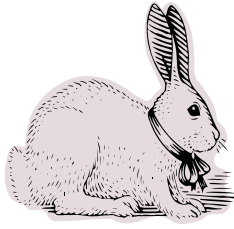


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The Monthly Newsletter of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

April, 2012

President's Letter

Save the Date! April 21 is Federal Hill's Spring Cleanup

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is officially here and there is no better time to put last year's membership top priority #3 into action – Neighborhood Beautification! Trash is one of those unfortunate and inevitable byproducts of living in the center of a relatively large city, but eradicating the problem is truly our responsibility as renters and homeowners alike. Complaints about trash and litter are not out of the ordinary in Federal Hill and other area neighborhoods; however, a complaint does not effectively address the issue. Dedicating time each day to picking it up does.

I was sitting on my stoop last week and took notice of debris on the sidewalk and in the street. After looking at it for a minute or two, I decided to pick it up. I collected nearly 20 items both large and small. The entire effort from start to finish literally took less than one minute of my time and the problem was resolved, well..., for at least 12-24 hours ;) I got my hands dirty and quite honestly, I felt pretty good about it.

In all reality, we are the only ones who can take immediate action by dedicating our time and service to this great neighborhood we chose to live in. Now is your opportunity to make a difference. The date is Saturday, April 21. The event is Federal Hill's Annual Spring Cleanup.

This year's Spring Cleanup is going to be a blast and everyone is invited. The event will take place between 9AM and 1PM on Saturday, April 21 and the location is on YOUR STREET! In cooperation with the Mayor's Office, the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association has arranged for a dumpster to be placed on the corner of William Street and Warren Avenue. The City of Baltimore will provide residents with approximately 500 garbage bags for debris, along with a very limited supply of tools for cleaning up. Just to be safe, plan on bringing your own tools even if it is just a dustpan or broom. Every contribution helps and someone is likely in need.

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10 Things To Do in Federal Hill This Month!

1. Participate in Clean Up Day! - Page 18.
2. Go Geocaching - Page 9.
3. Sign up for a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) association - Page 10.
4. Sit on your stoop and greet passerbys!
5. Go to the Farmer's Market for some fresh, local produce - Reopens on April 1st.
6. Take care of a tree - Page 17.
7. Visit our great local shops on Third Thursday April 19th - Page 15.
8. Enjoy an afternoon in The Park at the historic multi-community picnic at Federal Hill Park on May 6th - See Below.
9. Go for a walk around the neighborhood and try to locate all the old churches - Page 8.
10. Celebrate City Living!!!

AN HISTORIC PICNIC ON FEDERAL HILL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

Sunday, May 6, from 12 noon-2 pm

Our beloved Federal Hill was named to mark Maryland's ratification of the U.S. Constitution, an event celebrated with a huge picnic atop the hill on May 1, 1788.

The Neighborhood Associations of **Federal Hill**, **Federal Hill South**, and **South Baltimore** have joined together to celebrate this historic milestone with a picnic of our own!

All residents of the areas represented by these neighborhood associations are invited to attend.

Bring a dish to share and celebrate spring and our wonderful Federal Hill community with your friends and neighbors!

INFORMATION PAGE



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Bulk Item Pick Up

You may place up to three items out for collection. One day per month is set aside for this collection. All citizens have to do is call 311 and give the following information:

Your address
 Your telephone #
 What 3 items

Call 3 or more working days before your scheduled date. If you do not know your day, please call 311.

You may also schedule a collection at 311 Online.

To Request City Services
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FHNA Committees Consider Getting Involved

Please contact any of the Board members listed nearby and express your interest. You will be welcomed.

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Debris, Bulk Trash, Recycling & eCycling Drop-off Location:

Western Sanitation Yard

701 Reedbird Avenue, 410-396-3367,

Mon. – Sat., 9 am – 5 pm (Labor Day/Memorial Day)
 & 9 am – 7 pm (Memorial Day/Labor Day)

For additional locations go to: baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/PublicWorks/BureauofSolidWaste

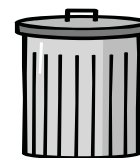


Recycling and Trash Schedule:

Set out by 6 a.m.

Trash on Wednesday (in cans with tight-fitting lids)

Recycling on Friday



REMINDER!! Please put your recyclable materials in paper bags, cardboard boxes, City recycle bins or any container clearly marked "recycle"; at the same location as your regular trash. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.**

With single stream recycling, we send our materials to a processing facility which uses an automated system to sort and bale recyclables.

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The organization and planning of this event is a huge investment of time and energy. None of this would have been made possible without the efforts of both beautification and education committee leadership. Education Committee Chair Jessica Damon has been hard at work brokering an opportunity for Digital Harbor High School students to integrate with residents to increase communication and build long lasting partnerships. A very special thanks to Beautification Committee Chair Walter Saxon and Block Captain Chair Kelly Sheehan for the time and planning to make this possible.

The cleanup will promptly end at 1 PM and everyone is invited to Mother's Bar & Grille for a neighborhood gathering and after party featuring hors d'oeuvres and specially designed drink specials for participants between 1 PM-3 PM. I would like to extend a very special thanks to Dave Rather for agreeing to host this wonderful event.

Ryan Hada
FHNA President

FHNA Wants You!

Per the FHNA bylaws, nominations will be made at the April General Membership meeting. Each nomination must be seconded. Elections are then held at the May meeting. Additional nominations may be made after the meeting by submitting them in writing to FHNA at PO Box 27112 in advance of the May meeting.

This year presents a unique opportunity for you to consider becoming a member of this team. Other than the President's position, all the rest are open including Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Board Member positions.

Officers, i.e., Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer each serve a two year term. Board Members At-Large are elected to one year terms. As with any volunteer organization, there is plenty to do and you will be able to contribute as much as you wish. Only the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary have defined responsibilities in the bylaws and those are fairly obvious from the position titles.

