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HARBEL EVENTS

HARBEL PREVENTION AND RECOVERY CENTER NOW ACCEPTING INSURED BALTIMORE COUNTY RESIDENTS

HARBEL Prevention and Recovery Center (HPRC) is an outpatient program which provides substance abuse treatment services to adults. In a recent assessment by Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems HPRC was found to be one of the most successful outpatient drug abuse programs in the metro area. Due to funding restrictions, HPRC was unable to serve Baltimore County residents, but as a result of changes in funding HPRC can now accept Baltimore County Residents that are insured through Medical Assistance or private insurance. If you know of someone who could take advantage of HPRC's services have them call 410-444-2100 for an appointment

**Call to Action! Graffiti! Scars our City!
July 3 – July 31, 2010**

The Baltimore City Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste will launch a Graffiti Blitz in the month of July. The Blitz is a city wide effort to remove graffiti from playgrounds, recreation centers, public buildings, alleys, and vacant properties. If you have graffiti in your neighborhood call 311 to have it removed.

Event: Tuesday Market in Greater Lauraville
Date: June 1- Oct 26, 2010
Day of Week: Every Tuesday
Time: 4-8 PM
Location: 3000 block of Montebello Terrace

Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street will sponsor the second season of the Tuesday Market in Greater Lauraville beginning on Tuesday June 1st. Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street (HLMS) created the Tuesday Market at the Connection last season. It is the mission of HLMS to support existing business and attract new business. Local businesses were invited to take part as vendors in the market. Please support the Tuesday Market in Greater Lauraville again this season! For more information visit: www.BmoreMainStreet.com

Extended Summer Hours At City's Citizen Drop-Off Centers

The Bureau of Solid Waste announced that Extended Summer hours at the City Citizen Drop-Off locations will go into effect after Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Baltimore residents can drop-off residential waste, bulk trash, recycling and recycling at these sites located around the city, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. These hours will remain in effect through Saturday, September 4, 2010. The Northeast Baltimore drop-off location where Extended Summer hours will be in effect is:

Eastern Sanitation Yard at 6101 Bowleys Lane

Contacts:

Celeste Amato Telephone: 410-545-6541 email: Celeste.Amato@baltimorecity.gov
Robert Murrow Telephone: 410-396-5276 email: Robert.Murrow@baltimorecity.gov

E-mail Scams

You may receive E-mails that advise you have won a lottery in a foreign country, that the sender needs access to your account so that they can obtain large sums of money of which you will receive a portion, or someone in distress in a foreign country urgently needing money. These are all scams to either: obtain money from you, access your account, or steal your identity. Please do not in any way respond to these E-mails.

Also you may receive solicitations for Haitian relieve. Experts recommend you donate by going directly to sites of legitimate organizations you know such as the American Red Cross, CARE, Catholic Relief, or the national site for the church to which you belong.

City-Wide Initiative to Remove Abandoned Vehicles Now (RAVN)

“The city will aggressively look for and remove vehicles abandoned on public or private property,” said Mayor Dixon. “Left in alleys, empty lots and on our streets by irresponsible car-owners, these vehicles are unsightly and hazardous. Removing these hazards and eyesores will make Baltimore’s communities safer and cleaner for the residents.”

Most commonly, an abandoned vehicle is an unlicensed vehicle on public or private property. Citizens are encouraged to call 3-1-1 to report abandoned vehicles in their community, or you can report them via E-mail to the officers of the Northeast District Community Relations Unit: Sgt. Chris Tserkis at chris.tserkis@baltimorepolice.org Officer Dave Blumberg at david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org, Officer Joe Banks at Joseph.Banks@baltimorepolice.org , or Officer Rebecca Ward at Rebecca.Ward@baltimorepolice.org

On a weekly basis code enforcement officers will identify abandoned vehicles. DOT has coordinated with the Baltimore City Police Department to identify areas where vehicles are most frequently abandoned. They will work in traditionally problematic neighborhoods and with the help of tips from citizens. For vehicles on public property, the City will complete the legal process and tow the vehicle within five days. For vehicles on private property, it will take up to 15 days to complete the process and tow the derelict vehicle.

The City is partnering with Vehicles for Change to provide City residents an opportunity to dispose of an unwanted vehicle free of charge. To donate a car to Vehicles for Change, residents can call 1-800-835-3821. Vehicles for Change is a local non-profit whose mission is to help low-income families achieve financial and personal independence by making it possible for them to own a vehicle. More information on Vehicles for Change can be found on their website, www.vehiclesforchange.org

Receive Information and Alerts from the Baltimore Police Department from NIXLE via E-mail or on your cell phone

The Baltimore Police Department is utilizing NIXLE to send information and alerts to the citizens it serves. They invite you to receive this information by registering with NIXLE. You can do this by:

To Register:

- Go to www.nixle.com

- Click **“Register Now”**
- Create an account by choosing a UserName & Password
- Enter an E-mail address and/or cell phone number what you would like to receive messages
- Enter you address (or a nearby intersection)
- Click **“Sign Me Up”** – and you are done

To Customize your account and get Information and Alerts from the Baltimore Police:

- Log in at www.nixle.com
- Click **“Settings”**
- Click on the box that will subscribe you to the Baltimore Police Department
- Click **“Save”**

You will now receive information and alerts from the Baltimore Police at either by E-mail or through your cell phone or both, as you have designated.

