and Stephen Gerwitz for their years of dedicated service and hard work on the Board of the CVCBD. Both ended their service effective December 31, 2007. During her tenure, Susanne was the Chairperson of the Outreach and Communications Committee

Bylaws Changes

Last year the Governance Committee proposed substantial changes in the Bylaws to the community at the Fall Meeting, 2007. Based on public comment, the Committee revised its draft and presented it to the Board in January. After a lively discussion, the Board recommended several additional changes. This revised document is at www.charlesvillage.org.

Late in 2008, the Board submitted this document to a professional Parliamentarian, Colette Trohan, for further review and revision. If the Board gives its final approval, it will be submitted to the Board of Estimates for its review, probably this spring 2009.

Goldseker Foundation Awards the CVCBD \$20,000 Grant

The Goldseker Foundation has awarded the CVCBD a one year grant of \$20,000 (effective October 2008) to support production of its newsletter and for a community educational program on sanitation and safety issues. We have already started to produce several new information flyers on sanitation rules using these funds. The Board and staff want to thank the Goldseker Foundation for its continued generous support.



New Board Members (Quad and Association Representatives):

On October 7th, the CVCBD conducted its annual elections for Quad Representatives to the Board of Directors for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2009. Those elected were as follows: Quad 1: Robert Books, Quad 2: Robert Orr, Quad 3: Ron Griffin Quad 4: Kirsch Jones. Also joining the Board in January 2009 are new association representatives: Jason Pyeron (Old Goucher), Walter Glaze (Harwood), and Allan Garske (Abell). Welcome all of you to the Board!



BEFORE AND AFTER

26th Street between St Paul and North Charles Streets



CVCBD-CSX Clean-Up Partnership

The Benefits District and CSX Corporation have entered into a partnership to maintain the CSX fence line property along 26th Street between Greenmount and Huntingdon. The CVCBD completed the initial cleanup on September 21st and will maintain it three times during the summer (May, July, and September) and once again in the Fall/Winter when needed. CSX paid the CVCBD \$1000 for the initial cleanup and will pay CVCBD \$2000 per year for this service. CVCBD sanitation staff will work on weekends and in the evenings on this project so as not to detract from providing our regular services to the community.

CVCBD Starts “Weekend Sweeping” Service

The CVCBD budget is very tight this year but we are constantly figuring out affordable ways to improve services. To this end, effective December 14th, we started a “Weekend Sweeping” Service. Six part time staff work about 5 hours on either Saturday or Sunday (preferably Sunday, weather permitting) cleaning the gateway streets (Charles, St Paul and Calvert from 24th to 29th) and the northern part of the Arts District (20th and 21st from St Paul to Howard). This means that these main streets are now being swept every 7 days (rather than 8-10 days as before). The addition of this service also means that our regular sanitation crew now cleans all other streets during the week about every 8 or 9 days. Eventually, budget permitting, our goal is to increase the frequency of sweeping to every 5 or 6 days for the gateway streets and at least weekly for all others.



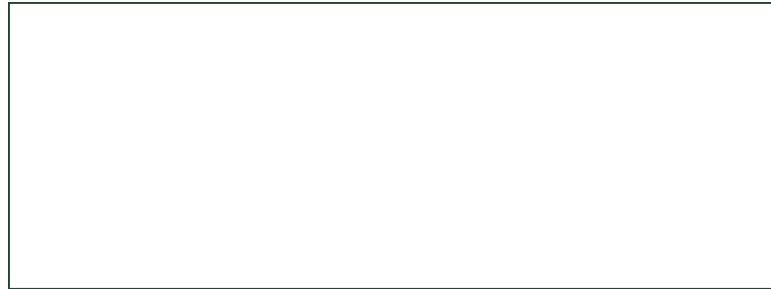
Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol

The Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol program celebrated its first anniversary this month. The program now includes 6 regular walks each week throughout the District. If you want to join one of the existing walks or form a walkers group in your neighborhood call the office at 410.235.4411.



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ROLLOFF DUMPSTER SCHEDULE

March 13th and 14th
Charles Village, 100 West 27th Street

March 20th and 21st
Harwood, 400 East 27th Street

March 20th and 21st
Old Goucher, 23 East 22nd Street

April - Mayor's Spring Cleanup
date to be determined; probably the 18th

May 1st and 2nd
Harwood, 400 East 27th Street

May 29th and 30th
Old Goucher, 23 East 22nd Street

May 29th and 30th
Charles Village, 100 West 27th Street



The CVCBD Purchases a New Sanitation Truck:

The CVCBD purchased a new Chevrolet Silverado 2500 sanitation truck in November 2008 with \$27,500 in funding provided by the Abell Foundation, Johns Hopkins University, M & T Bank, the Baltimore Community Foundation, Anderson Motors and individual property owner contributions. "Thank You!" from the CVCBD staff and Board.