So please consider nominating yourself and asking a friend to second your nomination at the April General Membership meeting. We are also welcoming any volunteers for any of our committees found on page 2 of the Hillside. The team needs you!



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Upcoming events: *compiled by Nicole Quinn*

April 6- Baltimore Orioles Opening Day. The Baltimore Orioles home opener against the rival Minnesota Twins is on Friday, April 6th, 3:05 pm at Camden Yards

April 7 – Federal Hill Easter Egg Hunt! Gather your little ones and head on up to Federal Hill Park at 10 am for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

April 13- School 33 Lotta Art Exhibition Opening. The Lotta Art exhibition preview event is a great opportunity to see the amazing artwork, choose your favorite pieces and purchase tickets for the April 21st event. Come to Silo Point (located at 1200 Stuart Street) on Friday, April 13th from 6-9pm to get a sneak peek at the show. Refreshments will be served, this event is FREE and open to the public.

April 19- Federal Hill 3rd Thursday, 6-8 pm. Galleries, shops & boutiques: Specials, refreshments, fun.

April 19 - “On the Streets” Exhibition/Reception 5- 8 p.m. at Crystal Moll’s Gallery, 1030 S. Charles St. The reception will feature refreshments and jazz. The show runs from April 1st - May 20th.

April 21- Salem Lutheran Church Kids Fair, 12-2 pm. Ages 3-10. Activities include lunch, puppet making, and songs with Ruth Hulett of Riverside Stage. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The fair is limited to 30 children, so make your reservations early. Call the church office, 410-576-0487. Suggested donation of \$8.00 per child.

April 29- Spring Block Party, 11-7pm Cross St. Live music, food, drink, arts and crafts.

May 3-5- BOOK SALE: The Friends of the Light Street Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will be holding their spring 2012 book sale in the lower level of the library on Thursday, May 3, 1-7 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Monday, May 7, 12 - 6 p.m.. The last day of the sale is “bag day” ... bring your own bag and fill it up for only \$5.00!

May 1st - Blue Water Gallery Hop - See Page 13 for details.

May 5- 14th Annual Kinetic Sculpture Race. All Day, race kicks off at 10am! Free to spectators.

Martini Lutheran Preschool



We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old children for the fall of 2012. We offer half and full day programs. If you would like more information, please call LuAnn Iannatuono, Director at (410) 752-4242 for more information.



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SPRING FORWARD!

By Jeannie Malkiewicz

With above-average temperatures for most of March, I think it's safe to say spring has sprung! And with it, the change to warm-weather clothing has been seen up and down Federal Hill.

While we're lightening up our wardrobe, what about lightening up our homes too? Long before there was air-conditioning, people would switch out their winter home décor with lighter-weight fabrics to keep the house cooler. With that thought in mind, who better to ask than Federal Hill business owner and long-time resident, Amanda Austin, of Amanda Austin Interiors.

Recently, I had the pleasure of doing just that – chatting with Amanda and her staff at their South Charles Street storefront about all things Spring!

JM: What advice do you have for our interiors as we transition to warmer weather?

Amanda: The best thing you can do for yourself is to refresh your surroundings. Breathing new life into old things is the way nature rejuvenates our outside environment, yet we let our homes become stale. We are creatures of habit and often can become stuck in a rut. Our company's motto is "We change lives, one home at a time". People don't realize how changing things in your home – rearranging, repurposing or removing things, can actually be a catalyst for change in your life. As of April, I will be certified in Feng Shui, which is all about encouraging the natural flow of chi (energy) in our homes and our lives. We will be incorporating feng shui into the rooms we do, in addition to helping our clients understand the challenges of form, function and in many cases, especially in rowhouses, space, or the lack of it.

JM: For example?

Amanda: Smaller houses and rooms

need smaller-scale furniture – most furniture is too large for the space it's in; and less is usually more. The use of reflective surfaces – glass, mirrors, even some metals – can enlarge a room. Also, a mixed use of materials gives visual interest – mix wood pieces with softer, fabric-covered items.

JM: How can we lighten things up for the warmer weather?

Amanda: First, focus your efforts on areas where you spend the most time. Second, people forget the fifth flat surface in the room – the ceiling – which you can paint a very pale shade, and immediately, change the look of the room. You'd be surprised how calming a light blue or pale lavender ceiling can be. Bring in natural elements to a room, like a sisal rug or linen lampshades. Purchase a few bright or light colored pillows – it will add a pop of color for little money. You can also change the look of the kitchen just by changing the knobs on the cabinets. We've used grass cloth and paint to revamp some flea market finds into very stylish (and useful) storage.

JM: Some great ideas – even small spaces can benefit from a professional!

Amanda: We do projects ranging from a small powder room to an entire house. Some people hire us to come in and spend a few hours re-arranging items they already have – a fresh set of eyes can sometimes be all that's needed to completely change the look of a room. Also, a designer has access to items not easily available to the general public, so finding unique items for just the right spot is

never a problem.

JM: It's great to see how much your business has grown since you started the company 6 years ago. You wouldn't think interior design would fare well in a recession?

Amanda: Yes, we have been blessed. We now have a staff of six – including four designers. Of course, I always like to touch every project we do and we take pride in the fact you will never recognize our work –if we do our job right, you shouldn't even know we were there. In a difficult economy, many people are staying longer in their homes, and recreating their environment from the inside out.



Pet Care

by Jill Shook, DVM

Monthly Heartworm Prevention (Yes, Monthly!!)

Alright all you dog owners, you're giving that dose of heartworm preventative every month right? Or maybe you stopped giving it during the winter, or you missed a couple doses here and there. Or maybe you're just not convinced that heartworm disease is really all that common or important. Hopefully by the end of this article you'll feel differently. And don't worry cat owners, I haven't forgotten about you.