HARBEL IS COLLECTING PAPER TO BE RECYLCED

HARBEL is collecting paper to be recycled. If you have paper you would like to recycle please feel free to place it the green and yellow dumpster in the rear of our building at 5807 Harford Road marked “PAPER RECYCLING”. Please only place paper in the dumpster. The recycler donates money to HARBEL based upon the amount of paper we recycle. This is an easy and environmentally friendly way to help sustain HARBEL’s services to your community.

DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE TO HARBEL

HARBEL is looking for old cell phones and printer cartridges to be donated to us as part of a fundraiser. Just bring them over to our office during our regular business hours: Mon-Thurs. 9am-9pm, Fri. 9am-7:30 pm or Sat. from 9am-3pm. For more information contact Naomi Benyowitz at 410-444-2100.

Jiffy Lube at 5701 Harford Rd.

Thanks to Jiffy Lube at 5701 Harford Rd. for performing routine preventive maintenance for the NECOP Command Car. Many of HARBEL’s staff have utilized them for service. Please consider utilizing them for your automotive preventive service needs. To schedule an appointment or for more information call them at 410-254-5823 or just drop by when you need service.

Thanks to Clark Auto at 5902 Harford Rd.

Thanks to Clark Auto for taking care of the significant automotive repairs for the NECOP Command Car. Many of HARBEL’s staff have utilized them for service. They are a full service auto repair center, and they are experienced, efficient, and fair. Please consider utilizing them for your significant automotive repair needs. To schedule an appointment or for more information call Nick or Mike at 410-254-7777.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event: Inexpensive Tennis Classes at Maritime Industries Academy

Date: June 28 – August 5, 2010

Days of Week: Ages 6-10: Mondays & Wednesdays

Ages 11-16: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times: 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Location: Maritime Industries Academy Tennis Courts, 5001 Sinclair Lane

Have fun; make new friends; learn a new sport; cross-train for other sports; great exercise; build confidence. Classes are provided by professionally trained instructors. The cost is \$20 per player for the entire 6 weeks. No tennis experience is necessary. Players only need soft-soled athletic shoes; all other equipment (including racquets) will be supplied. For more information contact the Baltimore Tennis Patrons at either 410-296-2100 or tennis@tennispatrons.org.

Event: Free Bread to those who need it

Day of Week: Thursday

Date: July 15, 2010

Location: Calvary Lutheran Church, 2625 E. Northern Pkwy

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Day of Week: Thursday

Date: July 22, 2010

Location: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4815 Hamilton Avenue

On Thursday, July 15th at Calvary Lutheran Church and on Thursday, July 22nd between 12 noon and 1pm at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church the Caravan of Compassion will distribute 4 free bags of bread of various shapes sizes (i.e. loaves or and rolls), Anyone may come to receive this bread. It is free. 5,000 loaves of bread will be distributed at each site. That is a lot of bread-to be distributed in 1 hour. Please let neighbors, friends, relatives, family know of this opportunity.

Event: Family-Friendly Movies in the Park

Date: July 18, 2010

Day of Week: Friday

Time: After Dusk

Location: The Movie Shed in Herring Run Park, 3900 Belair Road

Enjoy the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.

Event: Family-Friendly Movies in the Park

Date: July 18, 2010

Day of Week: Friday

Time: After Dusk

Location: The Movie Shed in Herring Run Park, 3900 Belair Road

Enjoy the movie Earth.

Event: Family-Friendly Movies in the Park

Date: July 30, 2010

Day of Week: Friday

Time: After Dusk

Location: The Movie Shed in Herring Run Park, 3900 Belair Road

Enjoy the movie How to Train your Dragon.

Event: "Twenty Years of a Pieceful Passion", The African-American Quilters of Baltimore 20th Anniversary Exhibition

Date: August 7- September 30, 2010

Days of Week: Tuesday - Sunday

Times: Tuesday – Friday: 10 am – 4 pm; Saturday - Sunday: 12 noon – 4 pm

Location: The James E. Lewis Museum in Morgan State University's Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center 2201 Argonne Drive (between Hillen Rd and Harford Rd)

The exhibition will include the gallery exhibit and weekend marketplace as well as numerous workshops, gallery talks and events for all ages and interests. Admission to the exhibit and workshops are free. Sign up for workshops will be available at the museum during the opening weekend. Visit www.aaqb.org for workshop and gallery talk details.

The African-American Quilters of Baltimore was founded in 1989 by three African American quilters seeking the community of other African American quilters. Their primary goal was to offer support and information for African American quilters in an environment of acceptance and welcome. Since that time, we have grown in diversity and include quilters of all skill levels, from beginners to professionals. In addition, our members participate in projects in schools, libraries and museums in keeping with our "Each One, Teach One" philosophy.

AAQB was honored to be asked to create a quilt to honor Morgan State University's retiring president Dr. Earl S. Richardson. The completed quilt will be on display during the exhibition.

