

FALL
2007

CVCBD Fall Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 7 PM

St. Philip and James Church 2801 N. Charles Street

Election of four at-large members to the Charles Village Community Benefits District (CVCBD) Board of Directors, one from each of the four quadrants of the District to serve for one year beginning January 1, 2008.

You will have the opportunity to hear from each candidate, and the candidates will take questions from you before the election. Nominate yourself or others to serve, and attend the meeting. Make sure that the Quad representative elected truly represents your neighborhood and is responsive to its unique concerns! Go to www.charlesvillage.org to see the CVCBDMA Quad Map.

How do I sign up to run in the Election?

If you are interested in serving or nominating someone, please contact the CVCBDMA office at 410.235.4411. In order to be eligible to serve on the Board of the CVCBDMA, **you must be a registered voter who votes in the District or owns property in the District.** Satisfactory proof of such should be provided in advance of the elections or can be provided to the moderator just prior to the election— both for those nominated ahead of time and those nominated from the floor.

What do I need to vote?

Each resident, business owner, and property owner who is over the age of 18 has one vote for the representative from his or her Quad. Please bring a photo I.D., utility bill, or voter registration card that has your current Charles Village home or business address on it so you can be registered with the correct quadrant.

What is happening in the District?

In addition to the Quad Elections, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information about what is happening in the District regarding Safety and Sanitation projects.

Proposed Changes in the By-Laws:

The Board of Directors is reviewing proposed changes to the CVCBDMA By-Laws. Copies will be available at this meeting, and you will have the opportunity to comment. The proposed changes will be posted on the CVCBD website www.charlesvillage.org, as soon as possible.

Light Refreshments.

Welcome Packets available for new residents.

Collaboration with the LAB School

The CVCBD is proud to announce that we are collaborating with Baltimore Lab School (corner of 23rd & St. Paul Street) to decorate and sell concrete trash cans to neighborhood businesses. This school year-long project will generate proceeds for both entities and will assist the CVCBD in our outreach and communication efforts. Baltimore Lab School is a private 1-12 school that specializes in teaching

children with different learning styles using an art based curriculum. The cans will be decorated by the students and can be specially decorated to meet the sponsors wishes. Please look for the cans in the late fall and throughout the winter and spring months. For more information on how one can sponsor a can, please contact Lisa Jacobs at Baltimore Lab School - 410-735-0032.



CVCBD Board of Directors 2007

Voting Members

Ron Griffin, President
Quad #3 Representative

Richard Burnham, Vice President
Old Goucher Business Alliance

Jeffrey Millard, Treasurer
Charles Village Civic Association

Dawna Cobb, Secretary
Mayors Representative

Robin Truiett-Theodoroson, At Large Member Executive Committee
Abell Improvement Association

Rob Books
Quad #1 Representative

Jay Orr
Quad #2 Representative

Stephen J. Gewirtz
Quad #4 Representative

Derek Demaree
Old Goucher Community Association

Jane Honeycutt
Old Goucher Community Association

Myron Seay
Harwood Community Association

Gary Letteron
Harwood Community Association

Dana P. Moore
Charles Village Civic Association

Susanne Rivelis
Abell Improvement Association

Nancy Smith
Better Greenmount Alliance

Julie Gochar, Obsidian Realty
Old Goucher Business Alliance

E. Rachael Baird
Charles Village Business Association

Non-Voting Members

Mary Pat Clarke, Councilwoman
City Council Representative

Belinda Conaway, Councilwoman
City Council Representative

Salem Reiner, Johns Hopkins University
Nonprofit Representative

Patricia Cronin, The Family Tree
Nonprofit Representative

Letter from our CVCBD Board President

Dear Fellow Surtax Payers,

Have you noticed that the streets and alleys of the Benefits District are cleaner than in the past? Have you noticed the uniformed CVCBD staff sweeping the streets? Have you seen the white plastic bags with the green CVCBD logo full of trash sitting on the corner waiting to be picked up and hauled to the dump? Those vehicles patrolling the alley with the flashing yellow or green lights contain CVCBD safety staff on patrol. Did you know that they are now patrolling the alleys and streets until 8:00 p.m. (now 11!) on weekdays?

