

## Fowl Play

Urban chicken farms come to Mount Washington

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Terri Trupp, one of a growing number of Mount Washington urban chicken farmers, kept losing her beloved “girls” to a variety of predators. She took the usual protective measures. She rebuilt her coop. She added extra wire on top. She even installed an electric fence. But still, if it wasn’t a hawk or a fox, it was a raccoon or a possum. Something kept getting past her defenses.

Discouraged and mad, she decided to invite the girls into her house, and even ordered chicken diapers to help manage the mess. There’s a whole website just for them: chickendiapers.com. Unfortunately,



Aylah and Soren Dhruv, of Greenspring Avenue, hold Rainbow and Nala.

Photo by David Nemerson.

the very morning the mail order diapers were scheduled to arrive, Terri found her last, and favorite hen, Mary Margaret, had fallen victim to a predator.

Despite the ongoing losses, Terri’s flock clearly stole her heart. A while back, she took over care of a geriatric dog. One of her

hens seemed to sense that the tired, old dog needed companionship, and she took it upon herself to seek out the dog and sit quietly by her side for hours at a time. Terri describes experiencing this act of interspecies compassion as “powerful.” In

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## Pimlico Events Include Black-Eyed Susan Bash



Photo courtesy of Shea Lyda.

A big concert will be held a day before the May 17 running of the 139th Preakness Stakes.

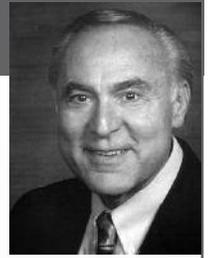
Counting Crows, Lorde Headline Two Days of Concerts

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As the spring thaw comes at last to Mount Washington, new signs of life abound – including the thundering sounds of hoofbeats at “Old Hilltop.” The 139th running of the Preakness Stakes is scheduled for Saturday May 17, and for the second consecutive year Pimlico will hold a major concert on

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Ira Kolman

The time is almost here for me to relinquish my presidency and pass it on to Bryce Butler.

It's an emotional time for me since I really have enjoyed serving as your president. For four years I have experienced both ups and downs (mostly ups, though). There were "lively" discussions, shall we say, about a myriad of issues. We were able to accomplish many things of which I am very proud. Most of these were the result of the tireless work of a lot of Board and committee members.

I am especially proud to leave office with substantial improvements to our neighborhood's parks and green spaces, some of them funded from slots revenues we worked collaboratively with our neighboring communities to allocate. Earlier City funding helped improve Luckman Park, which now looks absolutely great. I hope to see you there at the Grand Reopening on Sunday May 18 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Watch for continued Northwest Park improvements (including a baseball field and playground). Also, expect to see \$100,000 of slots-funded security improvements to the Jones Fall Expressway underpass from the Light Rail Station to the Mill. Phase V of the Jones Falls Hiking and Biking Trail will begin construction this fall.

We have consistently supported the Mount Washington School and its PTO. MWS is now K through 8, is a State and National Blue Ribbon School, and is thriving. We have supported the Mount Washington Preservation Trust and the Eric Waller Community Vegetable Garden. Our Tree Lighting and Fourth of July celebrations continue to draw significant crowds and are a lot of fun, emanating great community spirit.

We established wonderful relationships with the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital and Springwell Senior Living, so that we are regularly consulted on construction and improvement plans. We worked with The Chimes to resolve the controversy over their proposed solar panels. We have consistently worked with the Mt. Washington Village Merchants' Association to ensure that our common goals and activities are compatible. Our new Housing and Property Conditions Committee members have handled concerns in those areas. Our streets are in much better shape (many have now been repaved.) New traffic calming procedures are in place, though we still have work to do regarding speeding and congestion around our schools.

Our membership is up, due in part to our new MWIA Value Card. Our Newsletter is now published six times a year

and goes to every family in our neighborhood. We have increased the boundaries of Mount Washington to include the Ivymount Apartments and Bright Leaf. We updated our Bylaws to make them more compatible with today's world.

I leave Bryce with a stronger, more vibrant MWIA than when I began what turned out to be a four-year term. We have a strong Committee and Liaison structure that can address most issues that may arise. My thanks to all the Chairs and Liaisons could never be expressed adequately enough. These dedicated and loyal Mount Washingtonians are terrific!

This is the perfect segue to again ask for your help and support. Believe it or not, your Officers and Board Members do burn out. We can't all do it forever. Therefore, I'm again pleading with you to join us either as a Board or committee member. Talk to any of us or write me or Bryce. Go to the MWIA website for addresses, etc.

