



MOUNT WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

MOUNT WASHINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Summer 2003

Message from the President

End of summer: parents are jumping for joy; kids are back to school. I hope this finds all my neighbors enjoying good health and looking forward to lower humidity.

A few new happenings are going on in the community and many old issues are still in the forefront. First, I want to welcome Steve Buettner, new principal to Mt. Washington Elementary School. I met Steve earlier this month and found him to be bright, enthusiastic and committed to providing the best education possible for our children. Steve is ready to face the challenges of educating students in this fast-paced world. He is looking forward to meeting our children and parents. We will have monthly updates on events and news at the school posted on our web site: MWIA.org. Please read about Steve in the newsletter and plan on attending the open board meeting on October 21 at MWES to meet Steve and learn about the exciting activities at the school.

I also want to welcome new board members and area captains to the MWIA. The Board is committed to serving the residents of Mt. Washington by promoting the well-being of our community. I appreciate the Board's support and assistance in all matters that affect our community. Please contact your area captain or a board member if you have any questions or concerns. Remember, every other month beginning in October: the board meetings are open to all community members. Please take a moment to read the list of board members and area captains.

Long time board member and Crime Prevention committee chair Norma Cohen has stepped down from her position. Norma has been a great asset to the Board and the community for many years. Norma's devotion and dedication to Mt. Washington has been endless. Many thanks to Norma for her support and organization of both the walking and driving patrol, the Prevent Crime e-mail, and her help and creativity in many community events. We will miss her. New board member and Area 1 captain Eileen Tishken has graciously and enthusiastically volunteered to chair our Crime Prevention Committee. Contact Eileen to get on the e-mail list. Her address and the new e-mail address are listed in the newsletter.

The future of the Pimlico Race track remains an important issue for our neighborhood. Our Pimlico committee continues to meet with our elected officials and monitor the progress of any slots legislation. At this time, the MD Jockey Club/Magna is purchasing twenty-one properties along W. Rogers Ave and Northern Parkway. This was part of the original PUD dating back to 1975. The homes will be demolished for parking lots. We are in the process of working with the track owners to complete the landscape portion of the PUD to create an attractive buffer along Northern Parkway between Winner Ave. and Pimlico Road.

The Bonnie View Development project is continuing to proceed through the county development process. Hearings were postponed until late August to allow the community groups to review the environmental impact studies. At this time, and until a plan has been approved by the county, no plan, either the active adult or single family homes, has been introduced in the city.

Check out other articles in the newsletter to receive updates on the UB fields' development and the calendar of events. The web page is the best source for weekly up- dates. Have a safe and colorful fall. I look forward to seeing many of you at the open board meeting in October.

Sincerely,

Jan Franz

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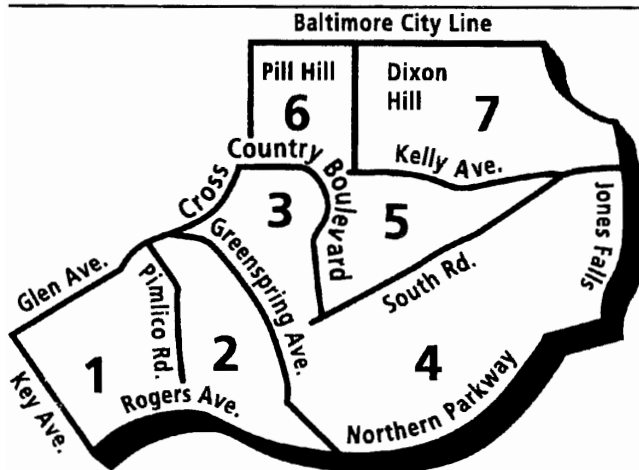
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Thank You, Norma Cohen

As most of you already know, Norma Cohen has stepped down as MWIA's Crime Prevention Chair after eleven years of service. As Crime Chair, Norma wore many hats. She oversaw the Citizens Patrol (both drivers and walkers), secured grant money for the crime prevention supplies she passed out to residents, picked up crime stats at Northern District and reported them to neighbors and the MWIA Board, worked to ensure important signs were posted around the neighborhood, developed relationships with policemen, firefighters and community leaders, and attended countless meetings over the years. Norma is probably most "famous" for her very successful e-mail network which took shape in 2000 and grew to serve approximately 135 people. Norma's network helped get the word out about problems or potentially dangerous situations in an effort to reduce crime in our neighborhood.

