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BALTIMORE CITY GOVERNMENT PUBLIC MEETINGS: GET INVOLVED

The true citizen is much more than a mere taxpayer. To truly feel a sense of ownership in your community, you should stay informed about and become directly involved in shaping government policy decisions affecting your community. Many of the City's decisions on issues impacting your neighborhood—land use, zoning, public health and safety—are made in a collaborative process in public meetings. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to make your voice heard. Below is a list of Baltimore City Government public meetings that you can attend to stay engaged and involved in matters affecting you and your neighborhood.

- **City Council Legislative Calendar**—The City Council is the City of Baltimore's legislative body. Meetings are held one to four times per month on Monday nights at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chamber on the 4th floor of City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend but may not testify at meetings. Public testimony is permitted at committee hearings held on a regular basis in Council Chamber or in one of the 4th floor conference rooms.
- **Planning Commission Meeting Schedule**—The Planning Commission prepares and updates plans showing the physical development of the City and reviews all proposals for the subdivision of land within the City and all proposed amendments to the City's Zoning

Ordinance. It is a nine-member board composed of six citizens appointed by the Mayor, the Director of Public Works or his designee, a member of the City Council, and the Mayor or her representative. The Commission meets regularly throughout the year. Meetings are held in the Phoebe B. Stanton Boardroom, 417 East Fayette Street, 8th floor.

- **Zoning and Appeals Board Docket**—The Municipal Zoning and Appeals Board hears and determines all zoning appeals, basing its decisions on what will promote the health, security, morals, and general welfare of the community. Hearings are held on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in City Hall, Room 215.
- **Liquor Board Hearing Schedule**—The Board of Liquor License Commissioners is an agency of the State responsible for regulating the sale, storage, and distribution of retail alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City. Hearings are on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in City Hall, Room 215.
- **Board of Estimates Hearing Schedule**—The Board of Estimates formulates and executes the fiscal policy of the City, conducts formal hearings in regard to operating and capital budget requests by City agencies, prepares a proposed Ordinance of Estimates to be submitted to the City Council, and is responsible for awarding contracts and supervising all purchasing by the City. Meetings are held in on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in City Hall, Room 215.

FELLS PROSPECT GARDEN CLUB ADOPTS CITY LOTS

Fells Prospect Community Association adopted two lots at the end of Chester Street by the waterfront. There is a little cannon by the water in front of the lots. The lots will be maintained and managed by the Garden Club and its members. In addition to money raised from our table at the Butcher's Hill Flea Market, the Garden Club is applying for grants to pay for plants. If you are interested in joining the Fells Prospect Garden Club, please contact Thin Thin Mencarini at thin2lm@gmail.com.

TOUR DEM PARKS, HON!

Sunday, June 13th, 2011 is the 9th Annual Tour dem Parks, Hon! Registration is open. Tour dem Parks, Hon! takes bicyclists on a tour of Baltimore's parks and neighborhoods. Riders get an up-close view of regional parks like Carroll, Patterson, Clifton, and Druid Hill, as well as some quietly tucked away gems. Proceeds are donated to groups and organizations working to improve Baltimore's parks, environment and cycling. To date, Tour dem Parks, Hon! has dispersed over \$65,000. These funds have been used to paint the Jones Falls Trail mural, print maps and literature for the Gwynn's Falls Trail, create rain gardens, and to sponsor recreational programs and events in numerous parks and more. To register visit www.tourdemparks.org.

SPEAKER AT JUNE MEETING

City Council President “Jack” Young will be our guest speaker in June. The Council President will give an update on the City and take your questions.

SOUTHEAST LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Baltimore City Foundation has asked that checks supporting Southeast Little League Baseball be made payable to Baltimore City Foundation with Southeast Schools Fund in the memo line. Send checks to Jim Kraft’s office, so Erin will be able to do a bimonthly report on who has given and who Jim has solicited. The checks should now be mailed to: Office of Jim Kraft 100 N. Holliday St. Rm. 503 Baltimore, MD 21202 for record keeping and forwarding on to the Baltimore City Foundation. Thank you so much for your generosity and your time!