The first thing to know about heartworms is that they are spread by mosquitoes. A mosquito bites an infected dog or cat and ingests larvae (immature heartworms). The mosquito then bites another dog or cat and passes the larvae into that animal's bloodstream. The larvae mature into adult heartworms and the female heartworms then start producing microfilaria (baby heartworms). The life cycle has now run full circle 6-7 months after the dog or cat was initially infected.

The symptoms of heartworm disease are related to the body systems they affect, namely the heart and lungs. Coughing, lack of energy, tiring easily and weight loss are some of the common clinical signs. Fluid in the abdominal cavity, syncope (loss of consciousness), and coughing blood are seen in advanced disease. Secondary liver and kidney disease may develop in some pets. Heartworms average 5 to 14 inches in length and as many as 100 worms have been found in a single dog! The higher the numbers of adult heartworms that are present the more severe the symptoms. Cats with heartworm disease typically have very few worms present, usually 1-3, but symptoms can still be severe. Heartworm disease can cause irreversible damage to the heart and lungs and is fatal.

Testing for heartworms in dogs requires a small blood sample. Most veterinary clinics run the heartworm test in-house, and have results in about 10 minutes. The test detects antigens (proteins) from adult female heartworms, and most veterinarians recommend yearly heartworm testing. If doses of preventative are missed, or the product being used for prevention is changed, testing may be done more often. Heartworm testing in cats is much more difficult. Because cats typically have just 1-3 worms, and some infections may consist of only male heartworms, tests can be falsely negative and difficult to interpret.

Prevention of heartworm disease is the key. Heartworm disease can be treated in dogs, but is expensive and can have serious side effects. There is no treatment for heartworm disease in cats. There are several different products available for heartworm prevention and they are very effective when used properly. Some of the more common preventatives used are Interceptor, Sentinel, Heartguard Plus, Revolution, and Tri-Heart Plus and Advantage Multi. These products are given orally, or applied topically, once a month. It is important to give heartworm preventative **every month, year-round, for the lifetime of your pet**. As an added benefit most of the products used for heartworm prevention also deworm for the more common intestinal parasites. Some products control fleas as well.

The veterinary community does not vary much in recommendations for testing and prevention for heartworms in dogs. However, heartworm disease in cats is not as straightforward and there is much less consensus among veterinarians when making recommendations for cats. Heartworm disease in cats is receiving much more attention lately and the hope is that better testing will be available in the near future. The products used for heartworm prevention in dogs can be

used in cats as well. However, the oral products are large tablets that are difficult to administer to cats so compliance becomes a big issue. Revolution and Advantage Multi are topical products and make heartworm prevention in cats much easier.

Heartworm prevention is an important part of basic healthcare for pets. Heartworm disease has been diagnosed in animals in all fifty states. It is a serious disease that is easily preventable. For more information on heartworm disease and prevention you can contact your veterinarian, or visit the websites listed below.

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SHOUT OUT!

A person who makes Federal Hill a better place to live by *Bob O'Donoghue*

This month we select Beth Hawks, proprietor of Zelda Zen on Cross Street for a Shout Out. Beth is a woman widely known for her store and for her herculean efforts to make her area of Federal Hill clean, neighbor-friendly and relatively at peace with the many beer dispensaries in the vicinity.

She has a slogan she uses when it comes to neighborhood cleanliness and relying on the City for clean ups, "You're it, they're not coming!" Beth says, "Get a broom, meet your neighbors, get a hose, do it yourself!" She estimates that she spends \$2,500 a year on trash bags, brooms, cleaning products, rakes, etc. and says that you meet everybody when you get out beyond the confines of your home or business. Often, she comes to work, cleans the area (she has a hose that reaches almost to Maria D's) goes home and showers before returning to her shop. She also says that just cleaning in front of your home or business is not enough; you have to take care of your whole area. She maintains the people do appreciate it. Beth now lives in Pigtown and says, "We have a clean block over there, too."



seeking the right atmosphere and watching the foot traffic. When she first purchased the property, the place was a head shop, there were squatters living upstairs and the basement was full of junk. It took her months to get it cleaned out and ready for business. Now she looks for items to sell that are fun, sparkly, feminine, romantic and affordable. Beth goes to trade shows where she says she doesn't look for things – the items have to find her. She has experimented with high-end

items but finds they don't sell that well. Expansion plans will be "to the internet" since she has many former customers who have moved

away begging for internet access to her merchandise.

"I want someone to come in here and buy a gift for \$20 but it looks a lot more than that, but I do carry a \$500 necklace and a few other high-end items." I also like baby bibs, candles, a great selection of cards and local art – I don't want to be just jewelry."

Beth will celebrate her 10th anniversary on Cross Street on June 21st in a delightful little shop that features a wide variety of imaginative cards, jewelry and Baltimore-themed items. Zelda Zen was the name of Beth's beloved canine who died in 2001, just before Beth started her store. Zelda, of course, was the name of F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife while Zen connotes calmness to Beth.

Beth was a bartender at Bandaloops but always wanted to open a store. She would go and sit in various neighborhoods

She tries to cater to residents, first and foremost. Beth suggests that some of the boutiques that have come and gone in the area seem to be relying on selling to tourists and there just aren't enough of them coming through on a consistent basis. She obviously loves what she does, describing it as an honor, and says she has taken no vacation in 10

years. She is able to describe couples she has known from the time of their first dates, through their engagements, and to their present status as parents.

Beth says she works in a "magical place in a magical neighborhood." If that is so then Beth Hawks is certainly a magician whose positive attitude truly does make Federal Hill a better place to live.

Each month the Hillside profiles an individual who helps to make Federal Hill a better place to live. Let us know if you have a candidate who deserves recognition.

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Federal Hill – A Center for Churches

By John Ginovsky

Probably the most noticeable thing about the skyline of the Federal Hill neighborhood, besides the hill itself, is the number of church steeples evident near and far.

Those churches, and the many more that do not have steeples, as well as others that once were churches but now are something else, add to the neighborhood's history and identity.