Thank you, Norma, for working tirelessly for the people of Mt. Washington all these years. We are extremely grateful to you for your energy and countless efforts.

Neighborhood Action Gets to Work

The Northwest Community Planning Forum will hold a town meeting on September 15, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. at Cross Country Elementary School. This is a chance to become involved in important issues ranging from local environment to health and safety. Five neighboring communities are working together to make our lives better, and all residents are encouraged to become part of the ongoing solution.

S.N.A.P. (Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan) topics and committees include major corridors, housing and zoning, environment and infrastructure, recreation and school facilities, education, public safety and health, and community relations and communication. The participating communities are Mt. Washington, Cross Country, Cheswolde, Glen, and Falstaff.

For more information, call Barry Kaminetz at CHAI 410-466-1990, X218 or e-mail him at bkaminetz@chaibaltimore.org.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MWIA DESIGN COMPETITION AWARDS

It was pouring rain on one May Saturday morning, and we are indebted to our intrepid judges, Tom Silar and Kathleen Shirelle, for trudging all over Mt. Washington, looking at people's gardens. The judges agreed that everyone's yards looked great, and that it was hard to select the winners. So they picked two award winners (one for landscape and one for architecture) and two honorable mentions. Here are the winners with some comments from the judges:

Landscape Honorable Mention:

Jane Berkow, 2403 Brambleton Road

(Judge 1 - "Very English, beautiful beds & plant arrangement. Very nice use of shade perennials under the trees, great textures and wonderful incorporation of smaller plants." Judge 2 - "English garden feel. Nice choice of shade loving plants. Pond off of seating area is well placed. Cozy and comfortable.")

Landscape Honorable Mention:

Terry Lough, 6202 Elmbank Avenue

(Judge 1 - "Meandering walk & reorganized lawn is a great approach for guests - extensive variety - dense planting beds with nice expanses of lawn." Judge 2 - "Beautiful use of color & design.")

Landscape Award Winner:

Susan & David Liberman, 5602 Rockspring Road.

(Judge 1 - "Great planting. Nice textures & variety. Beautiful rose garden!! Tremendous amount of work, dedication & skill. Wonderful plant variety! Nice use of stone & gravel - very effectively reinforced architecture and southwestern ambience. "Cactus!!")

Judge 2 - "Lots of work & it shows beautifully. Theme of garden matches architecture of house. Well designed. Very well executed. Uses fragrance and texture. Well designed pond with stone work & plantings.")

Architecture Award Winner:

Matt Richardson, 1815 Thornbury Road.

(Judge 1 - "Amazing! Words cannot describe the effort, energy and commitment. A true labor of love. An unbelievable job." Judge 2 - "Amazing restoration. Carefully executed color palette. True to historic design.")

See for yourselves the work and creativity of your neighbors. Get inspired for the Twelfth Annual MWIA Design Competition!

...Reported by Clark Semmes

The Mt. Washington School News

On behalf of the 2003-2004 Mt. Washington School PTO, I would like to thank the MWIA for its generous donation to our school for the 2003-2004 academic year. Your continued support is invaluable to our students and is very much appreciated by parents and staff alike.

I would also like to inform you of the appointment of Steve Buettner (pronounced "Bitner") as our new principal. Mr. Buettner comes to us with over a decade of public school experience, having most recently worked in the Baltimore City Public School System as its PreK-12 Reading Coordinator and Area Lead Academic Coach. This position entailed working with principals, academic coaches, and teachers throughout the city. He has been an Assistant Principal and Acting Assistant Principal at Hammond Elementary/Middle School in Howard County and has also been an education program specialist with the Maryland Department of Education, facilitating professional development reading workshops and school improvement initiatives for principals throughout the state.

Monika Springer Schnell, PTO President

From the Main Office

Bright Prospects for a New School Year at MWES

We are looking forward to a very positive and productive year here at the Mt. Washington School. In addition to a new principal, lots of new students have registered! We would like to let the community know about two programs at the school and to invite its participation

1. We are participating in a FREE fundraising program called SchoolCash. This program helps our school earn generous cash rewards when supporters shop online. It's very easy to use and there is no cost to you. All you have to do is to go to <http://www.schoolcash.com> and select Mt. Washington Elementary School as the group to support. Then, whenever you want to shop, visit SchoolCash and click on the merchant of your choice to start shopping. It's that simple. The school will automatically get a percentage (up to 40%) of every purchase. We hope to put our SchoolCash earnings on things the school needs, but the budget does not cover.

