

This Quarterly Newsletter is brought to you by the Waverly Improvement Association, Inc.

WAVERLY NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MD

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th

6:30pm

Waverly Elem/Middle School

Bring a Neighbor! Bring a Friend! Bring Yourself!

Entrance on 34th Street

All are invited, including owners, renters, business leaders, partners, prospective residents, and kids under adult supervision.

We are deeply honored to have been selected as the Co-Presidents of Waverly Improvement Association. The entire WIA Board has pledged to work along side each other to support, develop and lead our community to build, beautify, heal and help to shape the best neighborhood possible. We realize that Waverly is one of the last diverse communities in Baltimore. With that in mind we welcome all comments, suggestions and ideas to aid us to keep our finger on the pulse. And in order to make all of this happen faster and better, **we need ALL of you to help!** The 2016 Board of WIA is planning a GREAT session for you. To name a few: Community Land Trust, Youth Community Center (emphasis youth 13-24 years old), Main Street Beautification, Membership Drive WIA, Movies in the Park and ____ (reserved for your idea).

WIA RESPONDS TO THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

The residents of Waverly are asking for a Community Youth Center. We heard you and WIA is now in the process of developing a multi-use, free youth (ages 13-24) and family center within the boundaries of Waverly. At present, we are looking into the Venable building with a team including WIA, community/civic groups and organizations, Waverly Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Police Department, parents and Will Barton NBA (Golden Nuggets) *Do you want to be a part of the team?* We welcome your suggestions and input and resources! call (443) 885-0255

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” — Barack Obama

Free Porch Lights Light Up the Night in Waverly

When most houses on a residential street keep their porch lights on nightly, they have fewer car break ins, assaults, muggings, and vandalism than when there are just street lights (or no lights). **That’s why we are giving one away to each house. So, turn on your porch light every night. Get one for everyone on your block at the June 7th community meeting!** With your new compact fluorescent bulb, keeping your porch light on over night costs less than a nickel a day, and they last up to 10x longer. Thanks to Baltimore Energy Challenge for donating 500 LED bulbs to the effort! Volunteer to help for 2 hours on the Porch Lights campaign! You will be set up with materials, and a partner if you need one. Interested? Please contact us at WaverlySafety@gmail.com or 443-722-2024.



Successful Spring Clean 'n Green

Community members, YMCA volunteers and

Americorps showed up to clean Old York Rd, parks and empty lots of Waverly. Folks split up to clear out the extensive shrubbery/trash for the Venable/Old York lot, clear out Old York, and sand, reseal and waterproof the benches and tables at Chestnut Hill Park. The grill is now thoroughly cleaned and has a new coating! Thanks to the Green Team, (always looking for more leaders) and especially to 35 years in Waverly's **Mama Lucia** - for providing lunch for volunteers! We need your leadership! & help! *Contact us to get involved!*



Vacant Homes: Progress!

Homes become vacant for many reasons: death in family, irresponsible/overwhelmed landlords, legal situations, foreclosure. They look depressing and can become unsafe and attract crime. The WIA has volunteers to help resolve these. And we've seen some positive changes! At 648 35th, the roof caved in several years ago during multiple rounds of legal wrangling, but it is finally being stabilized. Neighbors worked tirelessly talking to various owners and the city to push 7 homes thru to resolution. **But, there are still more than 50 properties on Waverly's list of problem vacants.** Trying to resolve the situation of a house near you? Let's talk together about how to support your efforts. It may be slow, but we've met some dedicated and highly-professional housing code personnel who've been a huge help.

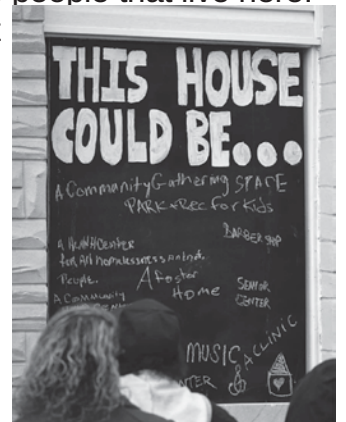
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Community Land Trust

From our Bay and Solarium Townhomes to 19th Century Victorians, Tutor homes, and Traditional Apartments, not to mention our brand new school and Waverly winning "Best Up and Coming Neighborhood" in City Paper's 2015 Reader's Choice Awards, developers, investors and others from all over are looking at Waverly to purchase homes and vacant lots. WIA understands that our community needs to invest in itself sooner than later, to plan our community's growth in a more organic way. This is why we are working hard to build a Community Land Trust - so that renters can afford to stay, and even purchase their family home here, so that our vacant green lots can come to life in creative and sustainable ways, and so that Waverly's places can become new and needed assets to the people that live here.

A Community Land Trust is a group that develops and stewards affordable housing, community gardens, civic buildings, commercial spaces and other community assets on behalf of a community.

