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The District Bulletin

CVCBD Spring Meeting on the Financial Plan

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

March 25th, 2008

6:30pm-8:30pm

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 CVCBDMA budget for 2008-2009.

We're Moving

The Charles Village Community Benefits District will be moving offices on February 1st to its new location at 2434 St. Paul Street. Just two blocks away from the old location, our new office is on the first floor of the Astor Court building, which is situated at the corner of Saint Paul and 25th Street. This new location will be handicapped accessible, making it a much better place for both the CVCBD and other community organizations to hold meetings. When we have everything set up, we will let you all know the date of our open house. We hope you will all join us.

CVCBD Staff

Conference Room at CVCBD Office (2434 St Paul)

As a service to the community, beginning in March (after we have had time to settle in!) the CVCBD conference room at 2434 St Paul is available to the community for meetings. 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.



The Charles Village
Community Benefits District

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

The Benefits District would also like to recognize and thank Salem Reiner and Richard Burnham for their years of dedicated service and hard work on the board of the CVCBD.

**Governance Committee
Proposes Changes in the Bylaws**

After over a year and a half of work, the Governance Committee proposed substantial changes in the CVCBD Bylaws to the community at the Fall Meeting, October 23, 2007. As a result of public comment, the Committee revised its draft and presented it to the CVCBD Board of Directors in January. After a lively discussion, the Board recommended several additional changes. This revised document is online at www.charlesvillage.org. If the CVCBD Board gives its final approval, it will be submitted to the Board of Estimates for its review, probably in the spring.

David Hill

The New Recycling Program

If you have not heard about Baltimore City's new recycling program here are some of the details: The new system is called "Single Stream Recycling". All of your recycling goes into the same container and is put out on the same day. All paper, plastic, cardboard, cans, and bottles... everything goes into the same container on the same day.

Recycling days have been changed also: Charles Village is now in what is called Zone 2 on the DPW calendar. Zone 2 recycling pick up days are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

New recycling containers are for sale (check out the City's DPW website for locations and pricing). There are large and small sizes available. There is also a free bumper sticker used to identify non

city bins as recycling containers. These stickers can be placed on any container you would like to use as a recycling bin (you do not have to use the city's bins).

Katie Beltz



Abell Grant

CVCBD submitted a preliminary grant application to the Abell Foundation for \$60,335. If awarded the funds will be used to;

1. Purchase outright a new Sanitation truck (Chevrolet Silverado 2500 with 8' bed and 2' extension) and

2. Support one staff person for one year who empties trash baskets weekday evenings and weekends as part of our Trash Basket Initiative.

We will update you when we hear back from the Abell Foundation.

David Hill

Safety, Sanitation and Revitalization Committee

What is the Safety, Sanitation and Revitalization Committee? We are the people on the Board of Directors who bring forth recommendations about how to better serve the public in the key areas of Safety and Sanitation. We are here to help the Board of Directors better understand what is wanted and needed in regards to these key areas. But, we also need to hear from the people who live and work in Charles Village to see if we are missing something, or can improve something. Or, maybe you have an idea to help streamline something we are doing now. You can send these ideas to the management office; or better yet, come to the monthly meeting of the Committee.

Currently we are working on two projects. First, is the upcoming

Safety Forum, we want to know your ideas on safety in the community. No matter how crazy the idea may seem to you, it may provide a springboard to upgrading the safety elements we already supply. So, come on out to one of the forum meetings and give us your ideas. If you can't make it, there is a form on the website to give us your ideas. The committee will be going through these ideas and seeing what will work within the budgetary constraints we have, then presenting recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Second, we have been working on a community level baseline agreement. This will set a baseline to gauge the work of the CVCBDMA for the community. This will be completed soon, and it will be updated on a yearly basis



similar to the baseline agreement that is worked out with the City each year. This will be posted to the website once it has been finalized.

This is the work being done for you by the members of the Safety, Sanitation and Revitalization Committee. If you would like to help this committee, the meeting times and dates can be found on the website, and we would be happy to have you come join us. We look forward to continuing this work to make Charles Village safe and clean.

Rob Books

AIA's New Years Eve Progressive

Diner Party - A Tradition!!!

For about four years now the AIA has organized a progressive diner party that is held on New Years Eve. Usually four homes open their doors to their neighbors, who bring a drink, a dish, or a dessert to share and celebrate the season. It starts at seven pm and ends after 12 midnight when we all ring in the New Year, exchange well wishes, predictions, plans and some kisses for the Year to come.

All ages participate and this year we had a solid core of about 15 people counting at times 35 at diner and dessert. Some neighbors attended the cocktails and the diner and some just took part in the dessert and moved on to another party. It is a wonderful community building affair and it makes you feel at home in your neighborhood.

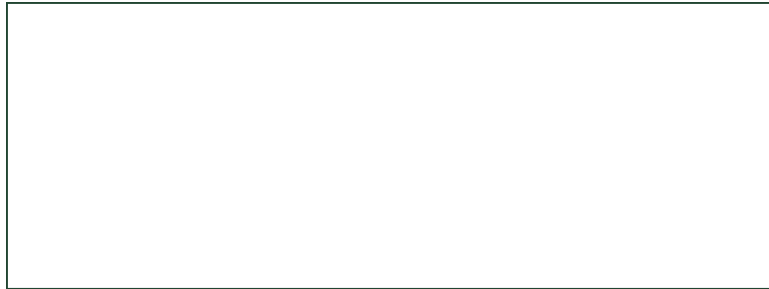
Miruna, the AIA officer responsible for membership summed it up, "It is nice to be able to visit not far from home with the neighbors you do not see much during the winter months. The food is so spectacular and we can just walk, not drive, home in the early hours of the New Year."

Susanne Rivelis



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Upcoming Events

Feb 1, Fri—**CVCBD Moves Offices**

Feb 9, Sat—**Public Forum**
 Future Care
(session 1) 9 a.m. – noon
(session 2) 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Feb 12, Tues—**Board Meeting**
 2434 St Paul 7:00 p.m.

Feb 14, Thurs—**Valentines Day**

Feb 18, Mon—**Presidents Day**

Mar 11, Tues – **Board Meeting**
 2434 St Paul 7:00 p.m.

Mar 25, Tues—**Budget Meeting**
 Lovely Lane 6:30 p.m.

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