2. We are also soliciting volunteers for our After School Clubs. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring a club one or two days per week for one hour, please let us know. The clubs meet in the fall from October - December and in the spring from February - May. The clubs are 10-week sessions.

We thank the community for your continued support. You are one of the reasons Mt. Washington is one of the best schools in Baltimore City.

Please feel free to contact Tonya Robinson, Office Manager, at 410-396-6354 or tdavis-robinson@bcps.k12.md us with any questions or concerns related to the school or the above programs.

...Tonya Davis Robinson

MWIA, UB Seek Common Ground on Playing Fields

In the spring of this year, MWIA Board members received information that the University of Baltimore was considering the possibility of developing property owned by the University in our neighborhood, the 45 acres of land on Rogers Avenue known to community residents as the UB fields.

Recognizing the significant impact such development could have on Mt. Washington, MWIA President Jan Franz communicated with the University, and shortly thereafter she and other MWIA Board members met with UB President Robert Bogomolny and other representative of the University.

At this meeting, President Bogomolny informed MWIA that the University was in fact considering potential development of the Mt. Washington land, in an effort to develop revenue to offset the drastic budget cuts initiated by the State in response to its current and anticipated future budget deficits. He indicated that the University would go through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process to elicit potential development proposals for the property.

At a subsequent meeting between UB and MWIA representatives, held at the request of 41st District Delegate Sandy Rosenberg, we presented to UB information we had obtained concerning potential obstacles to development, including zoning issues, wetlands and flood plain concerns, and issues regarding the location of a historic home on the site. At this second meeting, UB officials explained that they had not yet begun the RFP process. They were appreciative of our efforts to inform them of potential difficulties for their development plan.

Throughout our discussions with UB officials, President Bogomolny and others have been very respectful of MWIA concerns, and have pledged to work closely with us if and when they move forward with plans to seek development on their Mt. Washington property. A committee of Mt. Washington residents is forming to keep an eye on this issue. For information, please call Lu Pierson at 410-664-0055.

...Lu Pierson

MWIA Crime Prevention

Join the Citizen's Patrol or become a
Block Watch Walker!

Call Eileen to volunteer

(410) 664-3656

HELP OUT: BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

Looking for a way to get just a little more involved? Become a block captain! All it takes is:

- Distributing flyers on your block a few times a year
- Directing questions from your neighbors to your Area Captain (board member in your area)

• Making sure new neighbors get a welcome packet
Block captains help everyone stay informed and involved!

If you are interested, contact the Area Captain for your area or Taliya Adelstein, Area Director (see inside of front page for names and phone numbers).



Local Potters Take Note



Baltimore Clayworks invites submissions for "100 Teapots 2" a group exhibition of ceramic teapots, in January 2004 (January 10 - February 14). Juror: Gay Smith, noted studio potter of Bakersville, North Carolina. Juried from slides of work available for exhibition only. Fee: \$15 for up to 5 entries. Deadline: September 19, 2003. For an entry form, send a SASE to:

Leigh Taylor Mickelson, Baltimore
Clayworks, 5707 Smith Avenue, Baltimore,
MD 21209, call 410-578-1919 ext. 18,

E-mail a request to
leigh.mickelson@baltimoreclayworks.org, or visit
the Baltimore Clayworks website

www.baltimoreclayworks.org

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MT. WASHINGTON PRESERVATION TRUST NEWS

Great things have been happening in Mt. Washington's arboretum and public gardens. Volunteers help plant, weed, and maintain Mt. Washington's many beautiful public gardens as well as the Mt. Washington Arboretum. Several area businesses and organizations help beautify Mt. Washington with their generous contributions.

Our group of 20 volunteers and 3 paid gardeners has been working around the neighborhood on one dozen garden plots, including the arboretum. In addition, we are redoing several areas that had been overrun by aggressive and invasive weeds. One Sunday in early May, the CHAI group provided about 70 volunteers to work for more than three hours, planting, mulching and potting plants. In addition they donated \$250 for planting wildflowers.

