



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HIGHLANDTOWN



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MAIN STREET MATTERS BY HILLARY CHESTER

As the new Main Street Manager, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who welcomed me upon my arrival in Highlandtown. I hope in the following months to get the opportunity to meet you all in person and address your concerns or suggestions for our retail district.

I would also like to offer this newsletter as a forum to post any community news or events as a means of opening up communications between the many groups we have in the area. I plan to print the newsletter every 2 months and will have the April/May issue out

by April 3rd. Forward any information or website info you would like to include by Friday March 27th. Please call me at the number below if you have any questions about the newsletter or any of our Main Street programs. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

Hillary Chester

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **HMA Happy Hour**
Thurs. Feb 12th
5-7pm
Carlos O Charlie's
- **HMA Meeting**
Fri. Feb 13th
9:15 am
Eastern House
- **Marquis Ball Sat.**
Sat., April 18th
Creative Alliance
410-276-1651
- **Green Fest**
Sat. April 25th
Enoch Pratt SE
Anchor Branch
443-984-3942
- **Wine Festival**
Sun, April 26th
Lady of Pompei
www.highlandtown.com
- **Don't Forget!**
Highlandtown
Farmer's Market
Starts
Sat., July 11th

1 WEEKEND...2 GREAT EVENTS

1st Annual Green Fest Sat., April 25th Pratt Library

It's 2009, and everyone is going green. Connect with fellow Southeast Baltimore residents to make our community a cleaner, greener place. Learn practical tips, view demonstrations, and participate in neighborhood planting and greening projects at the first Southeast Green Festival. Activities include a bird walk, mulching project, community clean ups & many workshops including rain barrel design. Look for more info next issue!....

Highlandtown Wine Fest Sun., April 26th Our Lady of Pompei

Sunday April 26th- the seventh annual Highlandtown Wine Festival celebrating the tradition of home winemaking will be held at Our Lady of Pompei Convent Garden on the corner of Conkling and Claremont. Once again, it will feature a homemade wine competition, wine tastings, bocce tournament, food and live music. Admission includes a souvenir wine glass and five wine tastings. A full schedule of events will be listed in the next issue!!

GLOBE POSTER MAKES CITY PAPER FRONT PAGE

By Hillary Chester

If you haven't already seen the cover of the City Paper's February 4th Edition, please take a look! It features a story on a local business- The Globe Poster Printing Corporation.

Opened in 1929 and later purchased in 1974 by its current owners, the Cicero family, it has been the premier venue for concert and advertising posters not only in Baltimore, but all over the nation. Located in the 3700 block of Bank Street between Conkling and Eaton, it occupies an assuming building which belies its colorful and crowded interior.

Currently run by brothers Frank and Bob Cicero, it at one time employed their father, the late Joe Cicero Sr. and brother, Joe Cicero Jr., now retired. They have produced tour posters for artists such as James Brown, Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan. Many of Globe's original posters are on display at the Rock & Roll hall of Fame, and many are now available as reproductions in shops and online at www.globeposterclassics.com.

In addition to the tour posters, Globe is also responsible for the day-glo carnival posters we all saw growing up. As a matter of fact, Globe designed the posters for Highlandtown Main Street's Miracle on Main Street event last December....remember all those neon green signs on the avenue last Christmas?

Don't forget- they also design and print advertising materials, signs, tickets, cards and even shot targets! Check them out!



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NEW CLOCK ON CONKLING

By Bruce Lindstrom

Good times, bad times, hot times, slow times, fast times. Highlandtown and her residents have seen their share of different times. One thing we all know is that time does move on and all things change. Well, with one exception time has moved on. On the Northwest corner of Eastern and Conkling, time has stood still for what seems like an eternity, or at least many years. But soon, that will no longer be the case.

