



*Peanut the AIA membership hound (3218 Abell Ave) wants you to join!*

**Mission of the Abell Improvement Association...**

- Foster the general welfare of all residents of our Community
- Maintain our Community's appearance, safety, and good order
- Promote cultural, racial, and ethnic harmony
- Foster a strong sense of neighborliness and community spirit
- Represent the Community's interest to local and state government.

*(from current AIA Bylaws revised and approved April 20, 2004)*

**Why become a member of the Abell Improvement Association?**

Membership is about showing your support for the activities of the AIA - continuing to make our neighborhood (which includes Guilford Avenue, Abell Avenue, Barclay Streets and Greenmount Avenue between a 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Street) a great place to live. Many of us chose to live here because this neighborhood is special and it is up to all of us to take care of and continue to improve it. We all benefit from work done by the AIA.

Your annual dues of only \$5 per person make a huge difference! Your contribution helps to cover basic operating costs, like printing newsletters, costs of community events, Open Space maintenance, initial Street Fair costs, and more. (You don't need to be a member to participate in social events or to receive the newsletter, but your support is appreciated!!)

**What does the Abell Improvement Association do for you?**

- Maintains and improves the **Open Space and garden on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street**
- Provides yearly service for **parking renewals**
- Organizes the **Annual Street Fair**
- Plans **social events** including the Memorial Day picnic, New Year's Eve progressive dinner and holiday caroling
- Improves lighting in our neighborhood with free **Light the Night** light bulbs for front porches
- **Organizes Clean ups** at least 2 times a year
- **Advocates for community improvements** including pedestrian lighting, stops signs (Abell & 32<sup>nd</sup>!) better City services, enforcement of housing and sanitation violations and liquor Board issues, and more
- Keeps the neighborhood **connected and well informed** through monthly **newsletters, website and members e-mail list**
- **Pursues grants and other resources** to improve the neighborhood as needed
- **Movies** in the Open Space and more...

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**Membership Sign-up Form**

Membership is renewed each year in September, and is valid through the following August (e.g. signing up in September of 2008 is valid through August 2009). Memberships received between May and August are applied to through the following year (e.g. if you signed up since May 2007 you get 16 months for the price of 12!). Please return the completed membership form and dues (\$5 per member) to Miruna Patrascanu 3218 Abell Ave (410-366-3883).

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Name (If household has more than one member): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (check here  to place your email address on the AIA Members E-mail list)

**I want to get involved! I am interested in working with the following committee(s) (please mark all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Street Fair                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Welcoming Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Parking               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing/Sanitation issues                | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Walkers           | <input type="checkbox"/> Land use /Liquor Board issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barclay Elemen./Mid. School improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please list): _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact me as needed          |