

HarborWalk *Happenings*

Bulletin of the Harbor Walk Townhouse Association

July 2010

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Pool Picnic

Many thanks to Social Coordinator Nancy Notaro and able assistants Bruce Shapiro (refreshments) and Scott Banker (chef) for a wonderful evening on June 18 at the Otterbein Swim Club. Over 50 HWTA residents and families enjoyed grilled burgers and dogs and shared in delicious appetizers, sides and desserts contributed by everyone. With perfect weather, it was an evening enjoyed by all.

Thanks, as well, to Bill Carlson, President of the OSC, for allowing HWTA to use the facility free of charge.

Board Highlights

The Board held its monthly meeting on June 9. The following items were addressed:

- According to Michael Neall, attorney, there are now liens on two HWTA homes for non-payment of assessments. His firm is pursuing all avenues of collection.
- John Geist will attend a meeting on July 6 regarding a Department of Transportation proposal to create a traffic circle at the intersection of Light St. and Key Highway. Contact John for more information.
- Potential impact of the upcoming (August, 2011) Indy Car Race on our neighborhood was discussed. Bob Muir has been representing the Board in meetings with Baltimore Racing Development...the private entity that is sponsoring the race. Possible financial benefits to our neighborhood have been discussed, but the HWTA does not expect any impact on the 2011 budget. Bob will be participating in ongoing meetings beginning in late June. *Happenings* will keep residents updated about all aspects of the race and what it means for residents of Harbor Walk.
- A preliminary agenda for the monthly Board meeting will be posted on the website. (www.theotterbien.org) on the Monday before each meeting. All residents are welcome to attend.
- Neighbors are asked to attend properly to their trash. City law requires all trash be put in **covered** containers and **not** be out to the curb until after sunset the evening before pick-up on Wednesday. Recycling should **not** be put out until Friday morning (or after sunset the evening before). Neighbors are also asked to clean up any debris left by the sanitation workers.

Green Thoughts in Harbor Walk

John Geist

Are you a tree hugger? Harbor Walk has nearly 200 trees for which our Association is responsible. Would you be willing to be a Tree Steward? No pay, but invaluable training and the satisfaction of helping our trees prosper. Interested? Please call John Geist at 410 659-4162 or email at carolandjohngeist@verizon.net.

Planters: Many residents planted flowers and shrubs in their planters and in the front of their homes creating a bright and colorful community. With the high temperatures of summer, please remember to water regularly (the street trees, too!). If you need direction or assistance with beautifying a planter, contact Landscape Committee member Emma Stokes at 410 685-6435.

Wheel Park: The sink hole at the north end of Wheel Park, which resulted from an error by HWTA's contractor when turning off the irrigation system in the fall, has been repaired. At the expense of the contractor and with help from the City Department of Transportation, new turf has been installed.

Many thanks to Steve Harper for watering during the irrigation turn-off. Repairs are being made to a rusted fence post, also at the north end.

Hill Street: Neighbors have declined the HWTA offer to install temporary irrigation to the vinca beds. Until permanent irrigation can be installed, neighbors will water the beds throughout the summer

Thank you: Thanks to Randy Kuning for installing the last section of fence in the southeast corner garden of Hanover Square

Bits and Pieces

- **July 4th** activities begin at the Inner Harbor at 2pm. with musical performances including Lovecraft (2pm) and the Naval Academy's Electric Brigade (8pm). Fireworks, sponsored by Ports America Chesapeake, begin at 9:30pm. For more information, go to www.Baltimore.org
- **Citizens on Patrol** – Join local residents at 7pm on Thursday, July 8, at the corner of S. Sharp and Henrietta Street. Join with a Southern District police officer, learn about crime prevention in your neighborhood, express your concerns and meet new neighbors. Minimum of five residents and temperature below 90 degrees at 6pm!
- **Artscape is July 16-18**
- **New neighbors** Josh and Kristen Gary, with sons Liam (3 ½) and Brooks (6 months), arrive from Texas to 507 S. Hanover in mid-July. If you see them about, please give them a warm welcome.
- Otterbein neighbors, Pam and John Schuller, are introducing **Baltimore's newest neighborhood artist** at an Open House at their home (105 W. Hill Street) on Saturday, July 31, from 6-8pm. John uses oils to paint scenes of Baltimore, Key West and coastal North Carolina. For a preview, www.schullerart.com.
- **Stadium Event:** Manchester City vs Inter Milan, Saturday, July 31 at M and T Bank Stadium. Look for crowds, traffic and excitement.
- There will be **no** Board meeting or newsletter in August.

Housekeeping Items

Before beginning any exterior repairs or alterations to your home, please check with the Architectural Review Committee regarding the need for Association approval. You may also need permits from the city and, if you are an Otterbein Association member, from the OCA as well. Contact Bob Muir, ARC coordinator, at archwta@aol.com.

Trash: Every Wednesday morning. Use solid, lidded containers only. **Recycling:** Every Friday morning. Consolidated pickup of bottles, cans and paper in covered container (no plastic bags). **Bulk Trash Pickup:** First Tuesday of each month (next July 6) at your regular pickup point. You must call 311 (city services) three days in advance to request a pickup. **Removing:** Residents in the lots off Conway or Hughes Street and behind the west side of the 600 block of South Hanover Street who find cars illegally parked in their space may call Greenwood Towing at 410-669-1661. You must provide the code G-2288. There is no charge to residents for this service.

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Next Board Meeting: Wednesday July 14, 7 p.m., University Specialty Hospital, 611 S. Charles Street. All welcome.

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