Here's a rundown of some of the area's churches and church buildings. It's admittedly far from complete, but it does give a sense of the rich heritage these buildings of worship impart to the area.

Sailor's Union Bethel Methodist Church, 454 Cross Street. This church originally was established in the wrecked hull of a ship named the William Penn in 1846, when it was moored in the Inner Harbor. It became popular with the many sailors who came and went through the port. By 1853, the old ship was deemed unsafe. Services continued at various places in the neighborhood, however, for 20 more years before the current church was established in the middle of the block across from the high school.

Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light Street. Dedicated in 1855, the building's construction cost \$6,700. In 1902, the church acquired an Adam Stein tracker-type pipe organ, which means that all keyboard action is mechanically controlled by the muscle power of the organist with no electrical assist. In fact, until the mid-1900s, the air that goes through the pipes to make the notes was pumped by means of two members of the congregation manually pulling up and down on boards attached to the bellows. Only 20 such organs were ever built, and six remain.

William Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 820 William Street. Now converted to condos, it was built in 1850 and had quite a large congregation. At the time it was known as "Big William Church," as opposed to another one further south on the same street, now also turned to condos, which was once known as "Little

William Church." It remained a house of worship until the 1960s, when it was occupied by a fiery evangelistic group. In the 1980s, Jeffrey Levitt, infamous for his role in the savings and loan scandal, was behind the project to turn it into condos.

Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, 20 West Montgomery Street. This is listed by the city as the oldest standing African-American church continuously occupied by the same congregation. They first met for the purpose of singing and praying in the South Baltimore area in 1836. The property where it's located now was bought in 1839. The first brick structure was built there in 1848. In 1865, just after the Civil War ended, the cornerstone for the current building was laid.

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, 717 Sharp Street. Built by Methodists in 1889, it bolstered an early African-American neighborhood. The large plaza in front of this church was known as Hermitage Square, in honor of Andrew Jackson's Nashville mansion. It once was a popular site for political rallying and, in 1878, Frederick Douglas gave a speech here.

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 South Charles Street. This was begun as an English-speaking Lutheran Church in 1887, when all the other Lutheran churches in the area worshipped in German. By 1925, it was the largest Protestant Church in Maryland. While there are many larger churches now, Christ Church remains the largest urban Lutheran Church in the mid-Atlantic. In 1955 it built its current church building and led the way in the redevelopment of the Inner Harbor with the opening of the Deaton Hospital and Home (now University Specialty Hospital) in 1973, and Christ Church Harbor Apartments in 1974.

Martini Lutheran Church, Henrietta and Hanover Streets. This 140-year-old church had been condemned by the city in advance of the big interstate highway that was to plough through the neighborhood. Fortunately that never happened. What's more, the city provided a new parcel of land just a few blocks away where the

modernistic-looking church stands now. The original Gothic-style building on Sharp and Henrietta Streets was preserved and converted to condominiums.

Saints Stephen and James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 938 South Hanover Street. Built in the mid-1800s and notable for its two steeples, this church remains active in the community by hosting outreach meetings in its facilities. Its stained-glass windows are reputed to be among the most colorful in the city.

Lee Street Memorial Baptist Church, 113 Warren Avenue. While this church was established on Lee Street in 1854, it moved to Warren Avenue way back in 1913. That's why they added the "memorial" in the name. Recently it started promoting itself as "The Church on Warren Avenue," presumably to clarify its geographic location.

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 108 East West Street. Built by German Redemptorists, it served the flood of German immigrants coming to Baltimore. Started in 1858, and finished in 1885, it was built partly by members of the congregation working in the evenings with picks and shovels.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 110 East West Street. This was built in 1871, primarily by and for the equally large flood of Irish immigrants coming to Baltimore. At the time, the ethnic lines in the neighborhood were sharply defined. One enduring aspect of this building is the blue light at the very top of the steeple. To this day it is designated on nautical charts as a bearing for ships coming into port. For decades its oil lamp was lit faithfully each night by a church deacon climbing the steeple's rickety stairs, until it was converted to electricity.

Martin O'Malley, former Baltimore mayor and now governor of Maryland, once, as a member of his band O'Malley's March, wrote a touching song called "South Baltimore Lullaby."

Its ending lyric: "May St. Mary's light guide you tonight, as the stars watch over the sea."

Geocaching in Baltimore

by Nicole Quinn

Spring is here and summer is near! So why not try something different - Geocaching!

What is Geocaching you might ask? It's a World-Wide outdoor treasure hunting game! All you have to do is go online to www.geocaching.com and sign up - for FREE! There is also an App you can buy for your phone so you can use it on the go anytime! You can search by Zip code, City, State and Country for caches in your area. There are many different types of geocaches, but I stick to the easy ones which are of the "Hide and Seek" variety. There is usually a brief history about the area your cache is in and a hint to help you find it. Once you select the type you want to do, simply enter coordinates into a GPS device (it's much easier if you have a GPS device, but I use my phone and that works pretty well) and then off you go to find your Cache!

The Cache is the name for the treasure you are searching for. Depending on which one you are after, it could be as small as a bullet (micro) - where it can only hold a piece of paper that you just log your name, or it could be a small box where you will find prizes inside! The rule is, you can take something from the box, but you have to replace it with an item, and always put the cache back exactly where you found it! Log your find online and sign the log book that's with the cache. It's pretty neat to see all the different people from all over the country that have found the cache, especially the ones that did it the same day! There is a bunch in the Federal Hill, Inner Harbor, and Locust Point areas. I think my boyfriend and I have found most of them in the area, but I have tried the Federal Hill Park "Top of the Hill" one 3 times and still have not found it! It's very well hidden and tough to look for with all the people around. With that said, beware of people watching... you kind of have to be sneaky; we don't want anyone to steal the cache. It's a really fun game and great for ALL ages. I have started doing it with the kids I nanny for that are 8 and 9, and they Love it! So much that they bug me every day about going out and finding one! So gather your family, friends or just go by yourself and check it out!



