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ILLEGAL DUMPING BILL TAKES EFFECT

Saturday, September 17th marked the first day that Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young's legislation to target individuals who illegally dump material took effect. Council bill 11-0671, which was signed into law by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in August, will provide the city with an additional tool to combat the rise of illegal dumping. Baltimore recently had the unwanted distinction of being named one of the country's dirtiest cities, according to a recent survey conducted by *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

Council bill 11-0671 increases fines for illegally dumped materials that weigh less than 25 pounds and measure less than 10 cubic feet from \$150 to \$500. It also increases fines associated with illegally dumping materials that weigh more than 25 pounds and/or measure more than 10 cubic feet from \$250 to \$1,000. The legislation requires that dumpers reimburse the city for the cost of removing the illegal items and pay for any damage to property owned, leased, or controlled by the city. It also allows the city to seek restitution from dumpers who use a leased or rented vehicle to illegally dump materials.

Please call 311 to report illegal dumping in your neighborhood or 911 if dumping is in progress.

ZIPCAR BENEFITS FOR FELLS PROSPECT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Zipcar has changed the name of its membership plan for associations like Fells Prospect. Now, instead of having a separate "Community" or "Neighborhood Association" Plan, which was unique to Baltimore, we have been switched to the basic Business Plan, Individually Billed. The benefits for Fells Prospect Association members who join Zipcar under our plan are the same: Members of Fells Prospect in good standing will pay \$25 annual membership fee and the application fee will be waived.

Rates:

- Monday-Friday: Hourly rate \$7.50 (except premium cars, see car for details), 7-to-7 Business: \$51, Full day: \$62. This is higher than the personal plan, but the application fee is waived and the annual membership is lower than the standard \$60.
- Weekends: Hourly rates \$7.25 (except premium cars, see car for details), Daily rates from \$75.

Rates include gas, insurance, and 180 free miles. Extra miles are \$0.45/mile (except for premium cars, which are \$0.55/mile).

Current Zipcar members can switch to the Fells Prospect Business Plan - if they are Fells Prospect Association members in good standing - by contacting Zipcar about a month before their membership renewal comes up. They should verify they are billed correctly and, if not, should contact Phyllis Fung at p812fung@yahoo.com

To join Zipcar through Fells Prospect, please apply via the Web using our unique URL:

<http://www.zipcar.com/fpca>. The administrator of the account for Fells Prospect will verify that your membership in the association is current (i.e., paid). Once you are approved, it will take a few days to receive your card in the mail, which will allow you to start using Zipcar.

DUMPSTER DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Fells Prospect will have its Fall Dumpster Day on Saturday, October 22nd. The dumpster will be on the corner of South Collington and Gough Street, and will be available from 9 am – 1 pm. Help keep the community clean! It's also a great time to renew your association membership for 2012.

BARCSTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 22, 2011; 11am-4pm

A fun, free event for humans and dogs, alike! Includes pet costume contest, best pet trick contest, silent auction, kids activities, food vendors, adoptable animals, and more! Sponsored by Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc. For more information go to www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org or call 410-396-4695.

GREAT BIG HALLOWEEN PARADE OF LIGHT & LUMINARIA

Enjoy workshops, luminaria-making sessions, a hayride, food trucks, live music, and a parade on Saturday, October 29th from 10 am – 8 pm in Patterson Park. Workshops begin at 10 am, 12:30 pm, and 3 pm, and the parade starts at 7 pm.

For more information, visit <http://greatbighalloweenparadeoflightandluminaria.wordpress.com>.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had two events in September: the Butcher's Hill Flea Market and the Fells Prospect Scavenger Hunt. The Flea Market was held on Saturday, September 10th - thanks to all those who donated pots, plants, and their time! The Fabulous Fells Prospect Super Fun Scavenger Hunt was held on Saturday, September 24 and it was a success! Mother Nature was kind enough to hold off on the rain and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all of our local businesses who participated and were gracious enough to donate fabulous prizes: Ale Mary's, A1 Taxidermy, Butts and Betty's Tavern, Baltimore Cakery, Doc Side Veterinary, Lombard Hardware, Peter's Inn, Salt, Tochtermann's Fishing & Tackle, Tortilleria Sinaloa and Water for Chocolate. All proceeds are going towards beautification projects in the neighborhood.

The next Garden Club meeting will be Monday, October 17th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please contact Thin Thin at THIN2LM@GMAIL.COM for location details.

FREE FALL BALTIMORE 2011

FREE Arts Events During Art & Humanities Month, October 1-31, Throughout Baltimore City

Area arts and cultural organizations join to provide residents and visitors with hundreds of diverse, free activities including: dance and musical concerts, classes and hands-on projects, lectures, history and heritage tours, theatrical shows, art and museum exhibitions, and workshops.

Free Fall Baltimore is a promotional collaboration designed to make art and culture more accessible to area residents and visitors, while introducing young adults and families to a wide variety of cultural experiences. Free Fall Baltimore 2011 is made possible by, the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, as well as the generous contributions of The Abell Foundation, Baltimore Community Foundation, Corrigan Sports, The Under Armour Baltimore Marathon, Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, and The William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of www.baker-artistawards.org.

For more information on Free Fall Baltimore, visit www.freefallbaltimore.com.

TODDLER TIME HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION & COSTUME PARADE

The B&O Railroad Museum

Join us on Wednesday, October 26th, at 10:30 am for the year's last Toddler Time, which will feature a classic railroad story and Halloween celebration. Children parade in costume around the Museum campus to collect special treats, and there will be a Kiddie train ride too! All included with paid admission. Recommended for children between the ages of 2-5. Visit www.borail.org for more information.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC FACTS ABOUT FLU?

Influenza (flu) is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. Every year, between 5% and 20% of Americans are infected, while 225,000 are hospitalized due to pneumonia and other complications of infection, and 24,000 die from the disease.

The single best way to avoid catching the flu is to get vaccinated. For the first time this year, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that every American older than 6 months receive the influenza vaccine. Vaccination is safe, effective, and fast. In addition to all the benefits that vaccination offers, the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) makes the vaccine widely available free of charge. The department also has preservative-free vaccine for infants age 6-35 months. For more information contact BCHD at 410-396-4454.

Remember: Vaccinate against the flu for a happier, healthier you!

BALTIMORE POLICE URGE CAUTION WHEN BUYING OR SELLING ITEMS ON CRAIGSLIST

The Baltimore Police Department is warning the public to be cautious when buying or selling items on Craigslist or any other online outlet.

In recent weeks, the Baltimore Police Department has been called to investigate several robberies and assaults. In many of these incidents, the victims told officers that they were attempting to sell dirt bikes and other items to individuals whom they met on Craigslist.

While Detectives are continuing to investigate several of these cases, the Baltimore Police Department wants to remind the public of some safety tips when arranging to meet for online purchases:

- Meet in a public spot, preferably where there are surveillance cameras or a larger number of witnesses around
- Do not bring cash with you
- Do not allow the seller into your vehicle
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and consider having them accompany you



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