



# Abell Improvement Association Newsletter

Summer 2023

## ★ STREET FAIR 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ★

### President's Letter

Let's make "Abell Memories"

When Jim, my husband, took a job in Colorado which meant vacating our Abell house for a much longer time than we expected, one of the first things I knew I'd miss was the beauty of our street. Occasionally I'd go to Google Streets to see if there was an updated photo of Abell. Abell in autumn was what I saw, the colorful facades of our houses proudly escorted by tall, red- and gold-leaved beauties. Seeing this picture, I realized that once again I had missed the best part of the year, our Street Fair, which always happens in September. This year will be our Fiftieth, a Golden Anniversary that we are calling "Abell Memories." Lucky for you and me, new memories of the Street Fair are coming soon!

So, I'd like to use this platform to acknowledge the tireless efforts of a small group of our neighbors who have been meeting every Wednesday since April at Peabody Heights to plan and bring to life our upcoming Street Fair, "Abell Memories," on Sunday September 10. In no particular order, here's the list. (Please forgive me if I've missed anyone.) Acknowledge them and thank them for all the hard work and time they are devoting to make this a very special Street Fair.

Drew Northrup; Jane Lewis; Bonnie Bessor; Dan Walker; Jon Birkholz; Emily Snow; Ian Mahoney; Jackson Gilman-Forlini; Joann Robinson; Kathleen Overman; Kelly King; Lauren DiMartino; Lindsey Donnellon; Michael Klima; Nancy Eddy; Rhea Nodel; Samantha Mitchell; Susanne Riveles; Michael Hanes; Laura Yoder; Jim Rubarth-Lay.

There are many reasons you chose and continue to choose to live on Abell. One of them may be the Street Fair. We have longtime and newly joined neighbors working hard year round to keep a sense of belonging and joy alive on Abell, Barclay, and Guilford. From the many community events, like the Memorial Day picnic, Porch Prom, and the just around the corner Street Fair, to the ongoing efforts of the Abell Improvement Association membership to keep us safe and politically engaged as an entity of Charles Village and Baltimore, we have much for which to be thankful.

Within this newsletter there's information on how to volunteer for all the many jobs and activities that the fair will need to be successful. Do what you can to make this fair fun for all. Sign up! We all are needed to create and maintain our unique and amazing community.

Thank you,  
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# STREET FAIR 2023 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The 50th Anniversary Street Fair is just a few weeks away! The Street Fair committee has been hard at work planning what is sure to be an excellent event. Read on for some important information about the fair.

## Live Music on Abell Avenue Again



### *Bands:*

Kevin Sherry  
Remington Rounders  
Holiday Video Star  
Noah Pierre band  
Ray Winder  
New River  
Mowder Oyal  
DJ Mills  
Father of the Year  
Megafauna  
Sac Au Lait  
Joel Michael Schwartz  
Giji  
Flower Bomb

## Volunteer at the fair!

The fair couldn't happen without volunteers! They help with setting up the event (shifts starting as early as 8 a.m.), with running activities during the event, and with cleaning up after the event (last shift ending no later than 6:30 p.m.). Those interested can sign up for a shift here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/3YKWJ>

### *Cardboard Needed for Children's Activities!*

Have old boxes piling up? The Street Fair's Children's Committee would like donations of large cardboard boxes or sheets of cardboard for crafting activities. If you have something you'd like to donate, please call or text Nancy Eddy at (703) 673-6840.

### *Silent Auction Items Needed!*

The silent auction is an important and fun fair tradition. Have an idea for something to donate to the silent auction? Please contact Jane Lewis ([jane.h.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:jane.h.lewis@gmail.com)) and Drew Northrup ([atnorthrup@yahoo.com](mailto:atnorthrup@yahoo.com)).

## Bake Sale



The Street Fair will once again feature a bake sale. Our neighbor Susanne Riveles is coordinating it and she wanted to pass along this message:

"The Bake Sale at the Abell Street Fair is looking for volunteer bakers and helpers with setting up the booth and selling the goodies. I am organizing and baking for this fundraiser for the 10th year. The Street Fair represents the main fundraiser for the Abell Improvement Association and its projects in the community and this bake sale helps with that effort.

We are selling homemade items only! For example, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, whole cakes, pies, and bread produced by current and former community members.

My shoutout goes to all: Please bake and/or bake again and join us at the Street Fair on September 10. Contributing to this is a tasty and fun way to contribute to the event and the community. It's a win-win tradition!

