



Ashburton NEWS LETTER



Ashburton Area Association

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Fall 2007

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- * Election Day, Sept 11th
- * Ashburton Area Association meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 7pm at Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elementary/Middle School, 3935 Hilton Road
- * Congratulations to **Karema and Ser Greene** on the birth of their daughter, **Joy** and **Zenita** and **Chico Hurley** on the birth of son, **Chase**
- * Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Geraldine Saulter and Family of Barrington Rd. in the loss of husband and father. **Mr. Reese Saulter**
- * Tired of seeing litter all over Baltimore, Share ideas on www.CleanerGreenerBaltimore.org on how to keep Baltimore clean and green.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the lazy days of summer comes to an end let us prepare for the bustle of fall. School has began and we encourage you to volunteer or make donations to our neighborhood school, Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elementary/Middle School. The teachers and staff are so grateful for your support.

Election Day is September 11th be sure to have your voice heard by voting.

September 15th come out and celebrate with us during our Annual Ashburton Community Block Party. This will be held on the 3200 Block of Dorchester Road, between Ellamont and Hilton Road. With free food, music, games and an opportunity to fellowship with members of the Ashburton community this is an event that should not be missed! Please feel free to bring a dish to share with neighbors. We will also have a Moon Bounce and other children activities.

Finally, on September 18th we will have our General Body meeting. There are so many exciting things taking place in Ashburton. We are working on better establishing our Citizens on Patrol, as well as creating partnerships with our business communities and with the neighborhoods surrounding Ashburton.

I hope to see you all at the block party and out volunteering. Getting and giving go hand and hand. Let's keep Ashburton a safe and a beautiful place to live. Volunteer!

Ser Greene
President

Special Thanks to Guy Lucas and Anthony Samuels in spearheading the new *Citizens on Patrol* initiatives.

An activist is one who is actively involved in creating community, whether that is locally in their neighborhood or internationally. It is an admirable quality.

Jasmine Guy



Autumn is a second spring when every leaf's a flower.

Albert Camus

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15

**Ashburton Community
Annual Block Party**



11am -4pm

3200 Block of Dorchester

Food, music and games!

OCTOBER 1

OCTOODOFEST

Close up encounters with animal ambassadors and music make this free kick-off of ZooBoo month a special treat.

Mon Oct 1, 10am - 4:30pm

Maryland Zoo in Baltimore - Druid Hill Park

Advance reservations are not required.

OCTOBER 20-21

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Baltimore's visual artists—they're brilliant, inspired, and dazzling. Now this fall, you'll have the rare chance to step into their studios and their worlds, during School 33 Art Center's Annual Open Studio Tour. 1427 Light Street from

12:00pm-5:00pm

SEPTEMBER 18

**Ashburton Area Community
Association Meeting**

7:00pm

at Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elementary/Middle School, 3935 Hilton Road

OCTOBER 13

REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Retracing the Search for Our Roots, 1977-2007 A Retrospective on Three Decades of History, Genealogy & Reconnection
Enjoy free admission to the museum, screenings of the groundbreaking serial *Roots*, historical panel discussions, family arts & crafts, a family reunion workshop and as a finale, the Baltimore Choral Arts performance of "Let My People Go."

Sat Oct 13 Museum Hours 10am-5pm



OCTOBER 27

NATIONAL GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM

The Hand-in-Hand Tour: Were It Not For The Music an onsite/offsite performance/tour featuring its one-of-a-kind exhibits,

10:00am-6:00pm

SEPTEMBER 28-30

Baltimore Book Festival

Featuring 150+ authors including Nikki Giovanni, Pearl Cleage, Rev Run & Justine Simmons, Karrine Steffans, Rafael Alvarez and many more!



OCTOBER 20

CENTER FOR CULTURAL EDUCATION

Live jazz performances by local musicians, guest poets speaking about jazz & a spoken-word workshop conducted by local & guest poets. **2pm - 5pm**

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Pennsylvania Avenue Branch

1531 W. North Avenue

Free passes may be reserved by phone 410-669-2975.

