

CEDMONT Nor'Easter

The Heart of Every Community Is Unity

Northeast Baltimore/ 3rd District
Issue Number 247
May 2011

CEDMONT Community Improvement Association
Since 1973
A Valued Member of **HARBEL**

Happy Mother's Day

Meetings:

Cedmont General Meetings are held at
Epiphany Lutheran Church,
("God Is Love") 4301 Raspe Avenue.

Meeting Dates:

May 12

Jun 09

Contact Information:

Naomi Benyowitz (Harbel)
Mike Hilliard (Harbel)
mikehilliard@harbel.org
(410) 444-2100
NECOP (Status Message Number)
(410) 444-1949
Sgt. Chris Tserkis (NE. District)
chris.tserkis@baltimorepolice.org
(410) 396-2444

Cedmont Community Improvement Association
P.O. Box 11732
Baltimore, MD 21206

Writers:

Kent & Linda Gruz Michael King

Editor:

Kent D Gruz

Email: kdgruz@cavtel.net

Linda Gruz, President (410) 325-5216
Andrea Branam, Vice-President
Michael King, Secretary
Anya Rey, Treasurer

May Meeting:

Our next mtg. will be **Thursday, May 12,** at Epiphany (**God Is Love**) Church, 4301 Raspe Ave., **at 7:30 PM.** Meet your neighbors. Hear about the latest update with area bars. This is an excellent opportunity to become informed, and present any issues that you have.

April:

NE Housing Code Enforcement Officer Oliver attended our last mtg. Mr. Oliver stated the importance of maintaining your personal property. Due to the current economic times our city is flooded with vacant buildings. It is our responsibility as members of the community to make sure the appropriate city agencies are made aware of blighted properties. Contact information for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City may be found online at www.baltimorehousing.gov or you are encouraged to call the 311. We thank Mr. Oliver for his continued service to our community. Ms. **Cailin McGough**, our community liaison for City Council President Jack Young, shared insight to the current workings of the City Council. HARBEL's own **Mike Hilliard** notified us that the owner of the Hub Cap Inn has signed our community's proposed list of guidelines. **Mike** and **Officer Blumberg** both addressed the rash of home break-ins in the surrounding communities and reiterated the importance of cataloging your homes contents, specifically jewelry and electronics such as laptop computers and flat screen televisions. Take photos and save them, perhaps electronically, to have easy access if you become a victim. One great suggestion was to email the photos to yourself or keep a copy on a USB memory stick.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Sat May 7, Flower Sale & Flea Mkt Health Screening & Cookout.** 9AM-2PM **Epiphany Church Courtyard**, 4301 Raspe Ave. Pre-order Flowers or Buy that day! Rent Tables: \$15. For More Info Contact Linda (410) 325-5216
- ⇒ **Sat May 7, HARBEL Flea Mkt & Flower Sale.** 9AM-1PM Contact (410) 444-2100 for more details.
- ⇒ **Sat May 14, Pro Bono Day** 10 AM Legal Aid, 500 E. Lexington St. One-on-one Legal Clinic to discuss legal problems
- ⇒ **Wed. May 18 7:00 PM. NE Council mtg.** Good Sam Hospital. Focus will be on Sexual Assault and Child Predators.
- ⇒ **Fri Jun 24, Burdick Park** 7 PM Glenmore Ave. at Walther Blvd. Summer Concert in the Park returns. Free Admission. Bring your own lawn chair, sit back, relax to Baltimore's own Big Band.

Attestation:

(Written by a Neighbor and Member)
I have been a long time resident in the Cedmont community, having lived here for 55 years. I also have been a member of the Cedmont Community Organization for a long while. I used the recommendation in the newsletter for Dave Wagenfuehr to do work for me. Not only is he wonderful in the work that he does, he is genuinely a nice person. I highly recommend him.

Personal Ads:

- Need items hauled away, or your basement, attic, or yard cleaned? Need an ODD JOB done around the house? Also, lawnmowers repaired. And he has a snowblower! Contact: Dave Wagenfuehr (443) 854-1491.

Join COP:

Submitted by Susan Young.

Cedmont Citizens on Patrol (COP) is part of the Northeast Citizen on Patrol (NECOP) and is a volunteer group dedicated to reducing crime in our community. Available patrol times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 7:30-10:30pm. From the NECOP website, the Top 10 Reasons to join COP: **1.** Have a good reason to take a really leisurely tour of YOUR neighborhood; **2.** Get a fascinating glimpse inside the workings of local law enforcement activities; **3.** Get to spend three hours of uninterrupted quality time with the friend/family member of your choice; **4.** Discover fascinating new details of the streets, houses and residents in your neighborhood; **5.** Listen to exciting, exclusive real-time reporting from other citizen patrol team members; **6.** Learn to use an official Police two-way radio; **7.** Get mega-brownie points from your community association; **8.** Have a guaranteed "date" with the citizens patrol partner of your choice; **9.** Attempt to solve the puzzle of finding as many routes which traverse every street through your neighborhood and, if possible, each one only once; **10.** Have a good reason to get out at night at least once a month. Interested in joining? Contact Pat Huebner @ (410) 488-8498.

