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PATTERSON PARK NAMED ONE OF NATION'S BEST

Patterson Park made the grade and has been named one of "America's Best City Parks" by *Forbes* magazine.

Here's an excerpt: "From botanical gardens to ice skating rinks, from jogging paths to bison paddocks, a great city park can contain multitudes. But beyond their physical features, the best urban oases may well be defined by a feeling. Your whole sense of place changes when you go into a successful city park," says Alan Tate, author of *Great City Parks*. "They give you a feeling of going away without leaving town."

Tate explains how Frederick Law Olmsted, the founding father of American parks, talked about the need for "long spaces that you could dream away in"—one of the prominent features, in fact, of the Long Meadow in Brooklyn's Prospect Park, which Olmsted designed with Calvety Bowyer Vaux shortly after the Civil War. [Olmsted also designed Patterson Park.]

Olmsted's work, says Tate, "was very much based on the whole idea of the mental health effects of going into green space."

"But if a great city park has a transporting effect, it must also be deeply connected to its urban surroundings."

Patterson Park in Baltimore, for example, is steeped in history; it was the site of Union encampments during the Civil War, and houses several unique, historic buildings. It's also full of present-day pleasures—skating rinks, pavilions and playgrounds—that connect the surrounding neighbors to the space.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grand Prize: 2 Tickets to Ravens vs. Colts
Roger Meade
2nd Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Salt Tavern
Allison Jones
3rd Prize: Wine Basket
Beth Buckler
Thanks to Butt's & Betty's,
2200 Gough St., for selling tickets.
Congratulations to all the winners!
Proceeds support Fells Prospect
Community Association
Drawing took place on November 14, 2009.

FELLS PROSPECT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

For live updates, links and information please visit us at
<https://twitter.com/FellsProspect> and
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=name&id=10000520182650>.

This is another way for the association to communicate with the community and other neighborhood associations. We are committed to keeping members and neighbors informed about news, important information, and events that improve the quality of life of those who live in Fells Prospect and the city of Baltimore.

If you are not a member of Facebook or Twitter, don't worry—we will still use our email list and newsletter to send information out to the community.

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The Water Taxi Harbor Connector provides a great transportation option to residents and visitors as well as an alternative for commuters getting to and from work. And now, residents, commuters and tourists can utilize two convenient Water Taxi Harbor Connector routes:

Maritime Park – Shuttles between Tide Point and Maritime Park in Fells Point with a headway of approximately 12 minutes.

Canton – Beginning operations November 2nd shuttles between the Canton Waterfront Park and Tide Point with a headway of approximately 35 - 40 minutes.

The Water Taxi Harbor Connector operates on a fare free basis year round, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The service boats, which are certified by the U.S. Coast Guard for sheltered inland operations, have a capacity of approximately 26 persons. These boats are heated for a comfortable and scenic commute any time of year. The Water Taxi Harbor Connector is frequent, friendly and free!

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

There are many projects planned for 2010 that will need your help.

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2010. If you have not already joined for 2010, please take a look at our NEW membership levels:

- **Supporter**

Annual Membership for an Individual= \$10

- **Advocate**

Annual Membership for an Individual = \$25

Annual Membership for a Couple = \$45

- **Patron**

Lifetime Membership for an Individual = \$100

Lifetime Membership for a Couple = \$190

Advocates and Patrons will receive a Fells Prospect Community Association Tote for each member to show their support while shopping around town.

In addition, Advocates and Patrons will be recognized in the March Newsletter and year-round online at www.FellsProspect.org.

You can renew your membership online at our website at www.fellsprospect.org. PayPal is available (\$1.00 extra per transaction). You can also send your payment via the postal service by using the membership form below. Dues are tax-deductible.

Remember, your dues cover the cost of the newsletter and other community-related projects like the Family Fun Fest. They also help keep our website up to date. To accomplish the goals Fells Prospect has set for 2010, we need people to join the association. Please encourage your neighbors to become members.

