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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30 pm

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today, I was walking around the community and noticed that we have a problem with trash. I am pleased that so many Fells Prospect residents recycle. But there is room for improvement. When placing trash and recycling out, we need to do a better job of making sure that the trash is secure. I noticed lots of paper and lightweight plastics flying around the streets of our neighborhood. We can't expect a clean and green community if we don't do our part.

I also noticed trash bags placed out overnight that were not in trash cans. Butcher's Hill was hit by city inspectors a few weeks ago, and many were cited with \$50.00 fines. I was advised by the city that more communities will be targeted, and we need to know how to place trash out in front of our homes on trash collection days.

If you are going to place your trash out the night before the collection day, it **MUST** be in a covered trash can. If you do not have a trash can, you can place your trash outside on the morning of trash collection only. Please talk to your neighbors if you notice issues with trash.

I hope that when you come home today, you will look around your street and pick up any trash that is lying around. If we all did this, imagine how clean our neighborhood would be.

As I walked along our streets, I also noticed that there was a lot of dog feces on the sidewalks. Please, when you walk your dog, pick up after it. Dog feces and unsecured trash are health issues that encourage rats and feral animals.

I hope that if we all do our part, we can clean up our community. If you have neighbors who do not speak English and need to learn how to put trash out, I would be happy to speak to them. For those who

are Hispanic in our community, I have volunteer help who can communicate with them about sanitation and enforcement.

City government cannot keep Baltimore and our neighborhood clean without our help. We need to take ownership of our community. Remember a clean community is a more crime-free one.

Victor Corbin
President, Fells Prospect

CRIME AND GRIME

The January meeting of Fells Prospect will focus on crime and grime issues. Major Bergeron of the Southeast Police District will talk about crime in our area. He will answer members' questions.

M. Celeste Amato, a representative from the mayor's Initiative for a Cleaner Baltimore, will join us to talk about ways we can keep Fells Prospect looking like the great neighborhood it is.

Valentin Bianchi Malbec: \$10.00
Two Starbucks Frappuccino: \$10.00
Fells Prospect Membership: Priceless!

We did a lot last year in Fells Prospect. Our finances are in better shape, we organized a major beautification project, we held Family Fun day in the Park and Oktoberfest.

We still need 2009 membership dues to cover the cost of our newsletter and the website. You can renew at the January meeting or by mail using the form in this newsletter. Membership is \$10.00 per person per year.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to making this an even greater neighborhood in which to live, work and play.

CARE FOR TREES IN 2009

Recently, some new trees were planted in the community. I would like to ask those of you who have these trees in front of your homes to become the care takers for the next year. In the spring, they will need water. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Victor Corbin, at 410 327-2427.

We hope that in 2009 we can increase the number of trees in the community. I will be looking for help on this project. We are thinking about applying for another grant to fund the planting of more trees.

The following are some statistics on the importance of trees in a community setting. "The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day."—U.S. Department of Agriculture
"Landscaping can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 50 percent, by shading the windows and walls of a home."—American Public Power Association

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CARE FOR TREES IN 2009 *continued*

“If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%.”—Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research

“Landscaping can increase townhouse and condominium values by 5% to 15%.”—www.freemoneyfinance.com

If you would be interested in donating to this year’s tree planting project, please send your donation to Fells Prospect Inc., P.O. Box 38291, Baltimore, MD 21231. Make your check or money order payable to Fells Prospect Inc. and note on the front lower corner that it is for tree planting, 2009.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FOR GOUGH STREET ENTRANCE

In November of 2008 we did a major beautification project at the Gough Street entrance to Patterson Park. We planted 6 trees and 3,000 bulbs. We would like to thank all those who came out to help on a very cold and windy Sunday. Special thanks to Roger Horn for putting the grant together for us and coordinating the project. We all look forward to seeing the fruits of our labor in the spring.



cleanergreenerbaltimore www.CleanerGreenerBaltimore.org CRIME AND GRIME

Litter is a “gateway” problem that leads to the deterioration of urban neighborhoods. This concept, first put forth 25 years ago as the “Broken Windows” theory, asserts the connection between neglect of the “small things” like litter on the streets and broken windows, and the decline of a city. This theory has shaped policy and programs behind some of the most noteworthy city revitalization projects, including New York City’s.

Litter is being targeted again and again as a means to fight urban blight. According to the Urban Litter Partnership, a group composed of members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Keep America Beautiful, litter attracts crime and repels economic development in urban areas. Programs to clean up and beautify other major cities, similar to Baltimore, have proven successful at reducing crime.

- The Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Program, from 1995 to 1998, helped reduce crime and create safer neighborhoods. In one area of the city, drug activity was virtually eliminated and other criminal activity was reduced by as much as 13.5 percent.
- In Columbus, Ohio a program called the Neighborhood Quality Interaction Team has resulted in a measured decline in the neighborhood crime since the team was established. Robberies in the community declined by nearly 16 percent.¹
- In Denver, the Denver Business Improvement District significantly enhanced the cleanliness of the downtown district. Afterwards they reported an 11.3 percent decrease in reported crimes in the district.¹

1. U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and Keep America Beautiful (KAB), Best Practices Database: Urban Litter Partnership, 1999.

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)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Community concern _____

E-Mail _____

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

GO GREEN IN 2009

Every day, you can make small changes that can add up to big benefits. Everything you do has an impact on the environment. Here are January's Top 4 Ways to Go Green and SAVE MONEY

1. Don't idle.

Idling more than ten seconds takes more gas than turning your car off and starting it up again. 15 minutes of idling per weekday can cost you up to \$100 per year. It also creates twice the emissions of a car in motion.