Several contributions are designated for planting materials. Watson's Nursery donated about \$1000 in shrubs and trees to the Trust in January and about \$1000 in summer bulbs in June; these were planted in our neighborhood gardens and at the arboretum. The North Creek Nursery in Pa. donated about \$300 in native grasses for the arboretum. A recent grant from the Northwest Baltimore Corporation of about \$3,800 will be used to improve the plantings on Ken Oak Ave.

Some contributions aim to help promote environmentally-friendly practices and innovations. For example, a green roof garden structure with rain barrels beneath for conserving water (200 gallons) and storing tools has been completed thanks to

\$1500 in grant moneys from the Parks and People Foundation, Macht Foundation, Home Depot and other companies that donated an additional \$500.00 worth in materials. An interpretative sign will explain the value of green roofs to the environment. Green roofs decrease storm water runoff, provide increased insulation to buildings in summer and winter and aid in the removal of CO2 from the air, which decreases trapped summer heat in cities. In addition, a grant of \$1400 from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has been used to plant about 1000 native wildflowers, with the goal of improving the watershed of the bay and teaching visitors about the value of native plants to the health of the bay. Also, a combined grant of about \$12,000 from the TKF Foundation and the Meyerhoff Foundation will pay for the following improvements to the arboretum: a retaining wood and stone wall at the entrance, a teaching pavilion and an arbor for one of the benches.

On June 22nd a summer solstice party was held for volunteers and contributors to the Mt Washington Preservation Trust; about 70 people attended; music was provided by the R and B group "Aint Pretty".

We are very grateful to our many donors and volunteers for their assistance, above all, to our very own Dr. Mike Sherlock without whose energy and dedication many of the beautification projects would not be possible.

...Karin E. Brown

Leaf Blizzard Predicted

Well, not really a *blizzard*, but there are a couple of days, usually in October, where it seems like all the leaves from our beautiful Mt. Washington trees come down at once.

The city no longer vacuums Mt. Washington's millions of leaves, but the Department of Public Works will help you get rid of them. Beginning October 1, and continuing through January 31, you may bag the leaves and set them out for pick-up on the second trash collection day in clear plastic bags or clearly labeled bags. OR you may drop them off at the Northwest Solid Waste center at 2840 Sisson Street. The drop-off center will accept leaves from October 1 - January 31 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. **You may NOT rake leaves into the street.** (Leaf piles, when wet and soggy, create dangerous driving conditions.)



Old Photos Still Needed

In the last newsletter, a request was made for historic photographs of Mount Washington. Some people came forward and have offered what they had. Some said they might have some, but haven't confirmed their existence. I'm making another request to dig out those photo albums and find photographs of Mount Washington street scenes or architecture. Photos are borrowed for a short period of time, scanned onto computer disc, and returned safely. Please contact Matt Richardson at 410-367-6902 or Mattkenrichardson@earthlink.net.

...Matt Richardson

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Mark Your Calendar

September:

6: Plant Lovers Day - Plant Sale, Perennial Exchange, AAS Garden Tour - Cylburn Arboretum 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. \$2.00 parking donation. 410-367-2217.

14: Luckman Park Family Fest, 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Luckman Park. 410-664-9466.

15: Third Annual Golf tournament - The Wesley. Tournament begins at lunch. Awards dinner and ceremony to follow. Hillendale Golf Course. \$200.00 - proceeds to benefit The Wesley. 410-664-4006 X 3013.

15: SNAP meeting, Cross Country Elementary school, 7:30 P.M. Call Barry Kaminetz at 410-466-1990 X218 for details.

19: Deadline for "100 Teapots 2" submissions. Baltimore Clayworks. 410-578-1919 X 18.

21: Invasive, Exotic or Alien Workshop - Cylburn Arboretum 2:30 P.M. \$5.00. Reservations required. 410-367-7112.

28: Bulbs for Winter Bloom Workshop. Cylburn Arboretum. 2:15 P.M. \$15.00. Reservations required. 410-396-7839.

October:

October 1: Open House The Mt. Washington School, 9:00 - 9:45. Tour the school and meet the staff. 410-396-6354.

