



## CHARLES VILLAGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT

*"Keeping Charles Village Safe and Clean"*

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### Executive Director's Report

January 2015

(For the period December 1 – December 31 2014)

#### ADMINISTRATION

Surcharge tax revenue: We received no surcharge tax revenue in December due to the fact that one of our largest property owners who pays over \$13,000 annually had paid twice and had to be reimbursed. This more than cancelled out the revenue for the month. Nevertheless, revenues are still about even with last year at this time. Our total revenue for FY'15 to date is \$501,045 of the \$674,607 anticipated.

Revenue: We received

- \$75 program revenue from Jenkins Associates for maintaining Vineyard Lane property
- \$27.72 reimbursement from CVCA for use of the CVCBD copier
- \$300 contribution from St Mark's Lutheran Church

Program development:

- Hired James McComas as Coordinator of Community Outreach Services. He started December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Signed a contract with Johns Hopkins University to jointly fund an Enhance Safety Program pilot project that will begin in late January
- Signed a contract with Crown Security to provide a monitor to watch the surveillance cameras in the CVCBD boundaries 27 hours per week as program component the HCPI Enhanced Safety pilot project.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City Department of Criminal Justice by which the City assumes ownership of and responsibility for maintenance and repair of the 10 CVCBD surveillance cameras installed in March last year

#### SAFETY SERVICES

##### **12/1/14**

- Contacted owners of 2623 to 2639 N. Charles Street to discussed neighbor complaints about vacant houses. Request Officer O'Donnell to set a block meeting to resolve issues.
- Referred detective Chris Heister to Lt. Sam Hood (CitiWatch) to determine if surveillance camera footage is available on a robbery at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Greenmount.
- Sent Officer Gibson a complaint number for an accident at 23<sup>rd</sup> and St Paul which destroyed a planter belonging to resident, Mr. Rozanski.
- Contacted Fred Welsh of Trikke Company about training additional CVCBD officers on Trikke operation.

##### **12/3/14-**

- Supported and participated in the Safety Advisory Council meeting; prepared and sent 5 Community Impact letters to the States Attorney Office.

- Conducted several interviews for the position of Coordinator Community Outreach Services.
- Compiled a schedule for Camera Monitors we are hiring through Crown Security.
- Met with Officer Rawlins about CVCBD off duty officer deployment and operations. Required increase in field interviews has resulted in increased arrests, many involving prostitutes.
- Toured the Waverly District to recruit business in the Crime Free Business Program; spoke to Dave Stahl from Pete's Grill and Gordon from Greenmount Pawn.

**12/4/14**

- Met with Officer Rawlins and Detective Carter from the intelligence Unit to discuss crime strategies.

**12/8/14**

- Conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> interview with James McComas for Coordinator Community Outreach position.
- Met with Old Goucher Business Association; spoke to Ken Abrams about Crime free Business program.
- Met with Steve Gewirtz about the court update.

**12/10/14**

- Compiled documents related to the Postal Package thefts within the Benefits District and discussed the case with: Postal Inspector Service located in Washington DC., BPD Detective Sgt. Leo Furman, BPD Detective Lt. Matthew Johnson, Postal Inspector Stacey Lockett, Inspector Kneisley, assigned to cases of postal theft occurring within the Benefits District, Officer William O'Donnell
- Distributed Postal Theft Bulletin to concerned residents
- Attended the Harwood Walk with Officer Barnett, Sharon Guida and Sheila Reese.
- Met with John Steiner of Crown Security about Camera monitoring Program with CitiWatch, emphasizing that that the hours for Monitors should parallel hours of CVCBD off duty police.

**12/11/14**

- Met with Officer Rawlins about CVCBD off duty officers. Emphasized that deployment will be based on crime patterns and that they must be aware of recent crimes and suspect descriptions.
- Spoke to NAACP representative Tessa and discussed involvement in community events.

**12/15/14**

- Met with Northern District Neighborhood Services Office to discuss crime patterns.
- Attended meeting with the Midtown Partnership staff Michele Wirzberger, Sgt Tony Vaitf and Christopher Godwin Outreach Coordinator of Midtown and discussed deployment strategies, crime problems and issues of concern involving our borders such as prostitution. We agreed that a monthly meeting should be held to keep in contact and sharing information and Ideas.