Gov. Schaefer Fund:

Gov. William Donald Schaefer's love for our city's neighborhoods lives on through the William Donald Schaefer Civic Fund at the Baltimore Community Foundation, a permanent endowment that honors Gov. Schaefer and supports community-led projects through BCF's Neighborhood Grants Program (NGP). Schaefer's longtime friend and former aide Lainy Lebow-Sachs said, "Gov. Schaefer moved his Civic Fund to the BCF to perpetuate his favorite activity -- strengthening neighborhoods in and around the city. He added to the Fund with proceeds from the sale of his house. He hoped that others would want to join with him in making sure that there would always be a source of grant money for projects to make neighborhoods better." The Neighborhood Grants Program provides small grants to help community groups in Baltimore City and County with improvement projects. Since 2000, more than \$2 million has been distributed to neighborhoods working to make their communities stronger with gardens, signs, festivals, etc.

Recyclables:

Cedmont is now split – Tue. or Wed.

Bulk Trash– Now on a New Day!

Pickup: **Mon.** May. 16

Note: Call 311 by Tue. May 10th to schedule.

Dumpster Dates:

- Jul 15, 16
- Sep 23,24

JT's Saloon Update:

From Andrea Buie-Branam, VP Cedmont.

Dear Cedmont Neighbors,

The Cedmont Community Improvement Association, **CCIA**, has entered into an agreement with JT's Saloon at 6317-6319 Belair Road. This agreement was accepted by the Liquor Board on April 28, 2011 and is now part of JT's Saloon's liquor license file. As a petitioner against the renewal of the liquor license of JT's Saloon, and as a resident of **Cedmont** or **East Rosemont**, you are encouraged to attend an information meeting regarding this agreement. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review the agreement between **CCIA** and JT's Saloon
2. Discuss what the residents of Cedmont should do to address any potential issues between the residents of Cedmont and JT's Saloon
3. Review the documentation process of incidents at JT's Saloon
4. Answer questions in regards to the agreement

The meeting will be held on May 10, 2011 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on Raspe Ave. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. The issues that our community is attempting to address developed over several years. There is not a quick fix for the problems. I am pleased to say that we are headed towards a resolution; but, it will require some time and effort from all of us. Your attendance at this meeting is very important. **CCIA** appreciates your continued cooperation and your patience in this matter. If you would like to review the agreement prior to the meeting, please send me an email request for an electronic copy of the agreement. My email address is Buieap@cedmont.org

Sincerely,

Andrea Buie-Branam

Vice-President
Cedmont Community Improvement
Association

Eye Opener:

By Howard Winter III

One afternoon in Sept. of 2010, I had the opportunity to see what our police officers deal with each day. During the BCPD open house, I was able to do a Ride-A-Long with an officer from NEPD. First, I went to Roll Call, where the officers are brought up-to-date with the latest crime info, concerns, items of special interest, and what to keep a special eye out for during the shift. Then, we had to wait about 45 minutes for our car. Apparently, there are not many cars available; and most police vehicles are used 24/7. Our vehicle was unavailable because the officer on-duty from last shift was still tied up on a call. Another vehicle for another officer broke down on the way into the station. Finally, our car arrived. The officer gave it an inspection for safety, and off we went. He had 4 calls already waiting for him. One call was 45 minutes old. In the 3 hours that I spent with the officer, we answered 10 calls and were waved down by a citizen who needed help. Several of the calls were urgent: one, a burglary in progress; a few domestic violence calls; trespassing; a possible shop lifting; a call for an officer needing assistance; and a call to assist a medic unit that had an uncooperative patient. With NE District being the largest district in the city, we were all over the place - driving from one side of the district to another. The officer never had time to sit still! Our men and women in the police department really deserve our support and thanks. They really do have one of the toughest jobs out there. I know many citizens have complaints about how long it takes to get an officer to respond when they call 911. But when you are working alongside an officer receiving these calls, most of them life threatening or property damage, you can realize why it might take awhile. I witnessed a great group of men and women performing an amazing 3 hours of citizen's needs and a team that worked together, enjoying what they do for a living. I tip my hat to our NE Baltimore City Police Officers. Join me and your other neighbors and show your support by volunteering for Citizens On Patrol. Thank you, Howard Winter III.

Community Cleanup:

Thank You!! To those 3 or 4 brave souls who came out and picked up 20 bags of trash to help make our community a little cleaner, a little nicer - even in the rain!