AD SPACE AVAILABLE.
CONTACT VICTOR CORBIN AT
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FELLS PROSPECT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I would like to become a member of Fells Prospect.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Fells Prospect, Inc.

(*Dues are \$10 per person per calendar year)

Mail to: Fells Prospect, PO Box 38291, Baltimore, MD 21231

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TREES AND TRASH

What options does Charlie Brown have after Christmas? What can he do with his humble holiday tree? If he were a resident of Baltimore City, he could have it mulched for a garden or a pumpkin patch or he could put it out on his trash collection day.

DPW's Bureau of Solid Waste will pick up Christmas trees on your trash collection day starting Tuesday, January 5, 2010 and continue to do so throughout the month. If you prefer to capture the magic of that singular tree and spread the eco-love over your favorite plot of green, take it any Saturday in January to the Citizen Drop-Off location at 701 Reedbird Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who knows? You might run into the whole peanuts gang when you're there!

REMINDER!! Please put your recycle materials in paper bags, cardboard boxes, City recycle bins or any container clearly marked "recycle." Put them out at the same location as your regular trash.

Please **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS**. With single stream recycling, we send our materials to a processing facility using an automated system to sort and bale recyclables. Plastic bags jam the automated machinery. Most retailers now collect used plastic shopping bags for recycling (you can even take your used dry cleaning bags to these collection points).

REMEMBER—reducing waste is as important as recycling! Reusable shopping bags are the best choice for the environment!

For more information, please visit the recycling webpage at www.baltimorecity.gov/government/dpw/recycle/, contact the office at 410-396-4511, or tune in to Baltimore City's Cable channel 25.

Thank you for helping increase Baltimore recycling by over 50%!

NEWSLETTER ROUTES OPEN

If you can volunteer an hour each month to deliver newsletters to one of the following blocks, please contact Rhonda Cooper at coopwol2@earthlink.net

2100-2200 Fleet
100-300 S. Register
100-200 S. Durham

SAVE MONEY ON HEATING THIS WINTER

Assistance to repair or replace aging furnaces is available through the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) Heating System Fund, which provides new, energy efficient furnaces to qualifying limited-income customers in the city in need of a heating system replacement. Homeowners can apply for assistance by calling 311.

As the weather gets colder, your heat pump or furnace will operate more, resulting in increased energy usage. For many homes, the easiest way to save on heating costs is to turn down the thermostat. Even a few degrees can make a big difference. Keeping your thermostat below 73 degrees at all times can reduce your heating costs by as much as 2 to 4%.

In addition to adjusting the thermostat, there are other easy and affordable steps you can take now to save energy and money.

- Have your heating system inspected. Before each heating season, have your system professionally maintained.
- Install and use a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat that's specifically designed for your heating system can help you manage your energy costs. Program your thermostat to gradually lower the temperature of your home during the day while your home remains empty; then gradually increase the temperature in time for your return.
- Change your air filter. Clean or replace air filters monthly.
- Insulate your water heater. Install an approved insulation blanket over your water heater and insulate the first three feet of piping. Keep insulation at least six inches away from the flue of your gas water heater.
- Adjust shades and blinds. During the day, open window coverings on the south-facing side of your home to let the sun in. Close them at night to keep cold air out.
- Seal leaks. Make sure doors and windows are caulked and weather-stripped. Also, caulk holes where pipes, vents and wires lead outside.
- Don't block air vents. Make sure vents, cold air returns or radiators are not covered by furniture, carpet or anything that may impede proper airflow.



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Trash Pick-up Schedule

Tuesdays: trash collection/Thursdays: recycle collection

Wednesdays: trash collection/Fridays: recycle collection

\$2 FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT PORT DISCOVERY

Through a generous donation from Target, Port Discovery Childrens' Museum is now able to offer the 3rd Friday of each month (except July 2010) from 4 to 7 PM for \$2.00 a person to EVERYONE who wants to come!

The Family Fun nights are:

December 18, 2009; January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2010.

Port Discovery is located at 35 Market Place at the Inner Harbor. 410 727 8120. portdiscovery.org

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