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Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) : Fresh, Local and Weekly

by Navah Langmeyer

As interest in eating locally-produced food has increased in the United States, so have options for obtaining it. Here in Federal Hill, we are fortunate to have the farmers' market at the Baltimore Museum of Industry (BMI) on Saturday mornings, starting this year on 19 May. Its popularity has grown each year since it began, demonstrating support for area farmers, but many people may not be aware of another opportunity for buying local produce, as well as eggs and meat, in Federal Hill: Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA.

CSAs are associations in which members purchase non-refundable seasonal shares in a local farm, and receive a weekly allotment of produce and possibly other items throughout the growing season. These allotments are usually preselected and delivered to a central pick-up point, although sometimes members are able to select their own produce at a market or the farm itself. Often CSAs allow payment in labor in lieu of money.

The CSA movement started in Europe and Japan in the early 1960s, and was brought to the United States in the 1980s. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there are now over 12,500 CSA farms in the U.S. There are two main advantages for farmers in this system. First, they receive payment up front, at the start of the season, so funds are available immediately. Second, they are less dependent on weather and growing conditions for income throughout the season; CSA members shoulder part of the farmers' risk. The advantages to the members are access to high-quality, extremely fresh (often organic) produce, exposure to new fruits and vegetables, understanding of the seasonal nature of food, the satisfaction of fostering local farming, and the confidence of knowing the source of one's food. These programs create communities in which farmers and members support each other and sustainable agricultural practices.

At least two Baltimore-area CSAs serve Federal Hill, and I've been a member of each: One Straw Farm in White Hall, and Simmer Rock Farm in Sparks.

According to their website, One Straw Farm is, "the largest Food Alliance Certified vegetable farm in Maryland." It was founded by Joan and Drew Norman in 1983, and their produce is available at many farmers' markets and local restaurants. This CSA has served Federal Hill for several years; I was a member in 2005-2006. While I've not received shares from One Straw Farm since then, my understanding from friends who are members is that the quality is very good. The cost for a 2012 share is \$570 if purchased by 17 March. The CSA pick-up day and location in Federal Hill is Thursday at Holy Cross Church, on E West St. The farm creates a box with 8 items each week for 24 weeks, and only full shares are available at that site. More information can be found at www.onestrawfarm.com, including a harvest chart.

Simmer Rock Farm is familiar to visitors of the Saturday morning BMI farmers' market where they sell their organic vegetables. The market is also the pick-up location for CSA members in Federal Hill. This is a much smaller and newer operation than One Straw Farm. It was started by Mary Cawunder and a couple of partners in 2008 on property owned by Springfield Farm (which raises and sells various meats, eggs, and dairy products). Federal Hill members of the CSA do not receive preselected boxes, but choose their own food at the market. The CSA includes fruit from other local farms, and also has weekly and biweekly egg shares from Springfield Farms, and bison shares from Gunpowder Falls. I did all three (produce, eggs, and bison) last year and am signing up again this year. The quality was excellent (I could not get enough of their amazingly peppery arugula), and the people are

lovely. Full and half produce shares are available, at \$550 and \$325, for a 22-24 week season starting in early June. Egg shares are a dozen eggs, either weekly (\$96) or biweekly (\$48), and bison is 2-3 lbs weekly (22 times, \$789), biweekly (11 times, \$425), or monthly (5 times, \$210). The website for the farm and CSA is www.simmerrockfarm.com.

I've been a member of four CSAs in Maryland, California, and England, and the quality of the food has been consistently higher than in commercial outlets. I've really enjoyed getting to know the people growing my food, and seeing the changes in what's available month-to-month. I've learned how to cook fruits and vegetables I'd never used before: parsnips, gooseberries, kohlrabi, celeriac, salsify, Jerusalem artichokes. I've developed a great appreciation for arugula, kale, and collards. It is true that some years are better than others in terms of variety, but that helps remind me of how dependent we are on the earth and climate for our health and well-being. Personally, I don't think that's a bad lesson to learn.

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Beautification Committee Status

The FHNA Beautification Committee had an initial meeting on March 14th to get the members together, discuss prospective projects and idea, talk about finances, and to plan for the Spring Cleanup on April 21st.

We currently have 7 members and about the same number of people who want to work on specific projects.

Current projects include such ideas as park items (park bench repair, doggy bag dispensers, herb garden, flowers, mulch, etc.) street flower pots and a croquet tournament in August in Robert Baker Park, to name a few, so send us your ideas, email them to ginny@federalhill.com.

We need more interested and action oriented people, so if you want to get involved, feel free to call or stop by at our next meeting: April 5th at 6:30 p.m. @ 126 East Montgomery Street.

Meanwhile, enjoy the nice spring weather!!

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Next FHNA General Membership Meeting

Tue., April 17th, 7 pm, Christ
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Live Entertainment in Our Federal Hill Bars

As many of you know, in Nov 2009 the City passed a law allowing establishments to apply for a conditional-use, live entertainment zoning variance. Prior to this law, only 2 establishments in our neighborhood had live entertainment: 8x10 and Mums; and since that time, 2 additional establishments have been granted the variance: The Hill and Illusions. We have become aware that many establishments in Federal Hill are planning to apply in the near future, with the first hearing scheduled for May 01.

The FHNA Board is working vigorously with City officials, other neighborhood associations, the Business and Hospitality Associations, and most importantly our membership to identify reasonable and acceptable conditions for establishments seeking our support. Such conditions include the hours during which live entertainment will take place, the decibel level, the days of the week featuring live entertainment, etc. We received great feedback from many of you at the March 20th General Membership meeting and via email, regarding your concerns. We believe we are on the path to reaching consensus amongst our membership and the bar owners in our neighborhood. We are continuing to prioritize this effort so please stay tuned.