"Anyone who attends the African-American Quilters of Baltimore's every-other-year show will find an explosion of creativity..." Maryland Life Magazine, July 1, 2009

Visit www.aaqb.org for additional information.

Event: Community Health and Wellness Fair

Date: August 28, 2010

Day of Week: Saturday

Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4815 Hamilton Ave.

The following opportunities will be available during the Health Fair: blood pressure screenings, community blood drive, health wheel – learn lots of health related information, face painting, arts & crafts, brown bag lunch nutrition display, diabetes information, stroke awareness information, and education & fun for the whole family. The fair is sponsored by: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Cedonia Community Association, Franklin Square Hospital, and MedStar Health Blood Donor Services. For more information please contact Shaquetta Chittams at 410-960-6983.

Event: Forum for Candidates from the 43rd District for the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland State Senate

Date: September 2, 2010

Day of Week: Thursday

Time: 7-9 PM

Location: Parker Center Rooms 3 and 4, Good Samaritan Hospital, 5601 Loch Raven Blvd.

The Baltimore City League of Women Voters is sponsoring this candidates' forum for candidates from the 43rd District for the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland State Senate. This

is a great opportunity to meet the candidates for these state offices; to learn how they feel the State of Maryland can benefit and impact your community, city, and state, and to question them about state governmental issues that concern you and your community.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Argonne Drive Bridge Rehabilitation

The Argonne Drive Bridge, which crosses over Herring Run, is under rehabilitation. The \$5.6 million project is being funded as part of the Economic Stimulus Recovery Act.

The Argonne Drive Bridge rehabilitation includes the construction of new bridge decking, beam replacement and cap and column rehabilitation. Portions of new bridge abutments will be constructed along with pier armoring/rip rap protection for stream preservation. New roadway approachments will be built and a new thirty inch water main will be installed. The project also includes new sidewalks, inlets and lighting. The bridge will be finished with ornamental fencing and a decorative brick façade.

The Bridge is closed during rehabilitation. Motorists should utilize Cold Spring Lane between Harford and Hillen Roads as an alternative route. Bridge rehabilitation is expected to be complete in the spring of 2012.

Water Service Line Insurance Coverage Advertisements

It has been brought to the attention of the Department of Public works that Baltimore City residents have received information in the mail concerning “Water Line Service Coverage” insurance. This information is from a private company and is not sponsored or endorsed by the DPW-Bureau of Water and Wastewater.

Some citizens may be confused by the wording on the advertisement to believe that this insurance is required. It is not.

While it is true that property owners are responsible for repairs to their services from the meter to their home or business, buying insurance to cover those repairs and other potential problems, such as root intrusions or blockages, is not mandated.

Citizens who are interested in such coverage should always check with State of Maryland regulatory agencies, such as the Maryland Insurance Administration, if they have questions or concerns about an insurance policy. The Better Business Bureau is also a resource which can be utilized.

Finally, before buying any supplemental insurance it is always wise to check your current homeowners or business policy. You may already be covered or you may be able to obtain the additional coverage from that company. The decision to purchase or not to purchase such insurance is up to you.

FREE MAMOGRAMS, FREE BREAST EXAMS, FREE PAP TESTS

Don't put off these important screenings call: Union Memorial Hospital at 410-350-2001 for more information contact: Wanda.Watts@Baltimorecity.gov or call Wanda Watts at 410-36-96-9969.

FREE TUTORING AND MSA AND HSA PREP

The Northwood Rising Stars of the Northwood Appold United Methodist Church are offering free tutoring and enrichment sessions to all children at the church's Fellowship Hall at 4499 Loch Raven Blvd.. For more information or to volunteer as a tutor contact northwoodrisingstar@gmail.com or 443-717-4595.

THE NORTHEAST FOOD PANTRY IS FACING A FOOD SHORTAGE

The Northeast Food Pantry at 4920 Harford Rd. is experiencing a shortage of non-perishable food items. **YOU CAN HELP!** Donations can be made to the pantry on weekdays between 9 AM & 4 PM. Items especially needed are: cereal, rice, pasta, powdered milk, peanut butter, paper towels, canned meats, canned tuna and salmon, canned vegetables and soups, canned fruit and juices, jelly, and toilet tissue. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. For more information you can call 410-444-2100.

The Northeast Food Pantry is in dire need of cash at this time and is asking for help from our readership, friends, and supporters. A donation in any amount is appreciated. Money is needed all year long, but at this time of the year it is even more urgent. The Food Pantry is down to their last \$100 and the shelves are bare. HARBEL is collecting canned goods and non-perishable items which may be dropped off at the HARBEL office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, Friday from 9 am to 7:30 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. Checks should be made out to the Northeast Food Pantry and can be mailed to the HARBEL office. We will be happy to transfer all money and food to the good folks at the Pantry who work hard all year long to help those in need of basic necessities. Thank you for your help and may everyone have a blessed, safe, and healthy holiday season.