November 17

Baltimore's



Thanksgiving Parade

11:00am-3:00pm

Pratt Street

Have A Garden-Friendly Fall

As we move into the fall don't put away your garden gloves just yet. There are lots of beautiful plants and veggies that can be enjoyed throughout the fall.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS are one of the most versatile flowers for the fall garden, ranging in flower forms, sizes, and hues. Plant garden mums in compost-enriched soil in full sun for best blooms. Apply a thick layer of organic mulch around plants in cold winter areas.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES add substance to the garden and liven it up with colorful plumes in shades of yellow, orange, or coppery red. Grasses thrive when planted in late summer to early fall even in cold areas. Japanese silver grass has silvery pink to pinkish copper plumes; plume grass has large feathery plumes resembling pampas grass.

BROCCOLI brings a tasteful accent to the fall garden and kitchen. Heads that mature during cooler fall weather are the sweetest and most tender. Textural heads also enliven the garden, especially if left to erupt into clusters of bright yellow flowers. Grow in full sun and fertile, well-drained soil enriched with compost.

CABBAGE is much sweeter when the heads are allowed to mature during cooler conditions. And the heads hold well into fall, providing you with an intriguing border plant of form and color in the garden, and later, great-tasting ingredients for coleslaw or for use in soups and stews. Grow transplants in a sunny location in moderately rich, moist, well-drained soil.

LEEKs look like colossal green onions, growing from two to three inches in diameter and two to three feet tall. These extra-cold-hardy vegetables are able to bring considerable vertical interest to the garden as well as in ornamental beds and borders. Best to grow in partial shade to full sun in well-drained soil enriched with plenty of compost — then enjoy their sweet and subtle onionlike flavor all winter long and even into the spring.

Fall Recipe: Baked Apples

6 large red baking apples like Rome Beauty, Cortland, or Gala

Juice and finely grated zest of 1 lemon

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

3 packed tablespoons dark brown sugar

1/4 cup dried currants

1/4 cup broken walnut pieces, toasted

Six 3-inch whole cinnamon sticks

1/2 cup apple cider

1/2 cup dark rum, cider, or water

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.



Slice off about 1/4-inch of the top of each apple. (The apple tops are perfect for snacking.) Scoop out the seeds and core of the apple with a melon-baller to make a pocket. Peel off about a 1/2-inch band of the apple's skin along the upper half of the apple with a vegetable peeler. Brush the peeled part and the interior of the apple with lemon juice.

In a small mixing bowl, combine the butter, lemon zest, and sugar. Add the currants and nuts. Place some of the butter mixture and a cinnamon stick in each of the apples. Place the apples in an ovenproof baking dish just large enough to hold the apples upright. Pour in the cider and rum, bake until the apple is tender, about 30 minutes. Baste the apples with the cider/rum mixture with a bulb baster, 2 or 3 times, during baking. Serve warm or at room temperature with softly whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

CALLING ALL KIDS

You can be a part of the Ashburton newsletter. Just send in a poem or short essay to be considered for the next publication our theme for the next issue is: Winter Wonderland! Send in anything poems about playing in the snow or a drawing of a Christmas tree. Anything at all, random submissions are welcome! We'll see you in print!

WE NEED YOU

Do you have a few hours per month dedicated to the betterment of Ashburton? If you answered yes to this question please consider volunteering for Citizens on Patrol. There will be a sign up sheet at the General Body meeting on September 18th. Otherwise contact Anthony Samuels: anthony_samuels@hotmail.com

BALTIMORE CITY SERVICES

Try the City of Baltimore's online CitiTrack Service Request System as an alternative to dialing "311" You can request a variety of services.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE HOTLINE
To report suspicious behavior
(888) 223-0033

THE RUMOR CONTROL number is to obtain factual information on emergency situations.
(410) 396-1188

Take a look at [ww.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) for a full list of city services.

Dues and Support Contribution Invoice

Select your category and bring to the next community meeting or mail this invoice and your check, payable to:

Ashburton Area Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 67123

Baltimore, MD 21215

Individual Household Membership \$20.00

Business Supporter \$100.00 to \$150.00

Non-Profit Supporter \$50.00- \$99.00

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Address _____

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Committee Interest _____

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