Without any doubt, the City voted to change the character of the bar scene in Federal Hill and, by extension, the neighborhoods that surround the area. FHNA is trying to mitigate the damage that unrestricted entertainment variances might bring. Even with substantial consensus and agreement, enforcement will present an ongoing challenge.

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Vegas, Baby! That's where **Caitlin Whately** and her mom **Sharon** have been carousing again on what has become an annual mother-daughter trip. They vacationed at the

Mirage, where they sipped exotic drinks by the pool, sent obnoxious photos home to jealous friends in Baltimore, and watched the beautiful people strut by. Caitlin claims "Ours is a different kind of Vegas experience since we are up early each morning, take a nap, and get back to the hotel at a reasonable hour." But I'm not buying it, because she also told me about all the shops, bars, and shows they managed to visit. And Caitlin won even bigger than usual. Though she won't reveal a precise figure, she beat the house enough to come home with a gorgeous Tiffany ring, purchased with her winnings.

While Caitlin and her mother were running wild in hedonistic abandon in Las Vegas, another member of our community was suffering a crisis of conscience. Most of you know **Nick Patronik**, whose Patron Services has been in the 900 block of Light Street for many years. If you've not interacted with him in shipping commerce, you probably know him as one of the area's most ardent sports enthusiasts. Purple is his passion, with orange not far behind. "Don't you forget it!" He even decorates his window. But what you may not know is that he is also an avid reader. One might even call him a scholar of books, magazines, and journals. There lies the problem. He got a KINDLE for a holiday gift. To his great surprise, he loves it. But he feels really guilty and almost personally responsible for any downturn in the hard-copy publishing market. He is almost compelled to encourage others to stock up on REAL books so he can use this evil, handy gadget.

Andrew Stonebarger of the Book Escape on Light Street doesn't seem too worried. In fact, he was ready to complain jokingly about all the reorders he's had to place of "The Hunger Games" and the fantastic new "Federal Hill." You will love its incredible

The Hill Street News *by Jane Wehrle*

photos. He also gave us a sneak peek into upcoming events which include book signings by **William Clark** and **Maria Sosa**, the authors of this book on our neighborhood, and a memoir signing by **Benjamin Busch** of "The Wire." There will also be some store remodeling soon.

Here's another dad who is into sports. **Aaron--aka Stubbsky--Stubbs** is originally from Perth, Western Australia and has been living in South Baltimore since 1998. Part of Team Australia in the World Cup Lacrosse Games of 1990, 1994, and 1998, he came to Baltimore through lacrosse activities over the years. He also interacted with Baltimoreans and other East Coast players and coaches who visited Australia for the sport, so he had a group of friends here already when he relocated. The lucky guy met his wife **Greer** here in 2001, and they married in 2003. Now there are four in the family, including their great kids, **Kathleen** and **Aaron**, who both attend Federal Hill Prep. The whole family and many friends were thrilled to watch Stubbsky on national television recently as Aaron wowed everyone in yet another sport...Hillbilly Handfishin'. Aaron grew up working with his father ocean fishing and spiny lobster or crawfish fishing, so he had long been interested in learning the handfishin' technique. Besides being a gorgeous young mom and community activist, Greer is a talented writer, publicist, and also the official section leader of the altos in the Bach Concert Series choir.

Everybody's favorite gad-about, CITYpeek **Patti Neuman**, says she's been getting in shape for spring by exercising at Merritt Fitness and raising mojito glasses at Little Havana's. Her health routine also includes wine-sipping at The Wine Market, chowing down at Matsuri,

eating Thai salad at Regi's and roaming up and down the aisles at Harris-Teeter at McHenry Row. (Does that sound like a lot of munching and guzzling, or is it just me? And she gets paid for this?) Anyway...to protect her from the paparazzi, she keeps two fuzzy, vicious Heads of Security around most of the time. Wheaten terrier Bogart and BARCS cockapoo rescue, Jack-Pierre, might lick you to death, and Bogart also sends word that he would like to meet other neighborhood Wheatens. Sounds as though he is as much a social animal as Ms. CITYpeek herself, who is now a featured columnist in the "Baltimore Business Journal" and has just started a social media marketing arm to help businesses navigate and integrate social media. Check out "CITYPEEK Patti" everywhere to find out other scoop on her activities.

Brooke McDonald, Michael Brassert, and lovers of good food throughout Maryland are excited about "The Maryland Harvest," a documentary about Maryland farms and farmers and the chefs who love them. Hosted by **Al Spoler** and produced by Houpla, Inc., the program will air on Maryland Public Television on April 17 at 9 PM and will take us a gastronomic tour of the state with Maryland chefs. You'll love watching Woodberry Kitchen's **Skike Gjerde**, **Cindy Wolf** of Charleston, **David McCallum** of Tilghman Island Inn, and **Rob Plant** of Blue Wind Gourmet. Federal Hill's own **Jaden Kielty**, a talented sixth grader, does the voiceover for the credits on the program and did a great job! Be sure to let MPT know if you enjoy the show by calling or emailing: 410-581-4097 or comments@mpt.org to ensure support for future ventures.

I'll close with the kind of story that illustrates exactly why this neighborhood is so special--and shows its community spirit - which is why we love it here. I wish you a great April, and instead of paraphrasing, I'll let this message I received from **Brett** (and **Amanda**) **Austin** take us out "as is" this month.

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"Hi Jane, I just want to share a story about some great people in our neighborhood. **Pete and Lisa** that own PITILIS Dry Cleaning on the corner of Warren and Light Street. They always do a wonderful job on our clothing and they also do all their cleaning in-house. If you need something in a hurry they always accommodate with a smile. They have done our clothing for years (Amanda has quite a collection). The main reason I am telling you about these folks is how **HONEST** they are. I am known to be a bit forgetful. Keys, wallet, cash and on occasion I forget where I parked my car. Quite a few times I have walked in to pick up and pay for my dry cleaning and to my surprise they hand over the clothes and give me the balance of the cash that I had left in my pockets. How many dry cleaners do you think would do that? I'm sure I'm not the only customer with a story like that. I would like to encourage everyone to support this wonderful family who has taken care of many in our neighborhood for years. You'll be glad you did!!!!"