The idea is to keep the homes affordable for the next buyers. **Join the Waverly CLT Team! Contact wia21218@yahoo.com**



To find out whether a certain home (even your own) has any outstanding housing code violations: http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/Search_On_Map.aspx 2) Check "by address" box, type in address, and click "send" button at bottom 3) The next screen will tell you how many outstanding violations that address has. 4) To see the violation letter and details, click icon under "See notice." If you want help finding info about a problem property contact us and we'll work together to figure it out.

Events & Activities

June 2016

June 3rd & 4th

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
2840 Sisson St

June 4th, 3p-5p

Green space behind YMCA
Family Fun Fest !!

June 7th, 4p, Waverly EM/MS Cafeteria

"Get Schooled w/ Jamaal "Mr. Root" Collier

June 7th, 6:30p

Waverly EM/MS Cafeteria
Waverly General Meeting!



June 12th, 12p - 4:30p

Peabody Heights Brewery
401 E 30th St
Baseball & Brews

June 14th, 10:30p-12:30p

Waverly Library
Free employment readiness, job
search assistance and resume help.

June 15th & 16th, 6p-8p

N Barclay Community Center
2001 Barclay St
Block Ambassador Training

July 2016

July 1st & 2nd

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
2840 Sisson St

July 9th, 7a - Until Full

Dumpster at Venable and Frisby

July 20th, 7p

2201 W Coldspring Lane
Northern District Community
Council Meeting

August 2016

August 2nd, 6:30p

Chestnut Hill Park
National Night Out

August 5th & 6th

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
2840 Sisson St

August 9th, 10:30p-12:30p

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Waverly Village Family Fun Fair

August 20th 10am - 2pm

in the lot behind the YMCA

Everyone invited -- Free - all ages

Games! Music! Dance!

Community Resources!

Great People! Meet your neighbors

...and free sno-balls!



September 17th, 7a - Until Full

Dumpster at Old York & 35th

Waverly Wolves Athletic Club for Ages 5-14

Every Wednesday, 5:30p-7:30p

YMCA Football Field

Football and Cheerleading

Contact Coach Harold 410.258.0989 or

waverlywolves@gmail.com

Join Waverly Main Street as the Orioles take on
the Blue Jays on June 12th from 12pm-4:30pm
for Baseball and Brews!

Enjoy an OPEN TAP of 20 craft beers in Peabody
Heights Brewery's 2,000 sq. ft. tasting room
Tickets \$25/advance (\$30 at the door)

Resources

Community Mediation: Find solutions; Talk it out

Our mediators mediate any community conflict that includes: • Neighborhood disputes i.e. noise, parking trash, harassment, property damage, etc. • Community Associations and Business disputes • Landlord/Tenant disputes • Interpersonal disputes i.e. co-workers, roommates, friendships • School-based disputes i.e. truancy, student/student, student/teacher, etc. • Parenting Plans • Prison Re-entry • Police Complaints

Mediation is a free, voluntary and confidential process in which a neutral mediator helps people find solutions to their conflicts. You may sign up or refer cases for mediation by calling (410) 467-9165 or email crs@communitymediation.org. To learn more about Community Mediation and the work that we do check out our website at www.communitymediation.org

About the Strong City Adult Learning Center:

When adults learn to read and write, it changes their lives. Adults with language and math skills are more employable, more civically engaged, and more involved with their children's education. That's why, for more than 20 years, Strong City Baltimore's Adult Learning Center (ALC) has provided classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), English Language Acquisition (ELA), and GED Preparation, as well as citizenship preparation, to thousands of Baltimore residents, all at no cost.



Block Ambassador Training

Organized blocks are healthy, connected and safe. We train residents to build community power person to person and block by block.

When: Wednesday, June 15th & Thursday, June 16th 6 - 8 p.m.

Where: North Barclay Green Community Center
2001 Barclay Street, Baltimore, MD

RSVP: hparkermorrison@strongcitybaltimore.org
443-803-7458
*Dinner provided



****Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.** offers qualified homeowner -occupants low interest refinancing and rehab loans! Call HNI at 410-332-0387 or go to healthyneighborhoods.org to find out more!

Our great 2016 Board members are:

Natalya Brusilovsky and T.C. Greene – Co-Presidents
Mona Addison – Vice President
Amber Wagner Gaines – Treasurer
Kun Sun Sweeley – Corr Secretary
Alicia Lucksted – General Board Member
Nat Meyersburg – General Member
Pat Taylor - General Board Member
Leigh Kramer – Advisory Board
Jerrell Bratcher – Advisory Board

Local Resources

Adult Protective Services	410.361.5000
Landlord/Tenant Concerns	410.243.6007
Business Licenses	410.333.3790
Child Protective Services	410.361.2235
Environmental Control	410.396.6911
Homeless Services	410.396.3757
Land Acquisition	410.396.4114
Lead Poison Prevention	443.984.2480
Lien Review	443.984.1912
North District Police	410-396-2455
Public Works	410.361.9333
Rat Rub Out	410.545.1916
Rent Escrow court	410.878.8640
Sanitation Enforcement	410.545.6497
Section 8 Housing	443.984.2200
Weatherization Assistance	443.984.1066
Zoning Enforcement	410.396.4126

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