Mount Washington is the place to live in Baltimore. It's the place to raise children. Our schools are top notch. It's the place to dine, recreate, get your hair done, get a massage, get your fortune read, etc. It's the place with a highly regarded pediatric hospital, a growing and successful senior life-care facility, caring religious institutions, and a great resource with The Johns Hopkins University in our midst, with its Conference Center and Hotel that many people don't even know exist.

And that is where we will hold the MWIA Annual Meeting on June 10, 2014 – at The Johns Hopkins Conference Center at Mount Washington, Room C-19, 5801 Smith Avenue from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Some of our elected representatives are expected, so you'll have an opportunity to learn about City happenings as well as what transpired during the Maryland General Assembly Session. You'll hear updates from our committee Chairs and Liaisons. And we'll ask you to vote for a new slate of officers and Board members; please remember that you must be a paid-up MWIA member to vote.

I'll still serve on the Board as a Past President. I promise to diligently work with Bryce to ensure a smooth transition. I want to close by sincerely thanking you for this honor, as well as the Board, committee Chairs and members, and for helping make these past four years so personally rewarding for me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira".

# A Clean Sweep

By DAVID CONN  
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Mount Washington residents by now cannot have missed the ubiquitous red and white signs announcing a new City service: street sweeping has come to our neighborhood.

The service until recently was confined to downtown areas, major thoroughfares and some streets where residents had petitioned



Street sweeping in Mount Washington will occur on the first Wednesdays (for odd-numbered addresses) and second Wednesdays (for even-numbered addresses) of each month.

to have the amenity – about 30 percent of the City’s streets. The new expansion, which started in April, will cover about 90 percent of the streets, City officials said.

“We intend to sweep every street that we can. Exceptions would include streets without any curbs or those that are inaccessible for the sweeping machines,” Jeffrey Raymond, a spokesman for the City Department of Public Works, said in an email. “The mechanical sweepers will be able to do a better job on streets where residents move their cars on sweeping days.”

In Mount Washington the streets in front of houses and businesses with odd numbers will be swept on the first Wednesday of each month and the even-numbered sides will be swept on the second Wednesday. Sweeping will occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Postcards have been mailed to each household explaining when each side of the street will be swept. Residents can also call 311, or check the CityView interactive map at

cityview.baltimorecity.gov.

The Sun reported that the expanded street sweeping will help Baltimore meet new federal standards aimed at protecting waterways by removing pollutants at the street level before they seep into sewers and storm drains. Last year the sweepers collected almost 10,200 tons of trash and other pollutants. The expansion will not cost the City any extra because more efficient routing will allow the same number of sweepers to cover most of the City.

“Residents are encouraged to move their cars from the indicated sides of the streets on the appropriate Wednesday of each month,” Mr. Raymond said. The City has said that for now it does not plan to post permanent street signs indicating the sweeping times, and instead will rely on residents’ cooperation.

“We are working with residents to promote clean streets, healthy neighborhoods, and less polluted urban streams,” Mr Raymond said.

## GARDENING By RICK KINGSBURY — land.arch@comcast.net



### Aiding Our Arboretum

In early September of 1979, Hurricane David hit the Baltimore area. The Mount Washington Garden Apartments where the arboretum is now located, were inundated. The apartments were later condemned, and the buildings, pool, parking lots and tennis courts were removed.

For the next 10 years the area was left to be overrun with vines, trash and invasive plants. The garden committee of the MWIA saw an opportunity to reclaim this highly visible open space for the community, and obtained permission to plant a few trees and shrubs.

With the assistance of groups such the Macht Foundation, Baltimore City Parks, Home Depot, Beautiful Baltimore and numerous generous and hardworking individuals, the arboretum has become one of the gems of this neighborhood, and of the City as a whole.

Since the early 2000s, the Mount Washington Preservation Trust has been the guardian of the arboretum. Hundreds of plants

have been established. In addition, structures, benches, waterfalls, nature trails, signage and utilities have been provided, establishing a living resource for all of us. The now nationally recognized arboretum is used by schools and neighborhood groups. It is also a popular spot for events such as weddings, birthdays and memorial services.

The tremendous learning and open space resource of our arboretum is maintained by neighborhood residents who volunteer to be part of this effort through the MWPT. This wonderful space needs your help to continue to exist as a benefit for all of us. Please contact Mike Sherlock at finnegan21@aol.com to get involved.

On a separate note, the MWPT would also like to ask you to please remove any ivy that is on your trees. It can cause the tree to rot and be more subject to falling during a storm. For information on ivy removal techniques, please contact me at the email address above.