CITY TRASH DAYS

To learn your new trash and recycling pick-up days call 311 or:

- 1. Set your browser to: <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/>**
- 2. Click on Interactive Maps on the left side of the screen**
- 3. When the page changes, click on Baltimore City I-Map**
- 4. In the right top corner of the screen type in:**
 - a. The number of your address in the box over Num.**
 - b. The your street name in the box over Name**
 - c. Than use the pull down menu to select the type of street i.e.: Street, Avenue, Road, Drive etc.**
- 5. Then click on Locate just to the left of the portion in which you entered your address**
- 6. When the page changes, look on the right hand portion of the screen. Your new trash and recycling pick up days will be listed next to One PLUS One with your Trash day listed first and your Recycling day listed second.**

**"Wednesdays Afterschool" Dance Classes & Instruction for Children
presented by Body, Mind & Soul Creations "Wednesdays" Afterschool Dance Classes**

Enroll your child now! Ages 7 to 14, Girls & Boys Classes begin Wednesday, 16 SEP 2009
2 Classes: 1:45p to 3:00p & 3:30p to 5:00p Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4301 Raspe
Avenue (Marluth Avenue Side Entrance) Tap, Ballet, Modern, Jazz Classes information
update: Classes are \$40 p/month, per child. Please contact Evette at 443-790-2299 by Tuesday,
26 JAN 2010 to enroll your child. Class must have at least 3 children or it will be cancelled.
Class times are from 2pm-3pm. Private classes are available & will be priced based on time, days,
etc. Classes will be held at 4301 Raspe Ave, Epiphany Lutheran Church (Marluth Ave side
entrance, thru Red Doors). For more information contact www.eviesentities.com or
info@eviesentities.com.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

If you are trying to contact the Northeast District Community Relations Unit, it is best to E-mail
all the Unit's members. Their addresses are: david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org,
Joseph.Banks@baltimorepolice.org, Rebecca.ward@baltimorepolice.org, &
chris.tserkis@baltimorepolice.org. That way you will ensure reaching the Unit in case one of the
officers or the Sergeant is on leave.

Police officers of the Northeast District's Community Relations Unit will attend your community
association's meeting if your leadership requests their appearance. Requests for their appearance
can be made via Email to any of the officers Emails listed above by calling them at 410-889-6499
and leaving a message. You will need to provide your day and evening phone numbers and your
Email address so that they can re contact you along with the day, date, time, and location of your
meeting. They ask that requests be made 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. Once the request is
received they will re contact you to provide a time frame within your scheduled meeting that they
will be able to attend your meeting as they may be attending multiple community meetings on the
same evening as your request. They ask that you make a request for each community meeting
you would like them to attend.

Need Legal Help?

The Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service is the state's largest provider of free civil legal
services. Every day we match experienced pro bono attorneys with the individuals, non-profits
and community associations that need their help.

If you are a low to moderate income individual that needs assistance with a divorce, guardianship,
foreclosure, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant issue, or other civil legal problem, please contact us. We
may be able to connect you to an attorney that can represent you for absolutely no cost.

We also provide free legal services to non-profits and community groups that serve low to
moderate income neighborhoods statewide. If you are the director or a member of the board of
directors of a non-profit that is facing a legal issue, make sure to give us a call.

Check out their website - www.mvlslaw.org - for more information. If you need help now, please
call their intake line at 410-547-6537.

FREE women's self-defense classes

TurnAround, Inc. and the Weinberg YMCA at Stadium Place are sponsoring FREE women's self-defense classes every 2nd and 4th Sunday. For full details and to register, call Marie Lilly at 410-377-8111.

BGE Peak Rewards Program for customers with Central Air Conditioning

When customers enroll in the program, they can receive a new Honeywell programmable thermostat professionally installed in their home at no cost. This thermostat alone can help consumers save up to 15% on annual energy costs. Customers also receive money-saving credits on their BGE bill – up to \$50 per month every summer. If you are interested in this program you can find more information at: <http://peakrewards.bgesmartenergy.com> or you can contact Libby Wolfe at Elizabeth.Wolfe@Honeywell.com or at 410-682-8253.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING SPACE

The Creative Kids building in the Wellington Gate Apartments on Northern Pkwy. between Laurelton Ave. and McClean Blvd. off of Northern Pkwy has space available at which community groups may meet. If you are interested in utilizing this space contact creativekidslochravencenter@comcast.net or at 410-254-2018.

OFFER TO COMMUNITIES FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The headquarters of Fire Department's area Battalion Chief for Northeast Baltimore, Battalion Chief 4, is now located at the house of Engine 42 in the 4500 Block of Harford Road in the heart of Northeast Baltimore. Commander Ed Cooper, who now serves as Battalion Chief 4, truly wants his Officers and Fire Fighters to interact with the community so that they can better serve the citizens of Northeast Baltimore. If your community association would benefit from presentations about fire prevention, fire department service in your area, or you would like a piece of fire department apparatus and personnel to join you at a community event please feel free to contact Commander Cooper at Edward.Cooper@baltimorecity.gov.

Creating a Pitch-Perfect Pitch-In!

More opportunities for more communities. Easier registration.

