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**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 AT 7:30 PM  
CRISTO REY GYMNASIUM, CHESTER AND BANK STREETS**

### NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION

Starting in September, we will hold our monthly meetings in the gymnasium of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. The building is next door to our previous location. Please enter Cristo Rey through the main entrance.

### CANDIDATES AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our September meeting, the following candidates for office will speak.

Delegates George Della, Brian McHale, and Pete Hammen.

Candidate for delegate Jason Phillipou  
States Attorney Patricia Jessamy

### NEW EMAIL FOR OUR PRESIDENT

Starting in September, Fells Prospect President Victor Corbin can be reached at the following email address:  
[FellsProspect-President@yahoo.com](mailto:FellsProspect-President@yahoo.com)

### BULK TRASH IS BACK

The Bureau of Solid Waste resumed bulk collection services in August. The Bureau of Solid Waste has worked to reroute and make bulk service more effective and efficient. Route changes may mean new bulk collection days in some areas. Residents are asked to schedule their collection and confirm the date with 311.

### FELLS PROSPECT ELECTIONS

Elections for officers in the Fells Prospect Community Organization will be held at the November meeting. At the October meeting, members running for office will have a chance to speak to the membership. If you are interested in running for any of the following offices, please contact Victor Corbin at [FellsProspect-President@yahoo.com](mailto:FellsProspect-President@yahoo.com)

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, please contact Victor.

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Fells Prospect is moving more information to its Facebook page, since it can be updated throughout the day.

We will continue to update our website, but more breaking news and information will be available on Facebook. We encourage you to join us.

On Facebook, you can share in discussions with your fellow residents in Fells Prospect. We also share information with neighboring community associations.

### GARDEN CLUB

Do you have extra pots or planters you aren't using? The Garden Club is looking for donated planters and pots for future fundraising events. Your donation is tax deductible. The Garden Club is also accepting any unwanted house plants.

If you would like to donate, please contact Laura at [lcirwin@hotmail.com](mailto:lcirwin@hotmail.com) or 443-791-7505.

### BUTCHERS HILL FLEA MARKET

It's almost time for the Fall 2010 Butchers Hill Flea Market. It will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. in Patterson Park.

Fells Prospect will have two tables. One is sponsored by the Garden Club, which will be selling plants grown from members' cuttings.

If you would like to donate items, please contact Laura Irwin at [lcirwin@hotmail.com](mailto:lcirwin@hotmail.com) or 443-791-7505. She is accepting items at 2039 Gough Street on September 10th from 6 to 8 pm. If you cannot drop off items that evening, please contact her for a drop off date and time.

Your donations are tax deductible.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING AT NIGHT

Crime Committee Chair Rich Burton, who is a police officer in Washington D.C., has put together a list of safety tips for walking at night in the community.

- Please call 911 if you see groups of young people walking around the community late at night. Also, turn on your outdoor lights in the evenings.
- Most robberies occur at night in dimly lit areas. If possible avoid these areas, as well as alleys and parks at night.
- Robbers will almost always pick out a single victim. Walk with friends or attach yourself to a group of people walking in the same direction or area. Most will let you tag along or even escort you to your door.
- Walk with a dog.
- Practice “situational awareness.” Know what is going on around you. Stay alert.
- Talking on a cell phone while walking can be a mixed blessing. If you are talking to someone close enough to provide you assistance it can be helpful. If you are talking to someone who is too far away to help you, it may be better to stay off the phone. Either way, don’t become focused on your conversation to the point you do not know what’s going on around you.
- Trust your instincts. The reason I preach awareness is that as humans we have a very well-developed sense of possible danger. We usually know when “something just isn’t right.” If you are not paying attention, you lose this sense. (Read *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin De Becker.) When you feel as though you are entering into a dangerous area—change course. If you see someone who is acting suspicious—cross the street or turn around.
- If you are comfortable with using it, carry pepper spray. Buy 10% Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray. (If you need instructions on using it I will help you.)
- Carry a whistle. Do not use the whistle if you are in the process of being robbed (especially with a weapon) or physically attacked. The attacker may harm you physically to try to stop you from blowing the whistle. Use the whistle before you are actually attacked. If you are being followed or chased, blow the whistle. If the person was intent on attacking you they will most

likely leave the area. (If they are not intending on harming you, they will just look at you funny.)

- Carry as little as possible with you.
- Walk with attitude! Keep your head on a swivel. Look at people in the eye as you pass. Keep people in view as they pass. Purse snatchers usually approach from behind. If you hear footsteps behind you, turn around and look. Take evasive action if possible.
- If you are attacked, the best advice is to cooperate. Although there have been some terrible physical assaults, most robbers want your valuables with as little risk as possible.

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## LOCAL HISTORY: THE FLAG

by Zippy Larson

Baltimore historian, speaker and tour guide

*This is part 1 of a 3-part article on the Flag.*

Not far from the neighborhood we know as Fell’s Prospect is the site where, in 1813, a flag was born that would fly from the ramparts at Fort McHenry, inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem, spend nearly ninety years in private hands, and find its final resting place at the Smithsonian Institution.

Mary Young Pickersgill sewed this flag on the floor of a malt house at Lombard and President Streets. Brown’s brewery was shut down in the summer, and Mary, who lived a block away, moved the flag into the malt house, as it was too large to sew in her home. Working by candlelight, Mary knelt on the floor of the brewery to sew 15 white cotton stars, each one about two feet across, on English woolen bunting dyed indigo blue. To get an idea of the size of the flag, imagine a modern basketball court; Mary’s flag was one quarter that size.

Baltimore needed flagmakers. Its seaport bloomed with sailing ships, and each had its own flag, a unique design. Up on Federal Hill, a signal tower flew the flags of ships coming into port, alerting ship owners to gather workers to unload cargo. Thus Mary Young Pickersgill turned to flagmaking, learned from her mother, to earn her living.

## DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Baltimore will be hosting the Grand Prix in 2011. Downtown streets affected by the event, and other necessary public infrastructure projects which are in need of repair, are scheduled to be improved. Improvements will be made along Pratt, Light, Conway, Howard, Lee and Russell Streets. Construction work is expected to last for nine months.

Work began along Pratt Street in August and is ongoing. Motorists who travel along Pratt Street should expect delays and are strongly encouraged to use alternate routes.

Commuters coming into the downtown area via Russell Street should consider using I-395 as an alternate route to bypass the construction zone during Phase I of construction.

Motorists driving from the west to the east should use Mulberry Street or Baltimore Street as alternatives to Pratt Street.

Parking will be restricted along Baltimore Street from Paca to South Streets so the roadway will be open for additional lanes of travel. Motorists traveling to downtown are strongly encouraged to use the light rail or the metro to avoid delays and heavy congestion.

Variable messaging signs will be placed at strategic locations to alert motorists of the Pratt Street construction, which is expected to last for several months.


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## ARCHBISHOP BORDERS IMPLEMENTS DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Archbishop Borders Catholic School in Highlandtown is implementing a new Dual Language program that will begin in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten and will build up each year to the 8th grade.

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