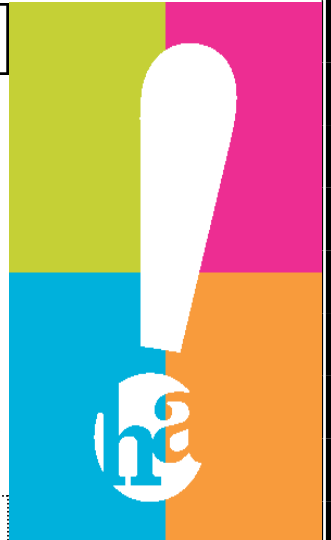
The Highlandtown Merchants' Association took on the replacement of the street clock as one of the 2008 projects. It was selected during the fall and built during the last quarter of the year. The clock is a two dial Courtyard, for all of you time hobbyists. It has a display that properly spells "Highlandtown" at the top. It is forest green with gold trim and, thanks to its GPS, should be able to automatically handle power outages and daylight savings time variations for years to come. We are presently selecting the contractor and working with city officials to arrange an installation in the next few weeks.

HA!PPENINGS IN THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Highlandtown's Arts & Entertainment District (a.k.a. ha!) is the largest such designated area in the state; encompassing Highlandtown, Patterson Park and portions of Canton and Greektown. Ha! offers artists the opportunity to live and work in one of the most culturally diverse neighborhoods in the city. ha! boasts southeast's largest collection of retail and industrial spaces, along with affordable housing and a convenient location, easily accessible from I-95, I-895, Fells Point and Downtown.

Ha! is home of Creative Alliance at The Patterson, galleries, artist studios, and retail shops with a variety of activities happening year around including Salsapolkalooza, the Great Halloween Lantern Parade, the Highlandtown Farmer's Market and Artket, Annual Studio Tours, Sculpture in the Park, the Highlandtown Wine Festival, and the Highlandtown Basement Bar Tour.

MEETINGS HELD the 1ST WEDNESDAY of each month at the **LAUGHING PINT** on Gough from 4-7pm



highlandtownarts.com

Spring into Art *Four* Art show & sale to benefit Patterson Park Charter School March 28th & 29th www.pppcs.org/spring-into-art for more info

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS BY KARI SNYDER

From the bright lights and bustling lobby of the Patterson Theater to the quiet corridors of the Southeast Anchor Library, from lunch at famed Di Pasquale's to a play date on the fields of Patterson Park--Highlandtown has a lot to offer.

Yet, despite its many assets, Highlandtown has been traditionally undervalued. Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc., a Baltimore City non-profit that helps strong but undervalued neighborhoods increase housing values, market their communities, and forge strong connections among neighbors, recognized the potential of Highlandtown and designated it a "Healthy Neighborhood." With this designation came a number of incentives to stimulate the housing market and recreate Highlandtown as *the* destination neighborhood in Baltimore.

With support from Healthy Neighborhoods, the Southeast CDC offers the following to potential and current Highlandtown residents:

- Low-interest loans for the purchase, refinance and renovation of homes
- Grant funds for block beautification projects
- Marketing and block organizing support

If you have any questions about how to apply for a renovation loan or want to convene a block meeting, plan a block project or help with neighborhood events and volunteering, call Kari at 410-342-3234 ext 29 or email kari@southeastcdc.org.



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Highlandtown Community Association (HCA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm, Salem United Methodist Church 3403 Gough St. www.highlandtown.com for more info

MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY FELICIA ZANINO-BAKER

Dear Merchants:

It was very nice meeting many of my fellow Merchants this past week as I walked the Main Street with our HMA Coordinator, Claire Corcoran. The February Merchant's Happy Hour on Feb 12th will, I hope, be the first of many opportunities for us to meet, exchange ideas, and work towards a prosperous 2009. One common issue mentioned by all of the Merchants was related to the lack of parking. I encourage any comments or suggestions on this issue to be forwarded to me directly, and/or Claire Corcoran highlandtownmerchants@gmail.com so that we may work towards a solution to this problem.

Also, remember that we have an HMA website - (highlandtownmerchants.com). Please forward us your website address and we will create a link on our website directly to your business!

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