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# MWS Principal Search Process Is Underway

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Baltimore City Schools has established a committee of school parents, faculty and community members and a student to conduct a search for a principal at the Mount Washington School to succeed Sue Torr, who in March accepted a position at the school system headquarters.

On April 2, the MWS principal search panel met with Baltimore City Public Schools representatives to receive an orientation about the process. As chair of the MWS School Family Council, I am responsible for leading the search panel. Implementing the search process as outlined by City Schools, we have created a schedule that will ensure the new principal

is identified by the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.

The process begins with the creation of a Principal Profile. This profile outlines the skills, attributes and experiences that the community regards as paramount for the next MWS principal to possess. The Principal Profile is created based on input from the school and neighborhood communities, and serves as a rubric for the panel's assessment of candidates.

The search panel has begun to distribute a survey to MWS stakeholders including teachers, parents, and community members. The feedback from the survey will guide the creation of the Principal Profile. Everyone with an interest in the school is encouraged to fill out the brief survey online at <http://is.gd/mwspsp>.

In late April the search panel also scheduled open community forums to allow additional input into the profile and the priorities of the search.

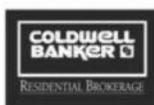
After a review of applicants' resumes, the search committee will interview finalists in mid-May, and recommend two or three candidates. These candidates will be interviewed again by the Chief Academic Officer. The CAO then forwards her recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer who makes the final recommendation for approval to the Board of Commissioners.

Community members are strongly encouraged to provide their input through the online survey, or by sending general comments and suggestions to [PSPComments@mountwashingtonschool.org](mailto:PSPComments@mountwashingtonschool.org).

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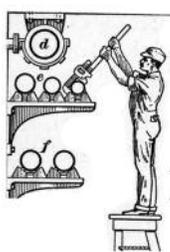

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After extensive and thorough renovations, we are delighted to announce the Grand Reopening of Luckman Park. Come swing and slide on the new playgrounds, walk along the new paths, sit and relax on the new benches, and most of all enjoy the old traditions of spending a day in the park with friends and neighbors. Join us on Sunday, May 18, from 3 PM to 6 PM as we celebrate the Reopening with live local music, extra activities for the kids, cold drinks, and kosher refreshments. Special guests will be on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. The celebration is jointly hosted by the Mt. Washington, Glen, Cheswolde, Cross Country, and Fallstaff Communities, as well as MWIA and CHAI. To volunteer, please contact Laura Rashkin ([lulurashkin@gmail.com](mailto:lulurashkin@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Grove ([elg.grove@gmail.com](mailto:elg.grove@gmail.com)). See you there!.

# Capturing A Jewel

Mount Washington resident Ernie Imhoff's blog is a love letter to a City park.

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Ernest ("Ernie") Imhoff has written an old-fashioned love letter using a modern tool, a blog. The twist? Mr. Imhoff's love letter is devoted to a place, not a person.

Mr. Imhoff's blog, "My Droodle," chronicles a half century of visits to Druid Hill Park through photographs and text. Druid Hill is known as "Droodle" in Baltimore. A retired reporter and editor at The Sun and The Evening Sun, Mr. Imhoff first visited the Park in 1963 to enjoy nature and escape both the frenetic pace of the newsroom – which, at the time, had five separate editions – and city life.

"We live such jammed lives, we're with people all the time," Mr. Imhoff said. "Druid Hill was a nice place to get away from all of that."

Since then, Mr. Imhoff has enjoyed the

park many hundreds of times for solace, celebration, or a change of pace. He has run several five- and 10-mile races through the Park, including the Zoo Zoom. His blog aims to promote awareness of the 745-acre space, which he calls a "jewel of the city." Many city residents are unaware of the park's existence, or are leery of its safety, he said.

Mr. Imhoff says he finds daytime Druid Hill Park safe, despite being jumped by four youths in 1972. He was visiting the park with his 8-year-old daughter in the early evening when he was robbed and stabbed. However, he said he has not seen or heard of anything like that since.

As of July, Mount Washington is fortunate to count Mr. Imhoff as a resident. He and his wife of over 50 years moved from their Bolton Hill home to Springwell Senior Living.

The land comprising Druid Hill was



Former Sun reporter and editor Ernie Imhoff, in his beloved Druid Hill Park.

ceded to Lord Baltimore in 1652 and purchased in 1860 as part of a nationwide movement to provide city parks. Druid Hill Park is located in northern Baltimore and is bounded by the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) to the east, Swann Drive and Reisterstown Road to the west, Druid Park Lake Drive to the south and Druid Park Drive to the north. Visit <http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/ParksTrails/DruidHillPark.aspx> for more information.

