



Ashburton NewsLetter



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Message from the President

Greetings Ashburton Neighbors:

It would appear, spring has finally sprung. As I walk my dog through Ashburton, I see neighbors out working in their yard, working on their homes and simply enjoying the things spring has to offer. I've also noticed that we have many new neighbors moving in. I want to ask every person in Ashburton to go out and meet two or three new neighbors this spring. In our efforts to maintain Ashburton as a premiere place to live, it is imperative that we all get to know the families that make Ashburton a great community – one introduction at a time. If you know everyone on your block then go to the next.

If you are one of the new neighbors to Ashburton, a great place to meet your neighbors is at an Ashburton Meeting. **Our next meeting will be at Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elementary/ Middle School at 7PM on Tuesday May 8th.** Please come out and hear about all of the things that are in the works. We have major things on the horizon with historic designation for Ashburton, road pavement, Neighborhood Block Party planning and much more. We need your participation and your input on these and other topics.

This newsletter has a great article entitled Good Neighbors Extend Themselves. Please read over that section. I think the points it makes will go a long way for our community. As a father of four (soon to be five), I have a special request. Ashburton has a lot of young people. Adults should take the time to talk with them and not down to them. Ask them probing questions that cause them to have a conversation with you for 5 minutes. You may find their opinions enlightening. However it goes, your 5 minute conversation may have encouraged a mind that will be the future of Ashburton.

I look forward to seeing, meeting and working with as many of you as possible this spring and summer. Until then, enjoy the spring, enjoy Ashburton, and enjoy every day that God has blessed you with.

Have a great summer,

Ser A. Greene
ser@sergreene.com

Special points of interest:

* **Ashburton Area Association meeting Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm** at Dr.

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

* **Rev. Maurice Moore and his wife**

Joan, were featured in the Baltimore Sun in March showcasing Ashburton

* **Margaret Soden-Allen**, longtime resident of

Ashburton passed away in her sleep on March 26. She was a 87-year member of Payne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

House For Sale by Owners
3412 Copley Avenue
<http://owners.com/>

*Love, I find, is like
singing. Everyone
can do enough to
satisfy themselves,
though it may not
impress the
neighbors as being
very much.*

Zora Neale Hurston



*Now is the time for planting
summer bulbs and veggies.*

MAY 6- December

Baltimore Farmers' Market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, breads, smoked meats, cheese, flowers and crafts fill the state's largest producers-only market, Holliday and Saratoga Streets, under the JFX I-877-BALTIMORE

Sundays from 8am-Noon

MAY 12

Cylburn Market Day

Largest plant and crafts sale of spring for Baltimore and surrounding area.

Cylburn Arboretum
4915 Greenspring Ave
410-367-2217

8:00am- 2:00pm

MAY 26,

Baltimore Yard Sale

Camden Yards

JULY 6-8, Friday, 5:00pm-10:00pm, .

ARTSCAPE 2007

Continuous musical performances by local and national performers on four outdoor stages, indoor and outdoor visual arts, exhibitions, film, theater, the Artists' Market with crafts and works for sale, and more. 1200 block of Mount Royal Avenue

MAY 8

Ashburton Area Community Association Meeting at Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elementary/Middle School, 3935 Hilton Road

7:00pm

MAY 12

Create African masks. This family friendly activity will be led by local community artist Herb Massie. ***Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture*** 830 E. Pratt Street

RSVP by calling 443-263-1828

noon-2:00pm

JUNE 9

Drop-In Crafts at Cylburn

Two nature craft projects will be available for children (ages 5-10) and their accompanying adults at this drop-in session in the Mansion.

10:00am-Noon

JULY 13-15,

African American Heritage Festival

Oriole Park at Camden Yards, 410-318-8286

Friday, 5:00pm-10:00pm., Saturday & Sunday, noon-9:00pm

MAY 10

Retaining Neighborhood Character from Within Join the Community Law Center and community associations across Baltimore to learn how to create grassroots committees. Neighborhood Design Center, 1401 Hollin Street To RSVP please call 410-233-9686 or email info@ndc-md.org

6:30pm

MAY 19

Preakness

Pimlico Race Course
410-542-9400

Gates open at 8:00am

JUNE 23

City Sand 2007. Local teams of architects, builders, and other design professionals compete in annual competition of building multi-dimensional, spectacular themed sand sculptures. 410-427-0123 x 232

Noon-4:00pm

JULY 20-22

Caribbean Carnival Festival
Druid Hill Park

Friday, noon-10:00pm., Saturday, noon-10:00pm and Sunday, noon-8:00pm

Citizens on Patrol Needs You!

There have been a few calls in reference to security concerns, since we last met with the major from our local precinct.

We have formed a **Citizens on Patrol** and we need to have the involvement of as many people as possible. Not much is needed, just 1 hour a month.

Please contact Ser Greene to pick a time slot.

You can walk around the neighborhood, drive your car or ride your bike. We just need to keep our eyes and ears open for things happening in our neighborhood. To sign up for **Citizens On Patrol** email ser@sergreene.com



The newsletter informs residents about people, activities, celebrations and services in Ashburton and of actions of the Ashburton Association. The newsletter accepts news, information and suggestions. Please send any news of births, weddings, graduations, anniversaries and deaths or any other information that you would like to share with your neighbors. Letters to the editor are encouraged! Send to Kendra Watts Abaidoo P.O. Box 67132, Baltimore, MD 21215

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contact Kendra at 410-644-7899

Good Neighbors Extend Themselves

Some believe that fences make good neighbors but I believe extending yourself to your neighbor through acts of goodwill will ensure a lifetime of friendship. Here are a few things to do to ensure pleasant relations with your neighbors.

- Take absent neighbor's

trash can to his/her yard rather than have lid & can on curb all day after trash pick-up.

- Synchronize errand runs to avoid expensive car trips.
- Check on elderly neighbors.
- Introduce yourself to

new/not so new neighbors.

- Show respect and kindness to young and old.
- Greet and engage young people in conversations
- Share upcoming events of interest. Arrange to attend together.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND LEARN TO DANCE!

Interested in taking off those winter pounds? Why not go out dancing at one of Baltimore's premier dancing venues.

Club One Wednesday Salsa nights, "Salsa Uno @ One," starting at 7 pm. Salsa classes are at 7:30-9:30 pm. One is located at 300 E. Saratoga Street (corner of Guilford and Saratoga).

Austin Grill at 2400 Boston Street in Canton hosts free swing dances. Monday nights are free beginner classes from 7:30 to 8. From 8 to 9, classes are an ongoing beginner class, with a \$10 fee. Open dancing follows the lessons from 9 to 11 pm.

Gardel's Supper Club hosts "Fusion Fridays," a night of

salsa and Latin mix with the area's top Latin DJs, on the 1st floor (\$10 cover charge). "Sexty Salsa Saturdays" feature salsa, meringue, cha cha and bacchante to live bands and guest DJs from 9 pm to 2 am. For more information about Gardel's schedule call 410-837-3737.

So what are you waiting for put on those dancing shoes!

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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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Committee Interest _____

I SUPPORT HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR ASHBURTON Yes No Undecided

Signature: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Property Address: _____ **Date:** _____

Property Name/Ownership: _____

Property is owned by a corporation or is publicly owned, responsible official should sign and then check this box

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