Organized by Neighborhoods Associations, Community Pitch-Ins bring citizens together to clean neighborhoods with tools and containers provided by DPW. Over 1,000 of these Pitch-In events are held each year. In order to make this program more accessible to all our community groups and easier for sign-up, streamlined guidelines will be put in place beginning this week. In previous years it was often the case where communities found that they could not schedule a date for their neighborhood due to contractors or individual homeowners monopolizing the available roll-offs for what were essentially private clean-out operations. Pitch-Ins are intended for neighborhood cleanups and not for individual house-cleanings. Starting now, by having only Community Association presidents or their designees call 311 to schedule a Community Pitch-In, DPW can make sure that all communities get fair and ready access to the Pitch-In opportunities. This new system will provide better documentation, tracking, accountability, efficiency, and paper reduction. By using the 311 system this also eliminates the need for mailing request forms. In addition to the Mayor's Spring and Fall Cleanups, each community group may schedule up to four Community Pitch-Ins each calendar year by calling 311. All can be scheduled at once or periodically throughout the year. We will do our best to accommodate your requested dates. If citizens do have bulk items to dispose of, please remember that every household is entitled to a

scheduled bulk pick up of three items per month and free use of City Solid Waste yards and the Quarantine Road landfill. For bulk pickup, please call 311. When scheduling a Community Pitch-In, DPW requires that the organizer provide an address and that a resident be on hand to sign for delivery of equipment and tools which must be returned. For additional information, call 311 or go to www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org.

RecycleMORE BaltiMORE

Effective January 2009, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle MORE items. So fill up a recycle bin or two or MORE! Remember, if we all do our part, one person at a time and one home at a time; together as a City we can make a difference. Do your best to recycle and not trash the below material. Working together, we can minimize the damaging affects to our natural environment and the amount of energy needed to produce new products (everyday household items) from raw natural materials versus producing new products from recycled material.

Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Clean paper - all colors and types. - This includes catalogs, magazines, junk mail, newspapers and non-metallic wrapping paper
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes without liners and frozen food packaging)
- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks)
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil) which carry codes 1 through 7 on the bottom.

NEW (to be included in your curbside single stream recycling bin—January 2009):

- Wide-mouth plastic containers used for margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese, mayonnaise and sour cream. Empty prescription bottles (lids and caps do not need to be removed) and plastic drinking cups
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Clean milk and juice cartons

NEW (to be taken to the citizen drop-off center and placed in container marked "rigid plastics"—January 2009)

Rigid plastics which include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, totes, plastic drums, coolers, flower pots, water bottles, pallets, pet carriers, shelving, closet organizers, empty garbage/recycling bins.

BALTIMORE CITY'S CRIME FIGHTING WEB SITE

At <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/crime> you can report a crime; report suspicious activity; get an anonymous crime watch number; learn about operation crime watch; learn how to set up a block watch program; track crime in your neighborhood; search court cases; create a victim impact statement; talk to a prosecutor, and learn about court watch programs.

Greater Homewood Adult Literacy Program

3501 N. Charles Street
Lower Level, University Baptist Church
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Work and Life Skills for Adults. Reading, Writing, & Math. FREE Morning & Evening classes. Classes begin in January. Call (410) 261-3524.

Entertainment 2009 Coupon Books

\$25 for the Same Big Book

For the Benefit of Boy Scout Troop 87. Books are \$25 each and may be used immediately upon purchase for fine and informal dining, many services, and sporting events. Each book contains hundreds of opportunities for “*Buy One - Get One Free*” or “*50% Discount Purchases*”

Good thru November 1, 2009- A great gift for any occasion. Call 410-426-3426

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN THE CITY’S HOMELESS SHELTERS

This is an appeal for volunteers to serve in Baltimore City’s homeless shelters. Last winter community residents volunteered in the homeless shelter at 1114 Mount Street which was closed at the end of March. We are opening two new shelters at Edmondson High School on the west side and Ralph J. Young Rec Center (2031 E. Fayette Center) on the east side. The homeless clients are searched for weapons before being bused into the shelter at 7:00 PM. The shelters are open until 6:00 AM. Volunteers will conduct a monitoring function under staff direction. They are looking for a 3 to 4 hour volunteer shift. Pete Pakas, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Office of Community Services, Baltimore Housing would be happy to discuss this further with interested residents. He can be reached at 410-545-6958

MARRIAGE EDUCATION SERVANT-LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MESLD)

MESLD wants to recognize your commitment to maintaining a healthy marriage and wants to provide you with the skills needed to sustain one.

Join MESLD twice a month, for a variety of free, exciting, hands-on, educational learning sessions designed to strengthen and enhance your marriage. Topics include Effective Communication, Love and Intimacy, Money Management and more. Find out how to deal with these issues and others in a non-biased environment with couples just like you! Come and enjoy music, good food and great conversation.

Free, licensed childcare is available and space is limited so call Ms.Veris Lee at 410.323.4660 or 410.323.6712 or visit www.mesld.org to reserve your space today!

