

Fun Fact: The number of vacant houses in the District decreased by 55 in 2006.

Healthy Neighborhoods: Peter Duvall

Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. has recently made changes to its loan programs that make them even more flexible. Homeowners will now be able to do more of the home improvement work themselves and may be able to act as the general contractor. Now that do it yourself spirit has been add to low interest rates and flexible lending rules, Healthy Neighborhoods home improvement loans will work for even more Benefit District residents. Additionally, many CVCBD residents live on target blocks and qualify for Healthy Neighborhoods refinance/rehabilitation loans. All Healthy Neighborhoods loan products offer help in dealing with the contracting process and free architectural advice.

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Upcoming Activities

A long Greenmount Ave - Bob Brinkman

Groups and Businesses Along Greenmount are working on a Spring Fashion Show, murals for the walls of the Waverly Giant, and the 2nd Annual Greenmount Ave. National Night Out Kickoff Parade. The Spring Fashion Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2007 and will include fashions from businesses on Greenmount and models from nearby communities. Volunteers and models are needed for this event.

The Waverly Giant has six exterior panels designed for community artworks and a committee has been formed to identify funding, design proposals, and paint the panels. Community residents are invited to participate in the planning process and respond to the "Calls for entries" request by the Baltimore Office of Promotions.

The 2nd Annual Greenmount Ave. National Night Kickoff Parade will be held Saturday August 4, 2007 and plans include special outreach to area children and youth. Over 200 participants from local groups and bands marched from 35th Street to 29th Street in last year's parade. Area youth and adults are encouraged to organize a group or volunteer to assist in parade planning or "day of" events.

For more info or to volunteer for these activities:
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Executive Director's Letter - David Hill

Dear Residents,

As many of you already know, I joined the CVCBDMA staff at the beginning of November 2006. These first two months as Executive Director have been hectic and exhilarating with one meeting after another: meeting individually and collectively with Board members, representatives of our funding sources and partners. Meetings! Meetings! Everyone has been very supportive and encouraging, and has given me (and my wife, Kate) an enthusiastic welcome to Baltimore. We both offer our "Thank you!" to each and every one of you.

I have reviewed our CVCBDMA programs and budget and have identified issues and challenges that lie ahead for me, the staff, the Board and the community. Since we must start to prepare for the coming program year (2007-2008) that begins July 1, 2007, I decided to invite members of the community and our partners to join us in the planning process. On January 20th, we held a very successful open, public discussion of our programs, and from that obtained some insight into community's priorities with respect to services. Enclosed in the issue of *The Bulletin* is a survey in which we are asking you again to give us information that will be helpful in developing the kind of program that you want. Please return your completed survey to us as soon as possible. And, remember to attend the Public Hearing on our Financial Plan for 2007-2008 at the Lovely Lane Methodist Church, March 13 beginning at 6:30 where you will have another opportunity to voice your opinions. Together we can make our Village a safer, cleaner place to live and work.

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Carolers at Waverly Wonderland Tree Lighting

Upcoming Events:

March 13 - CVCBD
Budget meeting 6:30
at Lovely Lane UMC.
Followed by **CVCBD
Board Meeting.**

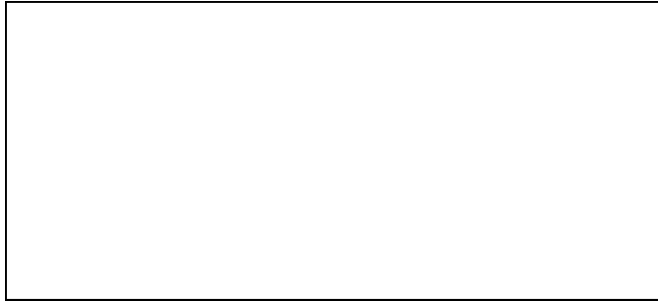
March 24 - **Historic
Tax Credit** Info Forum.
10am at Lovely Lane
UMC.

April 22 - **Old Goucher
House Tour!**



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Important Phone Numbers:

911– In case of an immediate emergency

311– Non– emergency concerns; including housing, sanitation, and city services.

666-DRUG- This number is used to report drug activity to drug detectives. Use this number to report non-emergency drug activity to the police, if it is an emergency please dial 911.

410-235-4411– Call the CVCBD with your reports or concerns, but please remember this is not an emergency number, call 911 first. If there is an emergency. Anyone at the Benefits District can take your call

Crime Watch Numbers– These are special numbers that allow you to remain anonymous when calling the police about an incident. To apply for a crime watch number contact your local police department, or call the CVCBD for an application.

Light up the night– Light up your street and your alleys! Call the benefits district for free low energy light bulbs!!!

Waverly Wonderland and City-Wide Miracle on Main Street Tradition Continues

Waverly Wonderland returned to help shoppers celebrate the holidays. Waverly shoppers entered a raffle with a chance to win “Sparkling Holiday” gift packages that included sets of men’s and women’s watches from Greenmount Loan & Jewelry and Chil’s Jewels, lunch for two at Thir-Tea-First Street Café, and gift certificates totaling over \$2,000 donated by Waverly businesses. Those who entered also had a chance to win one of several citywide “Miracle on Main Street” grand prizes including a Toyota Yaris donated by Castle Toyota, a Royal Caribbean cruise and one of four pairs of round-trip plane tickets from AirTran.

Among the highlights of Waverly Wonderland was a day of yuletide activities. Santa greeted shoppers and merchants at Waverly businesses and the Waverly Farmers Market as part of Santa Stroll and volunteers provided gift wrapping services to shoppers for their Waverly purchases as part of Santa’s Workshop.

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Dear Fellow Residents:

The year 2007 is here and with the new year comes continuing and necessary changes to the Benefits District. Late last fall we welcomed our new executive director, David Hill and welcome indeed has been David’s deep experience in assessing and restructuring organizations such as our own. Together with the Staff, Board of Directors and you, the residents of the District, David will be leading extensive evaluations of how we best achieve and implement our mandate. Some changes are already taking place and we hope that you recognize improvements in the appearance of your alley and street. To learn more about how to access services from the Benefits District staff visit www.charlesvillage.org or call 410.235.4411. Here’s wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2007.

Ron Griffin CVCBD Board President



Santa with Workshop volunteers