11: Shape Up Parks-Identify and remove invasive plants at Cylburn. 9:00 A.M. - Noon. 410-396-0180.

18: FestiFall. Cylburn Arboretum. 10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

21: **MWIA open board meeting, 7:30 P.M. Mt. Washington School.**

26: Global Warming in Our Environment,. Lecture by Jon Patz at Cylburn Arboretum, 2:30 P.M. reservations. 410-367-2217.

26: Italian Dinner at St. John's Church, 1700 South Road. 5:30 P.M. Call 410-367-7287 for ticket information.

November:

November 5: Open House The Mt. Washington School, 9:00 - 9:45. Tour the school and meet the staff. 410-396-6354.

15: Thanksgiving Floral Decoration: Workshop. Cylburn Arboretum. 11:00 A.M. \$15.00. Reservations required. 410-367-2217.

\$ DUES NEWS \$

Because of new postal service regulations, MWIA dues notices addressed to "Mt. Washington Neighbor" were not delivered this year. If you did not receive a dues notice, please send your name and address to lu.pierson@verizon.net or call her at 410-664-0055.

Links to Benefit The Wesley

The Wesley's 3rd Annual Golf tournament and Auction will be held at the Hillendale County Club on September 15th 2003. All proceeds raised from this event will help The Wesley continue to offer benevolent care to those residents who no longer have the ability to pay for their care.

The tournament will include a luncheon, lavish dinner and silent/live auction. Non-golfers can join the duffers for dinner and the Auction at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Golf is \$200.00 per person (\$50.00 tax deductible) and includes both meals, beverage station on course, two hours open bar after golf, greens fees, cart fees, range balls, gifts and prizes and entrance to the Auction.

The Tournament format is Captain's Choice, with two hole-in-one prizes. The first is a 2003 C Class Mercedes from Valley Motors. The second is a four-day three night trip for two to Cancun, airfare included.

Hole sponsorships are available beginning at \$100.00 and donations of Auction items would be appreciated.

For more information contact Joyce Duffy at 410.664.4006 x3013.

Enjoy a wonderful day of golf and help your neighbors at The Wesley.

Address Data Update

We are working on updating our address database. If your address is receiving duplicate mailings of newsletters or dues notices, or if you are not receiving anything from MWIA, please let Lu Pierson know at lu.pierson@verizon.net or call her at 410-664-0055.

Luckman Park Tennis Assn

New Program Rallies

This summer's tennis program was fortunate to grow under the expert instruction of #1 tennis player Livette Rivera. Twenty-six children enrolled. In addition to an assistant instructor, parents gave four hours assistance to ensure each student had plenty of opportunity for individual instruction. Ms. Rivera is expected to return next summer.

Madeline Forrest, retired director of the program, reports four individuals have been elected to serve on a board overseeing the Luckman Park Tennis Association. Ms. Forrest will continue as president of the board.



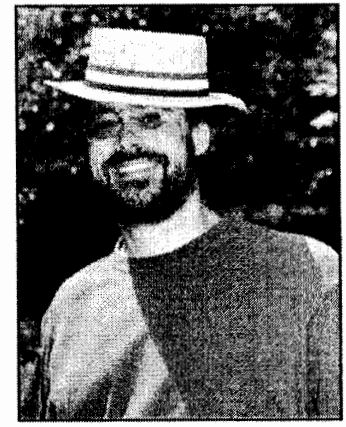
The Newsletter...

The MWIA newsletter is mailed to homes of residents four times a year. The newsletter informs residents about people, activities, and services in Mt. Washington and of actions of the Board of Directors. The newsletter accepts news, information, and suggestions.

The deadline for the next issue is October 20. Contact: Margy Gifford, editor: gif4d@erols.com or (410) 664-2538.

Schedule for Future Issues:

Issue	Content for	Deadline
Fall	Nov 15 - Jan 31	October 20
Winter	Feb 1 - May 15	January 8
Spring	May 15- Aug 31	April 26



HEY!

Check out more photos from the parade online!

