



# WAVERLY NEWSLETTER

## Clean and Green

Join the Waverly Improvement Association as we participate in the **Mayor's Spring Clean-up, Saturday, April 21st, 9AM-1PM.** We will meet at the Chestnut Hill Natural Lounge located on the 600 block of Chestnut Hill Avenue. After the event join the group for a celebration at the new Waverly Tavern, 3801 Old York Road, from 1PM-5PM, To RSVP for the clean-up, contact Julie Bent @ 703.981.3870 or bent.julie@gmail.com

### The 2012 Community Pitch-in Dates (Dumpster)

- Saturday, 3/10 @ E. 35th & Old York
- Saturday, 6/9 @ E. 38th & Old York
- Saturday, 9/15 @ E. 36th & Frisby
- Saturday, 12/15 @ E. 36th & Chestnut Hill

### The Old York Forest Garden

The mission of the Old York Forest Garden is to cultivate and maintain a community-based perennial garden designed with permaculture principles. Our vision is to create a demonstration site for teaching permaculture techniques and other sustainable design methods to the immediate neighborhood and the Baltimore community at large. This forest garden is coming to the corner of Old York Road and E. 36th Street. Check out the forest garden's blog, <http://oldyorkforestgarden.wordpress.com/> or contact Duncan Moore, dreake@gmail.com for more information.



### Community Garden at Johns Hopkins Eastern - Looking for Community Gardeners

Interested in gardening or learning about sustainable gardening techniques? Consider signing up for a community garden plot at the Johns Hopkins@Eastern Campus. Interested local residents and community groups will have the opportunity to join Hopkins students, faculty and staff in growing food and relationships together.

For more information, please contact, [jhucommgarden@gmail.com](mailto:jhucommgarden@gmail.com)  
<http://jhucommunitygarden.wordpress.com/>

#### March

- 6th, 6:30PM, WIA General Meeting
- 10th, Dumpster
- 12th, CPHA Grants 101
- 17th, Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 20th, The First Day of Spring
- 21st, 7PM, Northern Police Community Relations Council
- 24th, 9AM-3PM, 5th Annual GHCC Neighborhood Institute

#### April

##### "National Poetry Month"

- 1st, 12pm, Waverly Main Street War of 1812 Bicentennial Event
- 6th, Good Friday, Pass-over Begins at Sunset
- 8th, Happy Easter
- 12th, CPHA Community Engagement Training
- 14th, Marian House 30th Anniversary Celebration!
- 21st, 9AM-1PM, Mayor's Spring Clean-up
- 28th, 11AM-4PM, Cruellest Month & Performance Festival

#### May

- 13th, Happy Mother's Day!
- 16th, 7PM, Northern Police Community Relations Council

#### June

- 6th, 6:30PM, WIA General Meeting
- 9th, Dumpster

For event details, go to [www.waverlyimprovement.org](http://www.waverlyimprovement.org)

#### WIA General Meetings:

The Waverly Improvement Association General meetings will be held at the Waverly Elementary School! See you on March 6th, 6:30PM!!!

# Community Information

## Waverly School Construction Begins!

### Phase 1: Two Week Duration

The South sidewalk along 35th St. will remain open. The North sidewalk along 34th St., the walking path on the West end of the grass fields and the northernmost walkway at the school's main entrance will all be closed. The 35th St. drop-off will remain open.

### Phase 2: Three Week Duration

The South sidewalk along 35th St. will remain open. The North sidewalk along 34th St. and the walking path at the West end of the grass fields will both be closed. The 35th St. drop-off location will not be available during this Phase.

### Phase 3: Duration of New Building Construction

The South sidewalk along 35th St. will remain open. The North sidewalk along 34th St. and the walking path at the West end of the grass fields will both be closed. The 35th St. drop-off will remain open.

### The 7th Annual CruMoPoPerFest

Poetry in the Community presents the 7th Annual Cruellest Month Poetry and Performance Festival. **Free for all ages!**



**April 1st:** National Poetry Month in Baltimore kicks off with Poetry in the Community poets participating in the Waverly Main Street War of 1812 Bicentennial Reception. *Starts at 12PM @ 3009 Greenmount Avenue, 21218 (St. John's in the Village Church)*

**April 28th:** The Waverly Library will host a free poetry reading and performance featuring members of the local literary community. Special performance by Outside the Box, an interactive exploration of the Elements of Music through beatboxing, lead by Max Bent, Waverly resident and Young Audiences of Maryland Teaching Artist. *Starts at 11:00AM*

## The Waverly Tavern is OPEN!!

The Tavern, 3801 Old York Road, is open EVERY-DAY 10am—2am!!!



## GHCC's 5th Annual Neighborhood Institute:

**Love Where You Live** is all about learning what you can do to build and strengthen vibrant urban neighborhoods. Join us on March 24, 2012 from 9:00-3:30 p.m. at the Inn at the Colonnade for this exciting day of informative workshops, led by Baltimore's best and brightest activists, artists, educators, and leaders. This event is free and lunch will be provided but space is limited. RSVP online, <http://www.greaterhomewood.org/neighborhoodinstitute/> or call **Greater Homewood at 410.261.3500!**

According to Veronica Brown, Waverly stands for "Whimsical, Advantageous, Vivacious, Elaborate, Rememberable, Livable, Yielding". What does "WAVERLY" mean to you? Let us know at [wia21218@yahoo.com](mailto:wia21218@yahoo.com)

**Are you currently unemployed? Looking for a new career path? Want to develop new job skills?**

GHCC's Workforce Program serves residents in zip codes 21218, 21202 and 21201 and Central Baltimore communities within the boundaries of University Parkway to the north, Greenmount Avenue to the east, Mt. Royal Avenue to the south and Howard Street to the west. **The program offers:** Resources to develop job opportunities; family/community life, education, and health and wellness; job readiness training; updates on jobs available in your community that fit your skill sets; one on one career counseling.