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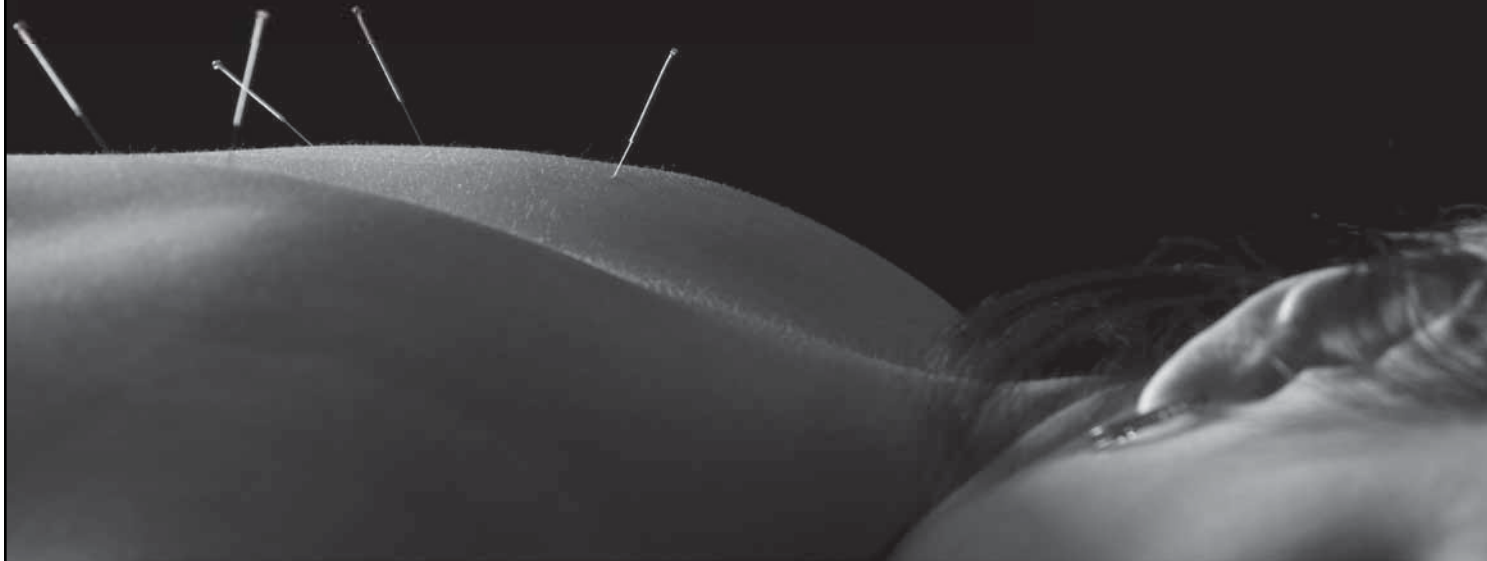


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Federal Hill Frivolity

By John Ginovsky

Just about every morning when I go for a run or when I used to walk my dog I pick up bags of discarded beer, wine and liquor containers left over from the night before (everything from empty Dom Perignon bottles to unopened Bud Ice cans), evidence of Federal Hill's inherent propensity to promote a good time.

There's historic precedent for this. The bluff originally was named "John Smith's Hill," in honor of Capt. John Smith, who in 1608, wrote about "a great red bank of clay flanking a natural harbor basin." On Dec. 22, 1788, following ratification of the U.S. Constitution by the Maryland General Assembly, a great parade of regular townspeople was held from Fells Point around the basin, ending up on the heights renamed "Federal Hill." And what did the 4,000 or so people do once they got there? At least one list of provisions for the ensuing party includes the consumption of 500 pounds of ham, 1,000 pounds of beef, 15.5 barrels of beer, 240 gallons of hard cider and, to mellow it all off, 9.5 gallons of peach brandy.

It took a while to establish an actual city park on top of the hill. In 1848, somebody ran a tavern called "Citizen's Retreat" there. Two years later a 10-pin bowling alley provided some entertainment. A park was proposed in 1853, but nothing was done. Then the Civil War brought Union troops and fortifications that remained through most of the 1860s. The park idea resurfaced in 1875, but it wasn't until 1880 that a plan was submitted to build retaining walls around the perimeter. Plans for the steps facing on East Montgomery Street were drawn up in 1882, and the first

electric lights were installed on top of the hill in 1885.

The famous shipping observatory was set up by Capt. David Porter Sr. in 1797, as a commercial enterprise. For a fee, observers would train their telescopes down the Patapsco River to the Chesapeake Bay and identify commercial ships sailing, and later steaming, into port. The observers then would run up special flags that identified the ships. Interested people in the harbor, such as ship owners, insurers, chandlers, stevedores, tavern owners and sailors' wives would then be alerted hours before the ships arrived.

The observatory – which started as a simple line of flag poles – eventually grew into a two-story tower and then, in 1885, was completely redone in Victorian style, boasting an ice cream parlor on the first floor. The advent of the telephone put it out of business in 1899. A thunderstorm brought the structure crashing down for good in 1902.

Curiously, as popular as Federal Hill is and has been with people who live here, it's been the target of politicians and city leaders who on two occasions seriously tried to obliterate it.

In 1967, in pre-urban renaissance Baltimore, plans were approved to level the hill, as well as most of the rest of the neighborhood, in favor of a massive interstate intersection of I-70, I-83 and I-95. Whole blocks were cordoned off with chain-link fence, and bulldozers were ready to go.

It was only through the concerted grassroots efforts of many people in Federal Hill and Fells Point, over many years, and including the designation of the two neighborhoods as historic districts, that the plan was changed.