**12/17/14**

- Recommended that CVCBD hire James "Mac" McComas as Coordinator Outreach Services
- Arranged a meeting about the Crime Free Business Program attended by Lt. Shorter, Sgt. Glanville, Officer Gibson, and Ken Abrams. Agreed to start the program in the Old Goucher Community at PNC Bank on February 9. CVCBD will design/distribute a flyer to advertise the Crime Free Business Program.

**12/19/14**

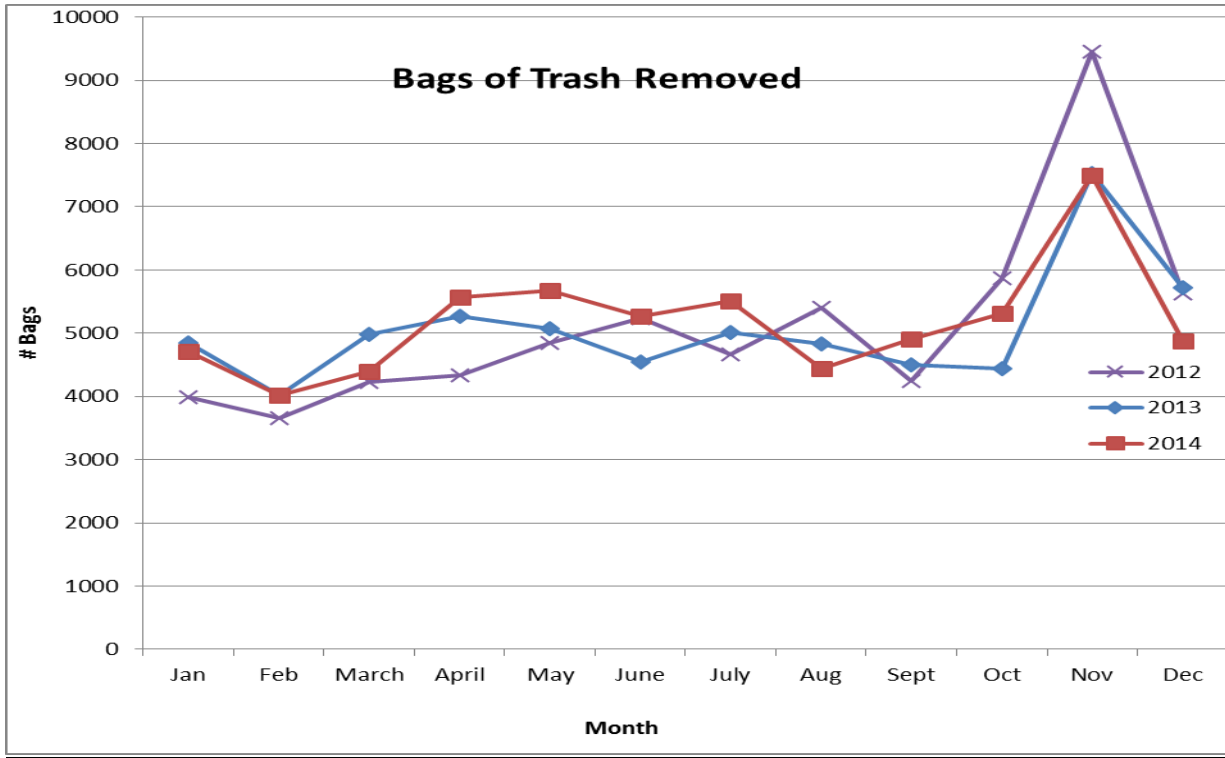
- Emailed additional information to Postal Inspector Kneisley about suspect Lance Sturgis.
- Visited the 2623 to 2639 N. Charles Street for an updated of property conditions.
- Discussed with Inspector Haskins the issues neighbors have related to 2639 Guilford Avenue.
- Conducted research regarding appropriate bicycles to purchase for the CVCBD patrol officers.

