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FELLS PROSPECT JOINS ZIPCAR

The Fells Prospect Community Association is happy to announce its membership in Zipcar. This means that association members are now eligible for Zipcar's Neighborhood Association discount, a unique membership only available here in Baltimore.

The Neighborhood Association discount includes: waiver of the \$25 application fee, a reduced annual membership fee of \$25 (instead of \$60), and discounted rates Monday through Friday (equal to the business plan rates). Weekend rates are standard.

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. Once you are approved, in a few days you will receive a card in the mail that allows you to start using Zipcar.

Current Zipcar members can apply for the discount when their annual membership is up for renewal. Simply call Member Services about a month before your current membership expires and ask for your account to be converted.

For additional information about how Zipcar works, please visit www.Zipcar.com. Note that since this membership is unique to Baltimore, details are not included about it on the Zipcar website.

As of April 1, the nearest Zipcars to Fells Prospect are at Eastern Avenue and S. Caroline Street, and Gough Street and Broadway.

If you are not a Fells Prospect member, you can join by sending a membership fee of \$10 via mail to PO Box 38291 Baltimore, MD 21231 or via paypal at <http://www.fellsprospect.org/Membership.html> (\$11 using PayPal).

SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, MAY 21 9:00 am–3:00 pm

We got rained out in April, but we are ready to go in May. Join Fells Prospect and your neighbors in the spring cleanup on May 21. We will be meeting on the corner of S. Collington and Gough Street. We will have a dumpster at the same corner to load up trash. Bring a broom, shovel, and gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

Fells Prospect will provide coffee, water, snacks, and sandwiches from area restaurants throughout the day.

Cristo Rey students will also be participating in the spring cleanup. This is a great time to get out and spruce up the neighborhood.

This year's theme emphasizes the connection between litter around the neighborhood and the health of Baltimore's streams and harbor.

ANNUAL BUTCHER'S HILL FLEA MARKET IN PATTERSON PARK

Fells Prospect Community Association will be participating in the Butchers Hill Flea Market on Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

FPCA is in need of donated items. You can drop off the items on Friday May 13th from 5 pm to 9 pm at 2039 Gough Street (no bedding or clothes, please) or at the FPCA tables on the morning of the market, May 14th. We are also in need of volunteers to man the tables. If you wish to help out, we need people at 7 am to set up and at 3 pm to break the tables down when the flea market closes. Contact Laura Irwin at lairwin@hotmail.com.

Fells Prospect uses this event as a fund raiser for the community association. The last two years we used monies raised for the alley gating projects. This year we will be using the money for the Fells Prospect Garden Club and its beautification project for 2011.

SPEAK OUT! ANNUAL CITY COUNCIL TAXPAYERS' NIGHT

Wednesday, May 18, 2011—Voice your thoughts and concerns about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Members of the Baltimore City Council will meet to listen to residents and gather feedback.

Taxpayers' Night will be held at 6 pm at the War Memorial Building at 101 N. Gay Street (across from City Hall on Gay Street, between Fayette and Lexington Streets).

BALTIMORE RED LINE OPEN CITY CHALLENGE

This month, Baltimore City Department of Transportation helped launch the Open City Challenge, a unique project to encourage people to think differently about the Red Line, a planned 14.5-mile light rail transit line that will connect the Woodlawn area of Baltimore County, Edmondson Village, West Baltimore communities, downtown Baltimore, Harbor East, Fells Point, Canton, and the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

The Open City Challenge is a call for creative and innovative ideas to turn construction of the Red Line into a positive experience for the community. Awards for the best ideas include cash prizes totaling \$10,000. The competition will stimulate dialogue about how a stronger public transit system can support job growth, promote healthy living, and serve as a connection to vital services. For more information on the competition and to download the Request for Proposals (RFP), visit www.urbaniteproject.com. Submissions are due June 3, 2011.

SOUTHEAST BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE

This baseball season, Southeast Baltimore has six new teams to cheer for! Councilman Kraft is working with the schools in Southeast Baltimore to start a league for fourth and fifth graders. The kids will be on teams of 15 and play in Patterson Park. The games will start on April 27th and be held every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of June, weather permitting. We are committed to providing all the equipment for the kids, and we could use your help!