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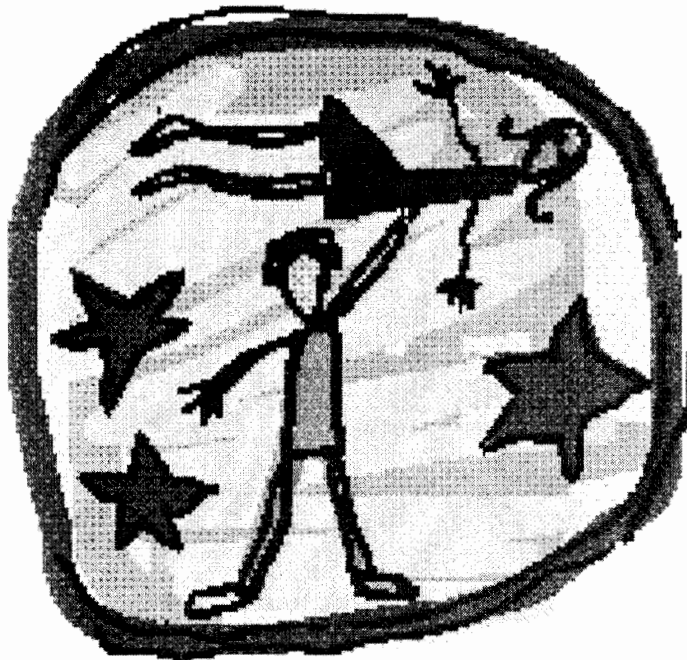
Mangiare! Mangiare!

St. John's Episcopal Church will host an Italian Dinner on Sunday, October 26, at 5:30 P.M.. Authentic Italian food, fresh salad and bread, served buffet style. Tickets are still just \$12 (adults), \$8 (8-18), and \$1 (7 & under). Always a full house. Come enjoy a lovely night out dining with friends and neighbors. 1700 South Road. Call 410-367-7287 for more information.

Luckman Park Family Fest

Sunday September 14th, 3-6 p.m.

Luckman Park (Between Merville and Key on Glen Avenue)



- Fun
- Food
- Feedback

Come play games, have snacks, and tell us more about what you'd like to see happen in

Luckman Park.

Questions?

Call Maggie Kunz,

410-664-9466, for answers.

Recycling Calendar

All recyclables will be picked up on the second and fourth Mondays and Tuesdays of each month, regardless of your regular trash collection days.

Holidays: There will be no pick-up until the next scheduled recycling day.

- Blue bag recyclables (glass, plastic, and cans) will be collected on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.
- Paper will be picked up on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Sept 8	Monday	Plastic/metal/glass*
Sept 9	Tuesday	paper
Sept 22	Monday	plastic/metal/glass
Sept 23	Tuesday	paper
Oct 13	Monday	plastic/metal/glass
Oct 14	Tuesday	paper
Oct 27	Monday	plastic/metal/glass
Oct 28	Tuesday	paper
Nov 10	Monday	plastic/metal/glass
Nov 11	Tuesday	paper
Nov 24	Monday	plastic/metal/glass
Nov 25	Tuesday	paper

Mixed Paper: Place paper in paper bags or cardboard boxes or tie bundles with string. Can include newspaper, magazines, phone books, ad mail, and cardboard.

* **Blue Bag:** Rinse bottles and cans, and discard caps. Place in blue plastic bags. Can include: glass jars and bottles (all colors),

aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, plastic small mouth containers with #1 or #2, and empty aerosol cans. Styrofoam is not recyclable.

Bulk Pick-up: Call 311 or e-mail* DPW three working days before scheduled pick-up date.

Sept 24	notify DPW by Sept 19
Oct 22	notify DPW by Oct 17
Nov 26	notify DPW by Nov 21

*To e-mail DPW: You may e-mail your request on the City's 311 CitiStat webpage. Log on to www.baltimorecity.gov, click on "311 Services." A box will ask you to select the type of service you want - select "bulk trash," then a page will appear with "request this service" in blue hypertext; click it. At the prompt, you should type your street address and click "continue". A new page will appear asking for a description of what you want picked up, where it is located (on the curb or in the alley). Then click "submit." You will get an e-mail confirmation from DPW.

Reminders:

You may leave three items at your regular trash pick-up site. Bulk items include appliances, furniture, and up to 4 tires with the rims removed. Do not leave building materials such as sheet rock, siding, wood pieces, or roofing out for bulk pick-up.

Questions? Call (410) 396-4515 for questions about solid waste; (410) 396-4707 if you have concerns about illegal dumping.



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