Herring Run Club

An informal group of runners meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM to run in and around Herring Run Park and Lake Montebello. They meet at the playground parking lot next to Montebello ES on the lake. They run one lap together (1.3 miles) and then spontaneity takes over. Diverse ages and running speeds. Sometimes they run long, sometimes we they short, sometimes they run on trails, sometimes they run on impervious surfaces. Find a running partner and enjoy their Herring Run Park and the new Montebello Lakescape and "1 1/3 mile track". Contact Darin at dc_codcruiser@yahoo.com or call 443-629-6285 to get on the email list. Friends welcome. This is an informal group activity and may not occur every Tuesday- based on weather, holidays or schedules.

Free Information Technology (IT) Training for 18-24 year olds who live in the DC, MD, or VA.

Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate apprenticeship. For more information about this program, visit their website:

<http://www.yearup.org/>.

Would You Like to Get your GED or know someone who would?

Free Pre GED/Computer classes will be coming to the Northern Complex!

BCCC will be providing these classes at the Northern Complex. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30P.M.-8:30 P.M at the Northern Campus. If you would like more information or would like to sign-up please contact your Community Schools Coordinator Valencia E. James at 443-388-0298. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT HER!**

WEEKLY WALKS for PEACE & FRIENDSHIP

Sponsored by: Friends of the Northeast Interfaith Peace Garden

Join in the healthy fun and fellowship of a weekly walking program. This free community activity will be held at 7 pm each Wednesday evening. Walks begin at the Interfaith Peace Garden next to St. Anthony’s Church, 4414 Frankford Ave and proceed into the adjoining neighborhood. All ages and abilities welcome! For further information: Friends of the Northeast Peace Garden, 410-254-2883, friendsnpg@comcast.net.

Pratt Advisory Council

The Pratt Advisory Council was formed by the Library's Board of Directors. The Council is composed of community representatives from many different Baltimore City neighborhoods, as well as representatives from Library staff, the Board of Directors, the Mayor's Office, and the City Council. The Council's mission is to provide a forum for the mutual exchange of ideas and information and to facilitate problem solving among the Library Board, Library staff, and the many communities it serves. The Council, which meets bimonthly, is an important conduit for community concerns and discussion of library-related issues. As part of the Library's continuing outreach to Baltimore neighborhoods, the Library staff and the Board are pleased to be working with members of the Pratt Advisory Council. For information about the Council and its work, please contact the Office of the Assistant Director, 410-396-5204, e-mail pac@prattlibrary.org . Please visit the Pratt Library website for more information about joining the Advisory Council.

<http://www.prattlibrary.org/getinvolved/advisory.aspx>

Free Support Groups

For both relatives and persons suffering from severe mental illness

NAMI-Metropolitan Baltimore offers free support groups for both relatives and persons suffering from severe mental illness such as: major depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. All Support Groups are peer-led and give the attendees a chance to come together to share common issues and discuss possible solutions. Support Groups for Persons with Mental Illness: Saturday Mornings 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. Support Groups for Relatives and Significant Others of Persons with Mental Illness Thursday Evenings 7-8:30 pm. For additional information please contact our office at 410-435-2600 or Email namimetrobaltimore@yahoo.com

COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Since the new Board of Liquor License Commissioners was appointed, they have made a strong effort to listen to community leaders and residents about transfers and problem establishments. They have learned that it is important to hear from a community when a license is transferring and if problems exist concerning the establishment.

All applicants are now asked to contact the community organization in that area where the business is located when they request a transfer through the Board of Liquor License Commissioners. If you are having problems with an establishment in your neighborhood, please call 311. You can also go on line at the 311 web page for Liquor Board/Adult Entertainment complaints. Inspectors will respond based on complaints to 311.

You do not have to wait for a renewal to request a hearing concerning a problem business. A petition outlining specific problems and signed by ten people with the request for a hearing is an option available anytime during the license year. Staff of the Board can assist in meeting the requirements of this section of state law.

The current notice of transfers and schedule of hearings are always posted on the website at: <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/liquor/index.php>. To contact the commissioners individually, their email addresses are as follows: Stephan.Fogleman@baltimorecity.gov, Elizabeth.Smith@baltimorecity.gov, & Harvey.Jones@baltimorecity.gov or you can call them at 410.396.4377.

FREE RECYCLING THROUGH THE MAIL

United States Postal Service offers customers free envelopes in Baltimore area post offices so that you may mail in PDA's, digital cameras, iPods, and MP3 players through the mail without having to pay for postage. The free, postage paid Mail Back envelopes can be found on displays in your local Post Office lobby. There is no limit to the number of envelopes a customer can take. REMEMBER YOU CAN RECYCLE CELL PHONES & PRINTER CARTRIDGES AT HARBEL AS PART OF A FUNDRAISER. JUST BRING THEM OVER TO OUR OFFICE DURING OUR REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS: MON-THURS. 9AM-9PM, FRI. 9AM-7:30 PM OR SAT. FROM 9AM-3PM.

CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING TRASH PICK UP OR BULK PICK UP OR ILLEGAL DUMPING

If you have issues with trash pick up or bulk pick up or illegal dumping contact Celeste Amato at the Initiative for a Cleaner Greener Baltimore at either 443-984-3961 or camato@baltimoredevelopment.com.