You can access My Droodle at: <http://mydroodle.wordpress.com/forward/>.

## Join The MWIA Today

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Since 1885 the Mount Washington Improvement Association, with the support of residents like you, has worked to enhance the quality of life in our community. Recent MWIA neighborhood improvement projects include:

- getting traffic calming devices installed throughout the community;
- preventing the old University of Baltimore fields from being developed, creating the new Northwest Park;
- supporting the expansion of our Mount Washington School to an award-winning K-8 program;

- bringing the Jones Falls Trail to Mount Washington;
- directing hundreds of thousands of dollars of City and State investments to improve Mount Washington's school, parks and security.

Each of these successes helps make Mount Washington the kind of neighborhood where year in and year out our homes maintain or increase their values. For nearly 130 years, all of these successes have been made possible by our community's support of the MWIA.

A robust membership also helps the MWIA vigorously represent the neighborhood's interests before city and state planners and politicians. Baltimore's

City Hall has called MWIA one of the most influential organizations of its kind in the City.

The price of membership is unchanged from last year: \$19 for new members, \$40 for renewals or an optional \$100 contribution for recognition as a "Supporting Member." If you haven't already, please make your check payable to MWIA, and send it in the enclosed reply envelope. You may also pay online by visiting <http://mwia.org>.

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# Bay-Wise & Beautiful Garden Tour

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When I took the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener class in 2010, my goal was to add some book learning to my trial-and-error method of gardening so that I would have more success in creating a beautiful garden. I thought I would take the class and then go off and do my own thing.

Little did I know that my class of some 35 “interns” from all age groups and backgrounds was joining a family of obsessively volunteering gardening addicts and that the more I learned the more I would want to share my learning with others. After once thinking that native plants were boring, I became a native plant fanatic, incorporating as many of these beautiful, colorful, and hardy plants as I could into my garden over the years so that I could use less water, feed butterflies and bees, and offer all the babies my plants would make to neighbors and friends.

Becoming interested in Bay-Wise gardening practices was a natural progression, because native plants are a major component in what Bay-Wise is all about—keeping as much water as

possible from leaving your yard.

There’s more to it, of course, and members of the Baltimore City Master Gardeners Bay-Wise Committee are only too happy to visit with any city resident to offer their expertise. We will come armed with a tool we call the Yardstick that allows us to measure specific gardening practices such as controlling storm water runoff, mowing properly, watering efficiently, mulching appropriately, and planting wisely, all of which are designed to help protect the Chesapeake Bay. Residents whose practices earn 36 inches or more on the Yardstick are certified as Bay-Wise and may post a Bay-Wise sign showing their good stewardship.

The inspiration for the Bay-Wise & Beautiful Garden Tour came to me during a native plant garden tour last spring hosted by Adkins Arboretum. It occurred to me that Cylburn Arboretum might be interested in collaborating on a tour of gardens that not only used lots of native plants, but that were all Bay-Wise certified. That way we could spread the word about and encourage Bay-Wise gardening by showing what beautiful landscapes it can create.

Native does not mean wild and unkempt, at least it does not have to mean

## The Bay-Wise & Beautiful Garden Tour

**What:** Tour 13 gardens in Mount Washington and Dickeyville  
**Where:** Start at Cylburn Arboretum  
**When:** May 18th from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$25 (\$20 for Cylburn members)  
**How:** Go to the May calendar at [www.cylburn.org](http://www.cylburn.org) to register

that. To see Bay-Wise gardening practices in action, go to [www.cylburn.org](http://www.cylburn.org) to register for the first Bay-Wise & Beautiful Garden Tour.

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general, she found the company of her flock “cheerful, charming, and so dear.” All this, and one or two delicious, wholesome eggs a day.

Urban chicken farming has exploded in popularity in recent years, as an outgrowth of the local and organic food movements and the DIY or “maker” culture. Across the country, cities and towns are changing regulations to be more backyard chicken friendly.

Baltimore is no exception. Two years ago, the Baltimore City Health Department revised its code to allow for four hens for any yard, and up to 10, depending on lot size. Befitting the urban bent to the chicken boom, the City actually eased its rules to encourage keeping hens well before the County. As of last spring, 274 flocks were registered in the City and just under 100 in the County, which likely underestimates the true size of the trend, assuming some amount of unregistered hens.

I easily turned up about 10 families in Mount Washington who have backyard

flocks. And when you start asking questions, you often hear “if you want to know about the chickens, you have to talk to my kids.”