For more information, please contact Abby Carmean, 443-712-8024  
[acarmean@centralbaltimore.org](mailto:acarmean@centralbaltimore.org)

### Tips on How to Raise a Reader—WomanScope NewsMagazine, Sept. 2011

The benefits of instilling the love of reading to your child have many benefits: increased vocabulary, a more active imagination, and a higher level of readiness for the rigors of school. Here are some tips to instill the love of reading: 1) read to your infant and newborn . . . It ensures greater success down the road, 2) don't stop reading with your child once he/she is able to read on their own . . . set aside a time to sit together and read and 3) establish a weekly library trip.



# Community Information

## Homestead Tax Credit!

The Homestead Tax Credit law limits the amount of assessment increase on which eligible resident homeowners actually pay property taxes each year. For those owners who are already eligible, the **deadline for filing is December 31, 2012. For new owners, an application must be submitted within 180 days following settlement for a consideration.** This credit can have a significant impact on your real estate taxes regardless of your property's value or your income level. If the property is used as your principal residence, you are strongly encouraged to complete an application. For more information, please call (410) 767-2165, or visit [http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead\\_app.htm](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead_app.htm) Even if you are **ALREADY** receiving this credit, you still need to confirm your eligibility before the end of the year, or you **WILL NOT** continue to receive this tax credit!

## CPHA Events!

### Grants 101: Finding, Funding & Writing Small Grants for your Community or Organization.

Monday, March 12th, 6-8PM @ CPHA Conference Room  
3355 Keswick Road, Suite, 21211

### Community Engagement Training

Saturday, April 14th, 9am-noon @ University of Maryland BioPark  
801 W. Baltimore Street, 21201

Both events are free. Please register at CPHA's website: [cphabaltimore.org/events/](http://cphabaltimore.org/events/) or call 410.539.1369 x104

## Public Safety

### 311 and 911

**311 (443.263.2220) is a non-emergency number** that can be used to report anything from dead animals in the road, vacant property, clogged storm drains, dumping, or even graffiti removal.

**911 is used for emergency situations** that threaten the life of an individual. 911 should be used if and when you encounter these events or if you are in the midst of such an event. Using both 311 and 911 allows the community to develop stronger, safer, cleaner neighborhood.

## Northern Police District Neighborhood Services Unit Liaison

Waverly is proud to announce that Officer James Barnett will be our community liaison. To contact Officer Barnett with questions and concerns email at

[james.barnett@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:james.barnett@baltimorepolice.org) or call (410) 367-8491.



Increase the safety of our neighborhood by keeping your porch light on at night! Porch lights discourage break-ins and assist with avoiding falls and fumbling with keys when you arrive at your door.

## Walker Walkers

Community. Connection. Exercise. That is the theme for Waverly Walkers. Foster Waverly. Support your neighbors. Share your strengths.



Join the Waverly Walkers every Wednesday, 6pm-7pm at the corner of E. 35th Street and Old York Road .

## Northern District Community Relations Council Meetings

CRC meetings occur every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at the Northern District Police Station, 2201 W. Coldspring Lane, 21215 beginning at 7PM. Come to hear about the latest police updates, procedures and crime stats in the Waverly area.

Consider leading the walks starting in June. Mold the walk into whatever you deem fit. **Please contact Nayeli at [m.nayeli.garcia@gmail.com](mailto:m.nayeli.garcia@gmail.com)** if you are interested in participating in the walks or if you have an interest to lead future walks.

Follow our blog: <http://waverlywalkers.blogspot.com/>

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**Celebrating  
Wonderful Waverly!**

Join the listserve:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/Find/WIA>

[www.waverlyimprovement.org](http://www.waverlyimprovement.org)

**WIA Board Members and  
Officers  
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*Recording Secretary, Vacant*

Patricia Taylor,

Corresponding Secretary

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**Waverly Improvement Association  
MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Waverly Improvement Association is to coordinate and bring together the people of Waverly to help build a clean, safe and drug free neighborhood by:*

- 1. Improving the quality of life in the Waverly community and to work cooperatively with other community based organizations on quality of life issues in the City of Baltimore.*
- 2. Providing guidance and educational opportunities for children and youth, and to offset juvenile delinquency.*
- 3. Working with city agencies to prevent blight and decline*
- 4. Undertaking other projects, programs and activities as the need presents itself.*

**Your Elected Officials**

- **14th District Councilman:** MaryPat Clarke, 410.396.4814, [marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov)
- **4th District Councilman:** Bill Henry, 410.396.4830, [bill.henry@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:bill.henry@baltimorecity.gov)
- **City Council President:** Bernard C. "Jack" Young, 410.396.4804, [councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov)
- **Mayor:** Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, 410.396.3835, [mayor@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:mayor@baltimorecity.gov)
- **43rd District State Delegation:** Mary Washington, aggie McIntosh, and Curt Anderson, 410-366-2450, [mary.washington@house.state.md.us](mailto:mary.washington@house.state.md.us), [maggie.mcintosh@house.state.md.us](mailto:maggie.mcintosh@house.state.md.us), [curt.anderson@house.state.md.us](mailto:curt.anderson@house.state.md.us)
- **43rd District State Senator:** Joan Carter Conway, 410.467.7125, [joan.carter.conway@senate.state.md.us](mailto:joan.carter.conway@senate.state.md.us)

**Newsletter Submission and Ideas**

Would you like to submit an article or information for the next newsletter?

Would you like to advertise your business? Is there are a neighbor you would like to recognize for their work in the community? If so, please forward your submission by May 1st to [wia21218@yahoo.com](mailto:wia21218@yahoo.com) .