THE STAFF PERSON FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR NORTHEAST BALTIMORE

The staff person from the Baltimore City Council's President's Office of Community Outreach for Northeast Baltimore is Brandon Scott. Brandon can be contacted at either: 410-807-0229 or via E-mail at: Bscott@baltimorecitycouncil.com.

NORTHEAST PLANNER FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

The Baltimore City Department of Planning's Planner for Northeast Baltimore is William Doan. William can be contacted at either: 410-396-5901 or via E-mail at:

William.Doane@baltimorecity.gov

FRIENDS OF THE NORTHEAST INTERFAITH PEACE GARDEN FORMED

A new non-profit organization has been formed to promote the community's use of the garden and labyrinth located on the grounds of St. Anthony of Padua Church at 4414 Frankford Avenue. The FRIENDS of the Northeast Interfaith Peace Garden will begin to offer interfaith, multicultural events in the garden space beginning this spring. These events will include outdoor performances, walks, festivals, seasonal celebrations, movies, services, music, dance, and other activities designed to bring people together in this lovely space in our community.

The FRIENDS of the Northeast Interfaith Peace Garden will also coordinate the use of the space by groups in our community. So if your church, school, club, class, Scout Troop, or other group would like to use the Interfaith Peace Garden for an event of your own – a prayer service, a labyrinth walk, a concert, a graduation, etc. – that can also be arranged.

Of course, everyone is invited to come and visit the Garden any time you choose. It's community space, and it's open to the public. The Garden is a place of peace, quiet, and tranquility, and you might like to spend an hour or two there some quiet afternoon. Walk the labyrinth, stroll through the perennial garden, just sit on a bench and relax, listening to the sound of water in the fountain. The Garden is there for you, and you're always most welcome there!

For more information on the FRIENDS, please call or email 410-254-2883, or friendsnpg@comcast.net . You can also visit the FRIENDS on their website-under-construction, www.friendsnpg.org

You can join the FRIENDS of the Northeast Interfaith Peace Garden as an individual, family or organizational member, and show your support for this place of peace in our community ... you can volunteer to work in the Garden ... you can share some gift or skill you have, and be part of an event that's offered in the Garden. All you have to do is be in touch ... and we hope you will!

COMPUTER TRAINING COURSES

Belair-Edison's Coalition is hosting career-based computer training courses for beginners, persons seeking employment or those simply looking to enhance their current skills.

The 4-week program meets twice weekly and provides training for the beginner, intermediate and advanced learner. Course titles include "Intro to Computers", "Introduction to Business Graphics", "Computerized Accounting", and "Computing Tips for Administrative Assistants."

Detailed course descriptions and registration forms may be downloaded online at www.becoalition.org. Courses are held at 4400 Parkside Drive (at Mannesota Avenue)

For more info, contact 410.485.2776.

SELF DEFENSE CLASSES OFFERED

On Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning on April 1 and running until May 27, a free one hour self defense class will be offered to 5 pairs of mother/daughter, Aunt/niece, Female

mentor/mentored couples--the youngest of the pairing being 13 - 21. The classes will be held at the Messiah, Episcopal Church on Harford Rd and White Ave. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Please call Michele Hax at 410-254-4602 or email budograndmom@aol.com. for more information or to sign up.

HAMILTON AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP)

Hamilton’s AARP invites you to join them at their meetings on the second Monday of each month at Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5317 Harford Road on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM. Their meetings offer interest speakers and entertainers. The group also takes one day bus trip to interesting sites and destinations with gourmet meals. This is a great opportunity for seniors to network with their fellow seniors in the Hamilton area.

WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND PREVENTION CONCERNING GANGS IN MARYLAND

The website “Maryland Gangs: Information and Prevention” (www.gangs.umd.edu) is now available in both an English and Spanish version. Please feel free to use any information on the website to inform yourselves and your community about gangs in Maryland.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE 60 AND OLDER

The Baltimore Experience Corps, a program that provides an opportunity for older adults to help improve academic success of children in the Baltimore Public School System will be expanding from 12 schools to 15 schools in the 2006-2007 school years. Dr. Linda Fried, of the Johns Hopkins of Center on Aging and Health is leading a study of health promotion and volunteering to research the benefits of being a volunteer, and is looking for older adults interested in participating in the Baltimore Experience Corps Study. Participants in this study should be age 60 or over, and be willing to volunteer 15 hours a week in kindergarten through third grade. They will be randomly assigned to either volunteer in a Baltimore Experience Corps school or contribute by being in a comparison group. Volunteers in the schools also receive recognition through a small stipend to help with any out-of-pocket expenses, and all members are compensated for participation in the evaluation. Older adults are invited to attend an information meeting. Join us and learn more about the Baltimore Experience Corps study! Contacting Gene Graves at 410-807-1785 or by e-mail at cgraves1@jhmi.edu JHU IRB# NA_00001250

FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH 311 & MDHOPE

Even though stabilizing over the past few years, Baltimore City still has a relatively high foreclosure rate, which negatively impacts working families and neighborhoods. But now, through the efforts of the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition (BHPC), citizens that are having trouble paying their mortgage have access to free and immediate help by calling the City's 311 Call Center. When citizens call 311 they will be transferred to a national hotline (1-888-995-HOPE) where HUD-approved nonprofit counselors are available 24/7 to provide free assistance and information. Please call 311 Today. . . Every Minute Counts.