Please let me know now, but no later than Labor Day, if you plan to participate by baking something. And please be on the lookout for the volunteer signup to help with the booth on the day of the fair. If you have any questions, please email me.

Thank you,  
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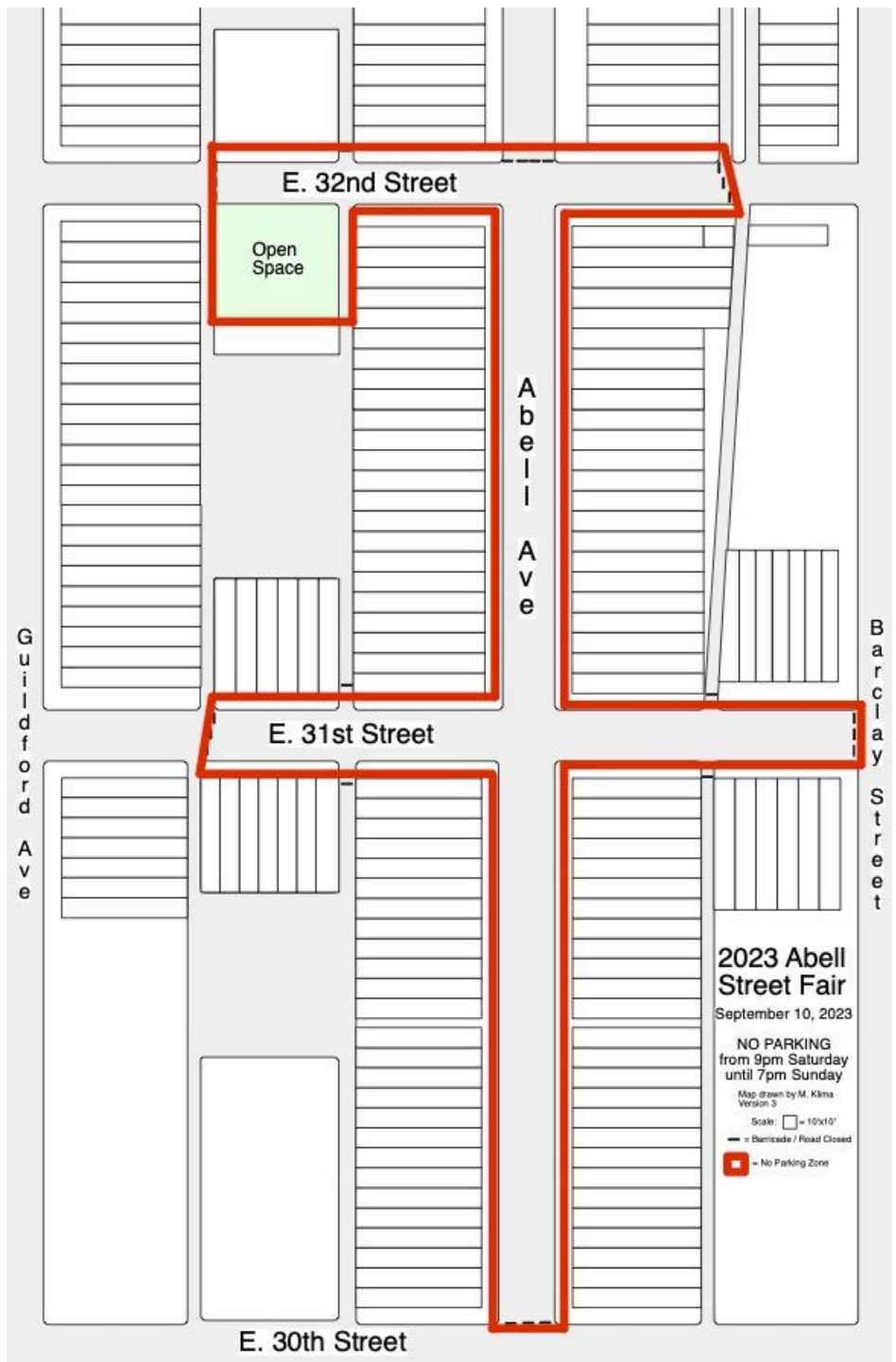


*Participants in the children's parade, kicking off the Abell Community Street Fair 2017*

**Important Reminder!**

**Parking Restrictions the Day of the Fair!**

This is a map of the Footprint of the Street Fair. Please make sure that your car has been moved out of any area inside the thick lines by 9 p.m. on September 9th (the night before the Street Fair). The Street Fair committee thanks you in advance, and we hope to see you at the celebration. Any questions can be directed to Andrew Northrup at [atnorthrup@yahoo.com](mailto:atnorthrup@yahoo.com)