**12/29/14**

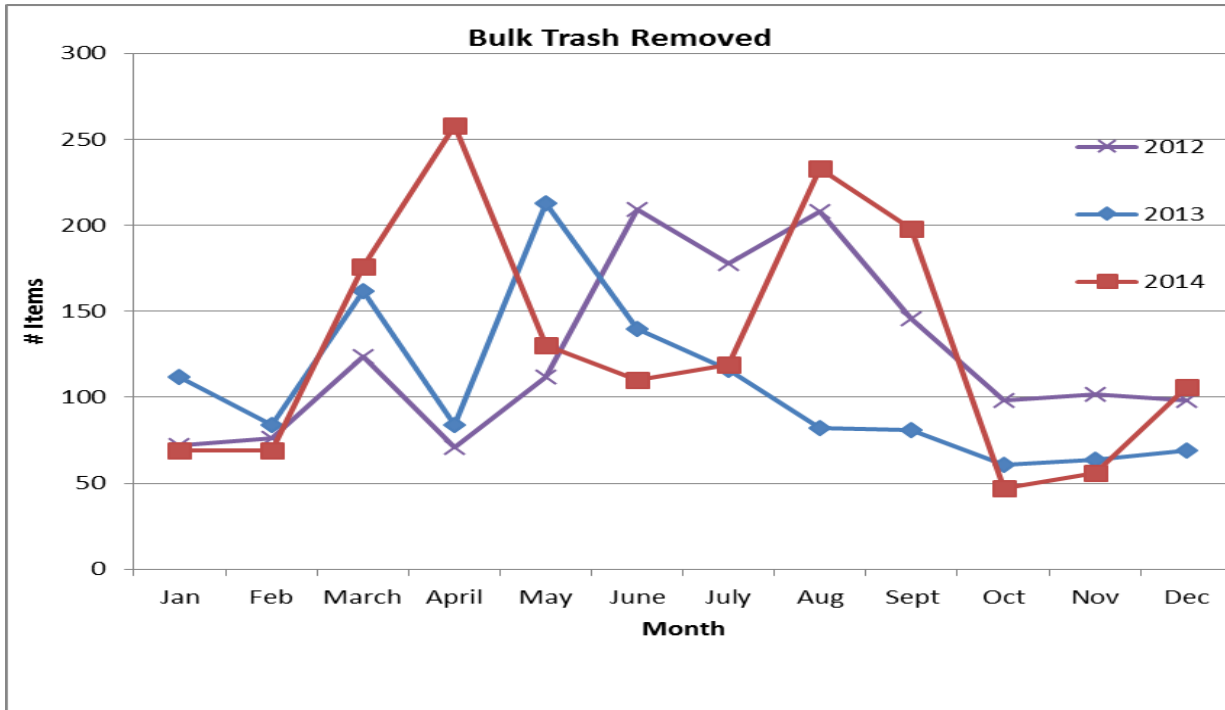
- Based on information from Tony Savage at States Attorney's Office about a criminal Summons case naming Lance Sturgis for Postal Theft scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, contacted Steve Gewirtz about inviting neighbors to attend court hearing

**SANITATION SERVICES**

**Bag Count:**



**Bulk Trash Count:**



Rat Abatement Project:

| <b>Rat Abatement Program</b>                        |          |              |                   |
|---|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Monthly Statistical Report for December 2014</b> |          |              |                   |
|   | December | Year to date | Since August 2012 |
| Dead rats removed                                   | 19       | 116          | 1,181             |
| Bait station inspections by CVCBD                   | 105      | 1,251        | 2,596             |

Areas with most bait station activity are: Charles & 20<sup>th</sup>, Charles & 21<sup>st</sup>, Maryland & 26<sup>th</sup>, Charles & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Barclay & Lorraine, Barclay & Ilchester, 28<sup>th</sup> St, 25<sup>th</sup> St, Ilchester & Barclay, 27<sup>th</sup> St., 25<sup>th</sup> & St Paul, Greenmount & 29<sup>th</sup>, Greenmount & 30<sup>th</sup>, Mace & 27<sup>th</sup>, Abell & 32<sup>nd</sup>, Calvert & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Calvert & 25<sup>th</sup>, Guilford & Ilchester

**Outreach Services**

Crime Alerts: 3  
Facebook postings: 23