You may also seek foreclosure assistance through the state HOPE Hotline at either 877-462-7555 or at <http://www.mdhope.org>.

FAITH COMMUNITY METHODIST THRIFT SHOP – “NIFTY THRIFTY”

“Nifty Thrifty” offers great used clothing and flea market item at Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5317 Harford Road. It is open every Friday & Saturday from 10 AM to 12 PM

BALTIMORE CITY NEEDS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Although Baltimore residents, who are current homeowners, have seen their property values rising over the past few years, many other residents are finding it difficult to buy or rent housing in our city. The rise in home sale prices has also lead to higher rents and more challenges in becoming a first time homebuyer. In fact, some city employees working as police officers, teachers and fire fighters have experienced this problem. To address this important issue, the Baltimore City Council established a special task force to study concrete ways for the city to produce (or support production of) more affordable housing units.

If you want more information on the subject, invite a speaker for your next community meeting to share information on the task force recommendations and future City Council bills to implement these recommendations. Members of Beyond the Boundaries Metro East Regional Team, who have experience in housing and community development issues, are willing to present the details and answer residents' questions. To schedule a speaker, contact Dorothy Dobbyn at 443/386-2312 (days) or 410/889-4406 (evenings).

Baltimore Chapter of the International Cesarean Awareness Network (ICAN)

ICAN meets on the second Sunday of each month from Sept. through May at 10:30 a.m. ICAN's purpose is to lower the cesarean rate through education and to provide a support network for women and their partners who are healing from past birth experiences. You don't have to have had a cesarean in order to attend. Meetings are free and open to everyone. The location for meetings is St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4414 Frankford Ave in Gardenville. Look for the ICAN signs that are posted shortly before meetings begin to find the correct entrance. For info contact Barbara Stratton ICANofBaltimore@comcast.net or 410-483-3202 or see ICAN's website at www.icanofbaltimore.org.

RECYCLING OF ELECTRONICS ITEMS

Baltimore City residents can recycle electronics items (televisions, computer monitors, keyboards, and computers) at the Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Solid Waste’s Eastern Sanitation Yard at 6101 Bowleys Lane.

Baltimore County residents can recycle electronics items (televisions, computer monitors, keyboards, and computers) at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility on Warren Road between I-83 and York Road in Cockeysville.

JOIN BOY SCOUT TROOP 146

Boy Scout Troop 146, that meets in the Scout Room at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 4301 Raspe Ave., invites young men between the ages of 10 _ to 17 seeking fun, friendship, and adventure to join them. The Troop offers opportunities to build friendships, self confidence, leadership skills, and respect for others and the environment. Activities include weekly meetings, monthly camping trips, and activities such as bowling, fishing, and hiking. For more information contact Scoutmaster Donald Bayne at 410-254-7859.

WOMEN'S DRUMMING CLASSES

African Rhythms on Djembe and Dununs, Sunday Nights, Beginner Class: 4 PM – 5 PM, Intermediate Class: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Sankofa Dance Theater, 2901 Druid Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21211. \$12 per class. Drop ins welcome. Call 24 hours in advance if you need a drum. Drum rental \$4. For more information call 443-956-1409 or Email tammi_waffle@yahoo.com.

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL IS ONLINE

You can search for pending Baltimore City Council Bills online by setting your browser to www.baltimorecitycouncil.com. By clicking on "The Legislative Information Center" link you can search for bills by key words, subject, or bill number. By clicking on the text of the bill you can read a summary of the bill and you can see the bill's legislative history. By clicking on the attachment entitled, "Legislative File Text," you can read, print, and download the bill's full text.

INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAID AND MEDICAIRE

Medicare beneficiaries who are also on Medicaid and those who previously were enrolled in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program have a Hotline to contact if they are encountering problems getting their drugs. Beneficiaries should call: 1-800-638-3403.

Please share this information freely with friends, families, and agencies serving the Medicare Population.

For further information you can contact Regina Curran at 410-661-1988 or via Email at rncurran@bcpl.net.

CLUTTERERS ANONYMOUS

A New 12 Step Group forming in Northeast Baltimore

Wednesday nights, 7-8 PM, Faith Community United Methodist Church (formerly, St. John's of Hamilton Church), Harford Road and Gibbons Avenue, Room 10- in the basement, down the hall past the Scout Room.

This meeting follows the 12 Steps of A.A. and Al-Anon/Alateen but deals exclusively with "clutter" and de-cluttering. It is an anonymous fellowship; (quoting the literature) "the only requirement for membership is a desire to eliminate clutter and bring order into our lives."

Decluttering is not merely eliminating, but gradually transforming our space so that we surround ourselves only with things that express our purpose. It means turning something useless into something useful; creating more leisure and space; being more honest in our relationships; eliminating distractions and simplifying our lives in order to find our spiritual roots....."

For more information on Clutterers Anonymous, see the CLA website at <http://www.clutterersanonymous.net>