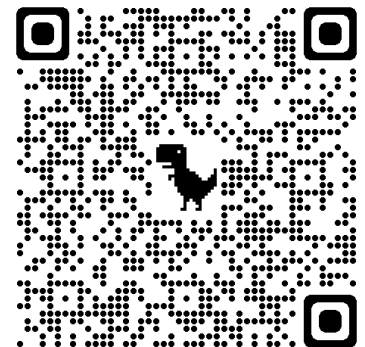
**50 Years of the Abell Street Fair Commemorative Items**

*Pre-orders are Open.*



In honor of 50 years of the Abell Community Street Fair, we have commemorative 50th anniversary items available. They are baluster shapes that can be decorated any way you like, or left as is. This is a fundraiser to support the costs of the 50th anniversary Community Street Fair. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for these items. We plan to host a paint & sip night at Peabody Heights at some point in August where everyone can gather and paint/decorate/bedazzle their balusters. Art supplies will be provided at paint & sip night. Stay tuned for the date.

To order your commemorative baluster, scan the QR code below, or go to [bit.ly/3qeDQ3d](https://bit.ly/3qeDQ3d)



Questions? Call or text Bonnie Bessor at 410-916-1062, or email [bbessor@gmail.com](mailto:bbessor@gmail.com)



## Safety Walks

Please join us on our monthly safety walks on the third Tuesday of each month.

The primary purpose of the walk is to help make our neighborhood cleaner and safer by promoting the visibility of neighbors walking together as eyes and ears on the street while communicating with local law enforcement.

The second purpose, equally important, is to note and report safety and/or sanitation problems such as illegal dumping of trash, burned out streetlights, graffiti, trees blocking streetlights, overgrown vegetation on fences and lawns, improper storage of garbage (i.e. no trash can or lid), evidence of rodent infestation in front or back yards, deteriorating structures or abandoned vehicles. We report issues to 311, and, in turn, report the DPW complaint numbers to the CVCBD Sanitation Team to follow up until the complaints are resolved.

Date: 3rd Tuesdays

Place: Open Space on 32nd Street between Abell and Guilford

Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Movies in the Open Space

Many thanks to Christy and David in the 3100 block of Abell for putting on a summer movie series, "Creatures from the Open Space." Monsters, Inc. is scheduled for sundown on August 12 and Gremlins 2 is scheduled for August 19 at sundown. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and popcorn and watch out for things that go bump in the Open Space!

Keep your eyes peeled on the AIA's website and billboards for updates about the fall movie series.

## Memorial Day Picnic Recap

Many thanks to everyone who came out to the Memorial Day Picnic and brought such tasty dishes. Special shoutouts to Peter Treadway and Simone Thompson for helming the grill and Jaclyn Mahoney for organizing such a fun event. Look forward to next year!



## Save the date for the Chili Cook-Off!



The annual AIA Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, October 22, in the Open Space. More information to follow, keep an eye on the AIA's website and billboards.

Have you explored **Abell's website**? We have information about upcoming events, neighborhood resources, dumpster days, and also galleries from recent community gatherings, to name a few. Check it out! [www.abellimprovement.org](http://www.abellimprovement.org)

## Porch Prom Recap

Mystery and intrigue were in the air this June as Abell neighbors attended this year's Paranormal Formal Porch Prom. A huge thank you to Lauren Jackson for throwing such a fun event. Here's a message that she wanted to share:

"Thank you to everyone for helping make our 4th Annual Porch Prom a success! Congratulations to Lauren and Brendan at 388 E. 31st Street for their winning porch float! And a huge thank you to our sponsors: Bird in Hand, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP, Peabody Heights Brewery, Red Emma's, and Waverly Tattoo. See you all next year!"



## New Neighbor Call-Out

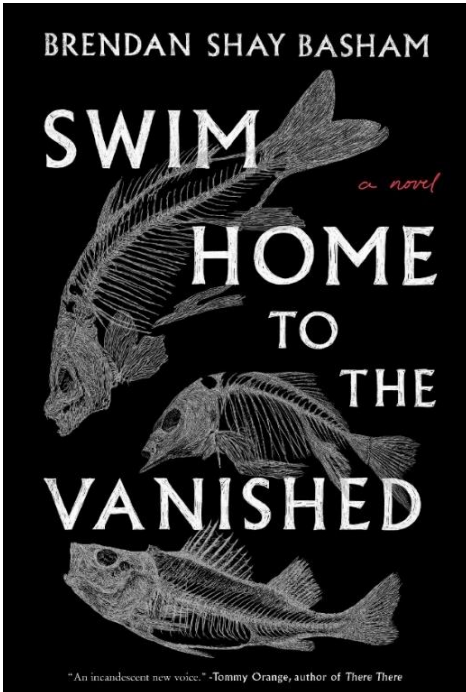
Are you new to Abell? If you're receiving this newsletter and moved to the neighborhood recently, get in touch! Email Ian Mahoney at [mahoney.iant@gmail.com](mailto:mahoney.iant@gmail.com)