2. Unplug your cell phone charger when not in use.

Even though it is not charging your phone, that charger is still using energy just by being plugged into the outlet. The same is true for appliances that are off but still plugged in. BGE doesn't need any more of your money. Power strips with surge protectors make it easy to unplug many appliances at once. The Smart Strip power strip has space for "always on" appliances such as clocks and refrigerators.

3. Bring a reusable bag with you to the grocery store.

Safeway and Whole Foods offer a five cent discount if you bring your own. We use shopping bags for a few hours, but they can take lifetimes to decompose. Plastic bags are the fifth most commonly found item in coastal cleanups.

4. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Why not make it your personal motto for 2009? Use your creativity to look at ordinary items in a new light.

Alana Ridge shares this insight: I have a travel mug from my college days that I love. Unfortunately, the lid leaks, but I just never have the heart to toss it. I frequently notice neighbors in Fells Prospect using unique items as planters: a bathtub, a painted bucket, industrial items. I realized the other day that my coffee mug would make a great small planter for my desk.

Since the mug is already bottom heavy, I do not need to add much weight, so I will fill the bottom with foam packing peanuts. This filler lightens the total weight, cuts down on the amount of soil needed for the plant, is good for the plant's roots, aids drainage, and keeps that expanded foam out of the local landfill!

RECYCLE MORE IN 2009

Effective January 2009, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle MORE items. So fill up a recycle bin or two or MORE! Remember, if we all do our part, one person at a time and one home at a time, together as a City we can make a difference.

Do your best to recycle rather than trash the below material. Working together, we can minimize the damaging effects to our natural environment and the amount of energy needed to produce new products (everyday household items) from raw natural materials versus producing new products from recycled material.

Acceptable Recycling Material

- Clean paper—all colors and types. This includes catalogs, magazines, junk mail, newspapers and non-metallic wrapping paper.
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes, including cereal boxes without liners and frozen food packaging
- Books, including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil), which carry codes 1 through 7 on the bottom.

NEW—to be included in your curbside single stream recycling bin:

- Wide-mouth plastic containers used for margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese, mayonnaise and sour cream; empty prescription bottles (lids and caps do not need to be removed); plastic drinking cups
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Clean milk and juice cartons

NEW—to be taken to the citizen drop-off center and placed in container marked "rigid plastics":

Milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, totes, plastic drums, coolers, flower pots, water bottles, pallets, pet carriers, shelving, closet organizers, empty garbage/recycling bins



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					Fells Point Art Loop 5pm - 9pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Land Use and Development Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Police Substation				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Fells Prospect Meeting Holy Rosary 7:30 pm			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday,
January 14, at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 11

Holy Rosary Church, S.
Chester Street between Bank
Street and Eastern Avenue

AGENDA

- Committee and officer reports
- Major Bergeron: crime issues
- M. Amato: Initiative for a Cleaner Baltimore

RECYCLE!



Set out all recyclables in the front of your home by 7am



Single-stream recycling is collected on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. Glass jars, bottles, aluminum tin steel cans, #1 plastic small mouth containers, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, magazines, phone books, ad mail, boxes and cardboard.

All recyclables must be in a container clearly marked RECYCLE

Holiday

No Trash Pick-Up



Household Hazardous Waste



Call For Drop Off Locations:
410-396-5916

February 2009

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Fells Prospect Meeting Holy Rosary 7:00 pm			

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

President: Victor Corbin(410) 327-2427
Vice President: Alana Ridge(443) 562-5168
Treasurer: Jeffrey Rogers(410) 563-8547
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Baltimore One Call Center:311
 Sanitation Enforcement, Street Lights, Rodents, Housing Violations & Bulk Trash.

FELLS PROSPECT MAP



NEW TRASH COLLECTION

In an effort to cut the rat population and reduce the amount of trash on our streets and sidewalks, the city is enforcing the use of trash cans. This requires all residents to use a trash can with lid when placing their trash out for collection. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED, HOWEVER TO LEAVE YOUR TRASH CAN IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME on non-collection days.

Bulk Trash Rules:

Bulk Trash is furniture, appliances and up to four tires with rims. Bulk Trash will not collect building materials such as sheetrock, siding, lumber or roofing. The second Wednesday of the month is the regularly scheduled bulk trash pickup day for this area. Call DPW at 311 to arrange for pickup no later than the Friday prior. Do not put out any of bulk trash items until you have received confirmation of pickup.

Para eliminar los ratones y reducir la cantidad de basura en

NUEVA EL DISPONER DE LA BASURA

nuestras calles y aceras, la ciudad de Baltimore empezará a enforzar el uso de recipientes al disponer de la basura. Esto quiere decir que todos los residentes estan obligados a usar recipientes de basura con tapa. SE PROHIBE DEJAR SU RECIPIENTE DE BASURA VACÍO EN FRENTE DE SU CASA, O SERÁ MULTADO \$50. Para más información, favor de llamar al 410-396-9950.

Reglas para Colecciones Especiales (grandes cantidades de basura y objetos grandes):

La clase de basura que se considera de colección especial incluye, muebles, encerres y hasta cuatro llantas con arcos. Los materiales de construcción no seran recogidos por este servicio. Favor de llamar a la Oficina del DPW al 311, a no mas tardar del primer Viernes del mes. Su colección especial será recogida el segundo Miércoles del mes. OJO: Favor de no colocar los materiales que necesiten ser recogidos fuera hasta que reciba verificación de la colección.