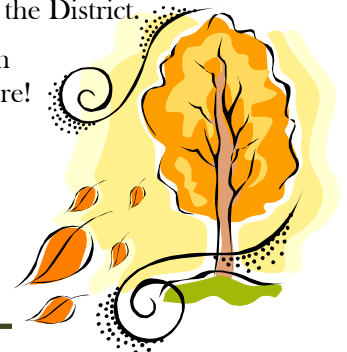
These are some of the results of the CVCBD's Staff refocusing their attention on the two core areas of its mission: the safety and sanitation of the District. Under the able leadership of David Hill and with the support and hard work of the dedicated Staff there has been and will continue to be a marked

improvement in the services provided to the residents of the District.

The Staff, however, cannot tackle these challenges alone. We need your help. You can truly make a difference by getting to know the neighbors on your block, attending your neighborhood organization's meetings or by becoming involved with the CVCBD itself. For more information on how to help your neighborhood be an even better place to live, please visit the CVCBD's website www.charlesvillage.org. There you will find more information regarding the Benefits District and links to the neighborhood organizations within the District.

Enjoy the fall here in the heart of Baltimore!

Ron Griffin
President
CVCBDMA Board



Become a Block Leader!

Three Years ago I bought a beautiful old house, and moved into Charles Village. After being here a year, I wondered how I could get involved in my new community. Along came the flyer for the Annual Board Election, and so we went to that meeting. There I met several wonderful community members, and found out about the newly resurrected Block Leader Program. It was something I could put as much or as little time into as I had available. This seemed perfect for someone like me who had several other activities going on, and a full time job.

As a Block Leader, I have helped pass out flyers to my neighbors, arranged the block to clean up our alley on the Mayor's Clean Sweep Saturdays, and get out energy saving light bulbs supplied by Hopkins University For the Light up the Night Campaign. I am relatively lucky, as I share my block with another Block Leader, so it means we have twice as much brainpower to put into things for our block. A Block Leader is not a person of authority, but a facilitator for events and ideas on the many blocks throughout Charles Village. We have meetings with other Block Leaders to exchange (continued pg. 3)

National Night Out Against Crime 2007

The CVCBD did a great job assisting Sharon Guida in organizing, promoting, and running the August 7th National Night Out Against Crime. The CVCBD distributed almost 2000 fliers advertising the event throughout the neighborhoods, along with posters in store windows and announcements on the CVCBD home page. There were seven participating locations this year, a

record. On the night of the event, several safety staff members distributed tables to each of the event sites, along with safety brochures, and made their rounds several times stopping at least once at each of the 7 event locations throughout the night. Thank you to Sharon for working so hard to make this event happen and for each of the seven party planners that got all of their neighbors involved.



Update on The Sanitation Team

The District's sanitation employees, affectionately known as the Clean Team, are seven men and women dedicated to keeping our neighborhoods clean and pleasing in appearance. Coupled with the continuing assistance of the District's shopkeepers and homeowners, the Clean Team provides that extra supplemental effort necessary to augment the sanitation services provided by the City of Baltimore.

Many favorable comments have been received in recent months about the improvement in the cleanliness of the District's streets and alleys. Led by Team Supervisor Joseph Fair, the Clean Team has implemented several strategies to increase its efficiency and become more responsive to the needs of our residents. There is a wealth of information about the services provided by the Clean Team available on the CVCBDMA website. There you will find a Clean Team FAQs page, a map of the five Cleaning Posts, Cleaning Post Reports, Reports of "special pickups" made by the Clean Team, and a way to request Clean Team services online. Additionally, you will find a comprehensive listing of services requested by our residents, what actions have been taken, and what remains to be done.