We would greatly appreciate donations of any new or used baseball equipment. Anyone interested in donating can contact me at meghanlg@gmail.com or 443-739-7218 to arrange for pickup.

If you would like to make a donation please make a check payable to the Baltimore City Foundation and write Southeast Schools Fund in the memo line. Send the check to the Baltimore City Foundation at 10 North Calvert Street, Suite 915 Baltimore, MD 21202.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER

by Zippy Larson, historian and award-winning Baltimore tour guide

William Donald Schaefer was my great good friend. Some time ago, when I learned that he had never been to the Visitor Center at the Inner Harbor, I felt that was outrageous, since he was the person who gets credit for the renaissance. I asked his driver to pick me up at my house and directed him to drive to the Visitor Center. It was a nice day early in the spring, and workers were fixing the bricks on the walkway, getting ready for the tourist season.

Don and I got out of the car, and I took his hand because his knees were hurting, and I did not want him to fall. We stepped over their hoses and debris. One of the men recognized him and said, "Governor Schaefer, thank you for all of this," and he swept his arm over the panorama of the Inner Harbor. When we got inside the Visitor Center, we went into the theater and sat side by side to see the movie, which touts many Baltimore attractions. Don whispered to me, "Propaganda!"

I was a volunteer at the Visitor Center, and had debated whether to call and tell them I was bringing the Governor. At the last minute, I decided to call from home, just as the Governor's car rolled up in front of my house. I live about a mile and a half from the Visitor Center, so we got there to find the supervisors racing around to find jackets, since it was dress-down Friday.

I called and spoke with Don each Saturday morning from the Visitors Center during my break. Sometimes I turned the phone over to the lady and gentlemen who cleaned the building. Their conversations were wonderful. Don was such a people person, and he loved the ordinary guy.

When I walked along the waterfront, I stopped to talk to people. If they were from Baltimore or Maryland, I tried to get the conversation focused on Don or something I knew he knew about. I would pull out my cell phone and dial him up (I knew his home number by heart) and then turn the phone over to the stranger, often without even saying who he or she would be talking to. Don would say, "Who is this?" and the stranger would respond and repeat, "Who is this?"

When the person realized who he or she was talking to, the look on the face was priceless. I would shake my head and assure

the person it was indeed the Governor. I stood there listening to dozens of conversations people had with Don. No rehearsal. No press. Don loved it, and the stranger went home with a lovely story, having just talked to the Governor!

One day, I invited him to lunch at Captain James Landing, since George, the owner, told me Schaefer had never been to his restaurant. I said, "Well, I can remedy that." I invited several friends who really wanted to meet him and one neighborhood leader who asked to be invited. Don was late, very late, and we decided to order our meals. I got up one more time to look out the window to see if he had arrived, and there he was, walking from his car, alone, to the door of the restaurant. His driver was standing by the car watching.

I stormed out and said, "Where have you been? We're waiting and you're late!" He said, "I've been pacing up and down here waiting for YOU!" I nearly fell down laughing. After our lunch, I walked him to his car and he said, "Give me a hug!" I did. I was still laughing as I watched the car pull away on Aliceanne.

P.S.: If you are from Baltimore, you know Aliceanne has three syllables.

BALTIMORE CITIZEN SURVEY

The annual Baltimore Citizen Survey is being conducted via phone survey during the months of April and May for 2011. If you are contacted to participate in the survey, please take the few minutes necessary to provide your honest opinions about how we're doing in Baltimore.

NEW FOR 2011! There's a separate, on-line survey available this year for the first time. The online survey is an unscientific collection of responses and exists separately from the phone survey. This online survey does not stand in place of the phone survey, so we encourage you to complete the phone survey even if you have taken the online survey. Take the online survey by clicking this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GR36RHF>

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Every year Cristo Rey Jesuit High School recognizes those who help the school with the Good Neighbor Award. This year, the award goes to John and Cas Kieslak.



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