LICENSED SUSPENDED

Rancho Manila, 1725 E Lombard, protest of renewal, licensed suspended 30 days, starting June 1, license will be renewed. The community received the relief it was asking for. Fells Prospect supported the protest of the renewal for Rancho Manila with Upper Fells Point and Lombard Homeowners Association. Douglass Place and Fells Prospect C.O.P. also sent in letters supporting the renewal protest. Congratulations to these organizations who banded together to defend the community. Thanks to Councilman Jim Kraft, Warren Branch and City Council President “Jack” Young for their support.

LATINO FESTIVAL

The 31st annual Latino Festival will be held on June 25 and 26 at Patterson Park. Proceeds benefit EBLO, Education Based Latino Outreach.

For more information visit www.latinofest.org or call 410-563-3160.

WHEN AN EXISTING BAR BECOMES A PROBLEM

1. Use 311 to lodge a complaint either by phone (before 10:00 pm) or via the Internet, www.baltimorecity.gov and click on 311 at the left of the screen.

NOTE: Internet complaints go directly to Mr. Fogleman and other Liquor Board inspectors who are available until 3:00 pm. Therefore, whenever possible, these complaints should be made in real time. Closing time disturbances will be hard to enforce, so email the complaint to the Liquor Board (jane.schroeder@baltimorecity.gov) in addition to sending the complaint to 311. For the closing time disturbances, the Liquor Board will send an inspector at another time. For people who don’t have Internet access, there’s a complaint line to use after 4:40 pm: 410.545.6360. Prior to 4:30 pm, you can reach the Liquor Board office by calling 410.396.4380. If a bar is operating outside of permitted hours, contact 911 and advise the police, then use 311.

2. Ongoing problems can be addressed by the community by filing:
(a.) A Protest of Renewal, which MUST be received by March 31st of each year. Signatures from 10 or more residents are required, and the strongest cases will have previous documentation of problems and efforts to resolve them. The licensee must participate in mediation once the protest has been filed.
(b.) Additionally, a protest can be filed at any time asking for the revocation of a liquor license.

NOTE: Residents signing a Revocation Petition MUST live in the exact election precinct as the establishment.

3. Speak directly to the owners about identifiable concerns if you’re comfortable doing so.

Noise complaints

Use #1 of the above outlined process for filing complaints. After receiving three noise complaints, a Compliance Conference will be held by the Liquor Board with the licensee. If following this informal conference, noise continues to be a problem, the Liquor Board can schedule a Violation Hearing. Currently only the Health Department has the equipment needed to officially measure decibel levels. Councilman Bill Henry heads a task force looking into updating the noise laws.

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION HEARINGS

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will host three public hearings regarding proposed bus service adjustments. Interested citizens may attend the hearings or submit written comments via postal mail or email. Written comments may be submitted until 5 pm, Monday, June 20th. For detailed information regarding the hearings and proposed service adjustments, visit the Official DOT Blog: <http://www.orangeconeproject.com>.

Also check out DOT Planning Twitter @dotplanning; become a fan of the DOT Facebook Page DOT Traffic Updates on Twitter @bmoretraffic; visit the Bike Baltimore Blog: <http://www.bikebaltimore.org>; and sign up for the Rideshare Program at <http://www.baltimorecommutes.com>



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The self-proclaimed “Mayor of B-Town,” this South Carolina-born trucker-turned-music man brings the real essence of the blues to Patterson Park. According to *Big City R&B Magazine*, “Some people can wear a fancy hat and talk the talk, but Charles ‘Big Daddy’ Stallings has the blues to back it up.”

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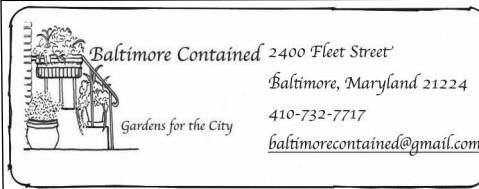
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