To access this information, please go to: <http://www.charlesvillage.org/>

One of our responsibilities in managing the CVCBDMA is to let our residents know what your CVCBDMA is doing. Hopefully, the reports included on our website will provide that information and bring about an appreciation of how dedicated our Clean Team members are to provide the best service they can, limited only by time and manpower. Please keep us advised of services that need to be performed and how well we are doing in fulfilling the needs of the community. Our contact information is listed on the "Contact Us" page on the CVCBDMA website; a few contact points are provided here:

Joseph Fair 10.235.4411 x17
Clean Team Supervisor joey@charlesvillage.org

Become a Block Leader! (continued from pg. 2)

ideas and learn as new things coming up in the District. Some Blocks have had Cleanup Days followed by a potluck picnic or bar-b-cue. Others have planted flower pots and had holiday lights competitions.

I am very happy to be involved and know the people I have been lucky to meet through this program. With that, I invite you to join us and become a Block Leader or Co-Block Leader on your block. The time you spend on it is up to you, and the more people we have involved, the better the pool of ideas we have to help make Charles Village a brighter and more vibrant community to live in. So, will you step up and help make Charles Village a better place to live? If you are interested, contact Katie Beltz at the Benefits District for more information. 410-235-4411 x 16

Rob Books



Back Left: Corey (volunteer), Tony, Ed, Joseph (supervisor), Damon.
Front Left: Patricia, Andrew, David, Russell. Not Pictured: Telina.

Cooperation with Greater Homewood

The CVCBDMA and the Greater Homewood Community Corporation have begun to collaborate in the provision of services in the CVCBD. CVCBD has transferred several staff members to GHCC where they can be better supported, and will continue to receive support from the CVCBD. The two organizations will be

coordinating many other activities including the publication of newsletters and websites. The block leader program will likewise be a joint effort, with a new position created at the GHCC, support from, and continued interaction with the group from the CVCBD staff. The two organizations will coordinate further by the CVCBD's

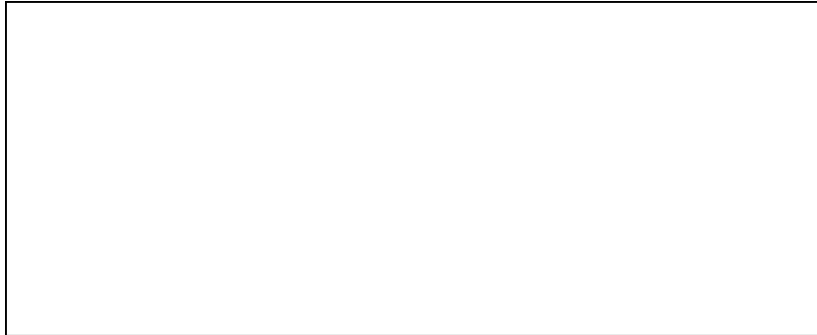
membership in the GHCC Neighborhood and Educational Development Committee, the Waverly Main Street Organization Committee, and the CVCBD's continued participation in GHCC Neighborhood initiatives. We hope to see the collaboration between these two organizations continue to grow for a long time.



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Guess what!
Starting Monday September 17th, the Safety Team will have a new member. In response to frequent requests, he will be driving the Safety vehicle three hours later than before, until 11pm on weeknights!

Reminder from the Safety Team.
Please remember to shred all your personal documents before you put them out in the trash or recycling. Identity theft is a growing problem, don't make it easy for yours to be stolen.

Upcoming Events

CVCBD Board Meeting @ Future Care 7- 9 pm **10/9**

Last day to register to vote in the Baltimore City Mayoral Election **10/16**

Mayors Clean Up 9am- 2pm **10/20**

CVCBD Fall Meeting @ St. Phillip and James Church 7-9pm **10/23**

Halloween **10/31**

October 2007

Rachel (volunteer) and Telina (sanitation team)



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