

National Night Out Against Crime 2010

August 3, 2010

6:00pm – 8:30pm

This year's events will take place at:

2700 Maryland Avenue

Calvert Street Park @ 23RD and Calvert Streets

400 Lorraine @ Barclay Street

Come out and enjoy a fun informative night out with your neighbors and dignitaries. There will be food, music, fun and plenty of information. For more information please contact:

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Charles Village Crime Alert

July 11, 2010 – July 17, 2010

The crime statistics are unavailable this week. Northern District RMS personnel are on vacation. Two Crime Alerts will be distributed next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Safety Advisory Committee meets Wednesday August 4, 2010 @ 3pm 2434 Saint Paul Street (CVCBD Conference Room). Open to all residents.

- The CVCBD Community Safety Program is scheduling “Home Safety” audits. This service is free to all residents of the district. The audit will consist of checking all physical security points, exterior, interior hazards, and access control. Please contact the CVCBD CSP today to schedule your home audit.

Campus Safety and Security

Weekly Campus Crime Report

On Campus

Theft – *South Garage, P1 Level* – Between July 15th at 4:30 PM and July 16th at 8:45 AM, an aluminum hand truck and a power drill were taken from the rear of a JHU gator car. The items were unsecured and in plain view. Investigation continuing.

Off Campus

Assault – *3000 Guilford Avenue* – On July 13th at 9:00 PM, an ABS Officer reported that while parked in her patrol vehicle, she observed an unknown male on foot, approximately 50 feet away, pointing what appeared to be a handgun at her. She left the area and watched the suspect walk southbound towards the 2900 blk. of Guilford Ave. Baltimore Police responded and searched the area with negative results. Investigation Continuing.

When traveling at night use the **Security Department’s escort service at 410-516-8700**. Security Escort Vans are operational from **5:00 PM to 3:00AM**.

All students are welcome to participate in the security ride along program. This report is posted on <http://www.jhu.edu/~security> and distributed to the Residential Advisors.

Bealefeld Says Force Short More Than 100 Officers

There's concern over staffing in the Baltimore City Police Department after a higher than usual amount of officers left the force last month. A Thursday night community walk, to fight crime brought out dozens of Liberty Heights taxpayers after the same thing--more police presence."The police used to walk in the neighborhood, the police used to know who the neighbors are," said Dean, Liberty Heights. But the department is scrambling to bridge a major gap in resources.

"Right now, we're over 100 officers short," said Fred Bealefeld, Baltimore City Police Commissioner. Police say 42 officers retired in June. That's more than double the 17 who left in 2009 and 20 in 2008. The spike came on the heels of a contentious city decision to pass pension reform for firefighters and police as part of new budget that includes increasing contributions, a drop in their payments and raises their retirement age.

"I think that's just bad for morale, bad for recruitment, bad for retention," said Mary Pat Clarke, Baltimore City Council. But the mayor is adamant all these vacancies have nothing to do with pension reform.

"Only three of the retiring officers in June would have experienced changes in their pension benefits under the new legislation, only three," said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. "Clearly, clearly, this pension debate is not a significant impact." The police commissioner says for now, overtime is off-setting the officer shortfall while the city launches a new plan to expedite the hiring process. Nine positions are for staffers who will clear a backlog of applicants from new recruits with hopes to fill all the holes by the end of the year and hire a record 350 officers in 2011.

"Hiring additional officers, training officers, getting officers out on the street is a shot in the arm we need at a critical time," said Bealefeld.

The police commissioner says he also plans to increase the number of officer classes and graduates per class.

Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol

Nightly Walks

Monday	8:30 pm 32 nd and Abell Streets
Tuesday	7:30 pm 31 st and Charles Streets
Wednesday	6:30 pm 26 th and Charles Streets
Thursday	7:00 pm 29 th and Calvert Streets
	8:00 pm 28 th and Howard Streets
	9:00 pm 3013 St. Paul Street
Friday	10:00 am Terra Café 25 th and St Paul Street

USEFUL Links

V.I.N.E Link (Victim Information Notification Everyday) (Maryland):

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=21999>

MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

<http://www.dpccs.state.md.us>

Baltimore Police Department

<http://www.baltimorepolice.org/>

CVCBD Community Safety Home Page

<http://charlesvillage.org/safety/>

Baltimore City Government Health and Safety

<http://baltimorecity.gov/Residents/HealthSafety/4StepsToFightingCrime.aspx>

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