## Summer Pest Reminder

Summer is here, and with summer comes extra rainy weather and all those **mosquitoes**. Make sure to empty any containers that may collect standing water, and see if your downspouts, gutters and drains to are all clear and flowing.

**Swim Home to the Vanished by Abell resident Brendan Basham launches 8/22!**

Join us at Greedy Reads (Remington) at 7 p.m. on August 22 for a reading, discussion, and celebration. RSVP through [PapayaThief.com](http://PapayaThief.com).



Make sure to check out the 29th Street Community Center's website ([29thstreetcommunitycenter.org](http://29thstreetcommunitycenter.org)) to stay up on all their amazing

**Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!**

Keep up with AIA events at [facebook.com/AbellImprovement Association](https://facebook.com/AbellImprovementAssociation) and [instagram.com/abellcommunity/](https://instagram.com/abellcommunity/) - two great sources to stay up to date on what's happening in the community in between newsletters.

**AIA Summer Membership Meeting**

Saturday, August 19  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
29<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center  
300 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street

*The executive committee of the Abell Improvement Association meets **monthly** on the second Saturday at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. All community members are welcome to attend. Details at <http://bit.ly/AIAmonthlymeeting>*

**Book Thing Dates**

Don't forget to check out the Book Thing! They are typically open the second full weekend of the month. Upcoming dates are listed below. Check out their website, [bookthing.org](http://bookthing.org), for more info.

- Sunday, August 13
- Saturday, September 9
- Sunday, October 15
- Saturday, November 11
- Sunday, December 10

**Join the AIA!**

Becoming a member of the AIA costs just \$10 a year. 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.)

Learn more and sign up via the AIA's website: <https://www.abellimprovement.org/membership>

**Peabody Heights Brewery named Best of Baltimore!**



A huge congratulations to our Peabody Heights Brewery for winning Baltimore Magazine's Best of Baltimore Reader's Poll! A well-deserved honor that reflects all of the hard work they put in, amazing events they throw, and great beer they make. Not to mention they're incredible members of our community and such an important part of our neighborhood. Make sure to check out their Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PeabodyHeightsBrewery>) and Instagram pages (<https://www.instagram.com/peabodyheightsbrewery/>) to stay up to date on their beer releases and events!



CVCBD & the Baltimore Composting Collective are partnering up to offer compost pick-ups for residents in the District! For more information about this service, scan the QR code and fill out the form.



## - Bulletin Board -

★ See pages 2 and 3 inside for Street Fair 2023 details ★

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### Trash & Recycling Schedule



**Trash every Tuesday**

**Recycling every other  
Thursday**

Trash may be put out after 6 p.m.  
the night before, by 6 a.m. the day  
of pick-up.

*Retrieve bins promptly after  
pick-up.*

Community dumpsters:

*Thursday, September 7*

*Tuesday, November 14*

The poster features a central illustration of a colorful street scene with buildings, a flag that says 'Baltimore', and various street elements. Above the illustration is a starburst graphic that says '50TH ANNUAL'. Below the illustration, the text reads 'COMMUNITY Street Fair 1973 2023'. The event details are: 'SUN SEP 10, 2023 | NOON-5PM' and '3000 AND 3100 BLOCKS OF ABELL AVENUE, 21218'. On the left side, vertical text reads 'LIVE MUSIC | BEER & WINE | FOOD' and 'KIDS' ACTIVITIES | ARTISAN VENDORS'. On the right side, there are four vertical bars in orange, purple, and black. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a group of people dancing in a circle on a street.

If you have items to contribute to the newsletter, please send them to Ian Mahoney ([mahoney.iant@gmail.com](mailto:mahoney.iant@gmail.com)) and Shelley Treadway ([sbtreadway@gmail.com](mailto:sbtreadway@gmail.com)). The last 2023 issue is slated to go out in November. If you miss the deadline, get in touch anyway! And to share information on the AIA website, Facebook page or message boards, contact Shelley Treadway at [sbtreadway@gmail.com](mailto:sbtreadway@gmail.com).

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