More than a century before, however, Federal Hill already had come perilously close to destruction. In 1859, a Dr. Thomas Buckler championed a plan to literally shovel the entire hill into the shipping basin. He had a point. At the time, the harbor was a cesspool of sewage and disease, presenting terrible health problems and a horrible and persistent stench. Also, other city officials got behind the plan as a way to extend city streets straight across the harbor, thus easing transport between parts of the city.

The leading landowners and merchants of the time were appalled. The likes of Henry Walters, Johns Hopkins and Enoch Pratt feared their trades would suffer and their property values would decline.

Nobody knows who did it, but, on the day the city council was to vote on the measure, somebody snuck into the council chamber and removed all the copies of engineering plans from the members' desks. With nothing to consider, no vote was taken. End of story.

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Arbor Day (from the Latin *arbor*, meaning tree) is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska, United States during 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. The first Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872, and an estimated 1 million trees were planted that day.

Many countries now observe a similar holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

Birdsey Northrop of Connecticut was responsible for globalizing it when he visited Japan in 1883 and delivered his Arbor Day and Village Improvement message. In that same year, the American Forestry Association made Northrop the Chairman of the committee to campaign for Arbor Day nationwide. He also

brought his enthusiasm for Arbor Day to Australia, Canada and Europe.^[1]

Arbor Day reached its height of popularity on its 125th anniversary in 1997, when David J. Wright, noticed that a Nebraska nonprofit organisation called the National Arbor Day Foundation had taken the name of the holiday and commercialized it for their own use as a trademark for their publication "Arbor Day," so he countered their efforts, launched a website, and trademarked it for "public use celebrations" and defended the matter in a federal district court in the United States^[2] to ensure it was judged as property of the public domain, the case was settled in October 1999. Today anyone can use the term "Arbor Day" as well as hold their own Arbor Day celebration.

Reminder; FHNA Neighbors should clean, aerate, and mulch our sidewalk openings (pits) at the street trees in front of our homes.

Rich Polan, thetreeguy@polan.org

TREES, An Arbor Day Poem

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

-- Joyce Kilmer

An Arbor Day Quote

"I never before knew the full value of

trees. Under them I breakfast, dine, write, read and receive my company."

—Thomas Jefferson


Another Arbor Day Quote

"To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."—Theodore Roosevelt

One, Final Arbor Day Quote


"We make an immense mistake when we think of trees as solely an aesthetic member of a community. They cut pollution, they cool the air, they prevent erosion, they muffle sound, they produce oxygen. Then, after all that, they look good." — Dr. Richard Leakey





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Meanwhile, we can all take inventory of the condition of our front sidewalks and streets, rear yards, flower pots and bushes, trash containers, gutters and downspouts and the like for general fix up, repair or replacement. To facilitate our neighborhood in these endeavors, three committees will be joining forces (Schools – Jessica Damen, Block Captains – Kelly Sheehan and Beautification – Walt Saxon) to participate in the Citywide cleanup scheduled for Saturday April 21st.

Jessica and Digital Harbor are working on student volunteers for the day. Block Captains will marshal their blocks in the cleanup and get people to the party, and Beautification Committee members will be stationed around the “hood” and both parks to assist as needed. Mark your calendars and plan to shed some of your unwanted debris and worn out treasures. Remember to include the neighborhood kids in your activities!

We will have a city dumpster positioned near **Warren and William Streets** on Aprils 21st from 9 am to 1 pm for “regular” trash and yard debris (no bulk trash, hazardous stuff, recycles etc). We will have a limited number of loaner tools and trash bags for general use by our neighbors. Also if you have any extra or unwanted plants or shrubs, let us know and we will find them a new home. If you are able to take advantage of good weather and need to get rid of some trash items ahead of the clean up date, the City collection dump at Reedbird Avenue will take it: Monday through Saturday Bring your license! Please note that they will also take your electronics for recycling. Also, Second Chance, Goodwill and Salvation Army will take lightly used items for resale in their shops.

We are in need of more volunteers on all three committees and would like to welcome you if you can spare an hour here or there, have a project you would like to do or have suggestions for our groups. Any volunteers just for cleanup day only will be particularly appreciated.

Now for the FUN part of the day! Please join

the volunteers and your neighbors at **Mother's** from 1 pm to 3 pm. There will be free food and special drink prices courtesy of the nice folks @ **Mother's**. **Mother's** is located just south of Cross Street at 1113 South Charles Street.

RSVP to Kelly Sheehan @ 410-322-8026 if you plan to come, so we can get a head count for the food that **Mother's** will be providing.

We hope you can be there for the big celebration!

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410-703-9133

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410-539-2612

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Thank you for your participation!



COPS Walk

Pictured above are the happy participants in the recent Citizens on Patrol walk. Walks are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meet in front of Porters pub at Riverside and Cross Streets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26th.



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There will be new and used hardbacks, paperbacks, DVD's, CD's and much more! All proceeds go to benefit the Friends' sponsored programs at the library. Donations of new and gently used books are always welcome to help support the sale and may be dropped off at the desk in the library. No encyclopedias or textbooks, please.

The Light Street Library is located at 1251 Light Street, Baltimore, 21230, tele: (410) 396-1096. We hope to see you at the sale!



2012 FHNA Membership Form

If you would prefer to pay by credit card you can visit the FHNA website to register:
www.federalhillbaltimore.org and click on Membership

Member 1) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Please indicate if you are a Resident ____ (Voting) or Non-Resident ____ (Non-Voting Member)

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Make checks payable to: Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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On behalf of our entire company we welcome with pride and enthusiasm JoAnne Poole, our new manager of our Federal Hill office. JoAnne has a long impressive list of accomplishments in our industry that would fill several pages. To mention a few, she is a former president of the Anne Arundel Board of Realtors where she was also Realtor of the Year, a former president of the Maryland Association of Realtors, a national director of the National Association of Realtors and the list goes on and on. We wish her every success and are thrilled to be working with her.

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