Sisters Aylah and Soren Dhruv, ages 11 and 8, spoke excitedly about their flock, relating that “Rainbow won’t eat when anyone is watching,” and that “Nala is very chatty.” When asked what will happen to their ladies when they “age out” and get too old to lay eggs anymore, Aylah closed her eyes, covered her ears and exclaimed “I don’t want to know – NO ONE’S going to eat them!”

Similarly over at the Bainum family coop, 11 year-old Cora, oblivious to the early spring chill in short skirt and short-sleeved shirt, busied herself introducing three new young Red Star – a.k.a. Golden Buff – hens to their coop. She helped her dad, Michael, build a temporary screen inside the pen so the birds could acclimate to one another and doled out meal worm treats to the ladies to make the introduction a happy affair.

Raising hens appears to bring great satisfaction, but comes with real responsibilities and occasionally difficult choices. Predators are a constant threat. Heat and cold can take their toll. A good supply of fresh, cool water, shade and a source of warmth during extreme cold are a must. Chickens benefit from plenty of time to roam free in the yard, where they do a great job of eating up insects, but, according to former keeper Peter Mullet, “they have no sense of good landscaping and can make a mess of garden and lawn in no time at all.”

And the vexing question of what to do with older birds that stop laying will face every backyard keeper eventually. In fact, animal shelters across the country are reporting burdensome numbers of aged out birds being dropped off at their facilities.

While almost every keeper of a flock in Mouth Washington reported being charmed by their hens, and loving the almost daily supply of fresh eggs, they all urged families considering getting chickens to do their homework.

They can tap into the active network of local chicken farmers, consult chicken keeper websites like mypetchicken.com (“a great resource for all things chicken,” says local keeper Ellen Spokes) and make proper preparations to ensure a happy and healthy flock.

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## On The Move ▶▶▶▶

Highlighting the comings and goings of Mount Washingtonians. Please help make our new neighbors feel welcome. (Information obtained from public sources. Please contact [news@mwia.org](mailto:news@mwia.org) to provide information, or correct any errors.)

### 5713 Rockspring Road

Sold on January 27 by Sereniti Young to Eitan Erez.

### 1813 Fairbank Road

Sold on February 26 by Robert Glasgow to Richard and Amy Thompson.

### 5706 Ranny Road

Sold on March 10 by Margaret Chambers to Emma Cervone.

### 5604 Greenspring Avenue

Sold on March 12 by Ruth Kravitz to Eric and Christina Fenton.

### 5717 Uffington Road

Sold on March 19 by Steven Gore and Amy Davidoff to Charles and Meghan Marek.

## For Sale

Know anyone looking to move? Here are homes for sale in Mount Washington. *(With thanks to Joan Goldman of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, [www.JoanSellsBaltimore.com](http://www.JoanSellsBaltimore.com).)*

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## Pre-Memorial Day Cookout

You are warmly invited to the **Neighborhood's Annual Pre-Memorial Day Cookout on Sunday, May 25, starting around 2:00 p.m.** Grills are provided, along with some appetizers and Edward Grove's famous burgers. Friends and neighbors are encouraged to bring more friends and neighbors, as well as some food or drink to share (or just stop by anyway). There will be badminton, a trampoline, air hockey and other games. Hope to see you here, at **5528 Rusk Avenue, corner of Ken Oak Road**, black fence, white arbor.

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## Dunklebits

By NED DUNKLEBERGER — neddunkleberger@gmail.com



The miracles of modern technology have blessed us with many truly wonderful things including microwave ovens, iPhones, painless dentistry, liquid soap, the invisible fence, tofu-based dessert treats – the list goes on and on. And now, crypto-currencies, including BitCoin, are poised to reinvent what we consider money.

While many of us long for the days on our Micronesian island when our wealth was measured by the size of the giant Rai stone displayed in front of our hammock, those days are sadly, long gone. As Al Gore once said, "It's the microchip, not the Micronesian chip, dummy."

Anyway, as a Mount Washington resident you are one of the lucky few who have the opportunity to get in early on the next big (invisible) thing. DunkleBitCoins™ are here and I already have agreements with over 40 of the local hair salons (that's almost half!) to accept them in payment for your color cut and blow drying sessions. Also, as soon as the restraining order is lifted, I will be proudly returning to the Local Taverns to get them on board. They will love it - it will be easier than ever to sneak in that 18% gratuity for a party of 1 or more.

Speaking of eating. Let's do lunch!

As we head into summer please remember this: Just because winter sucked that's no reason not to complain about the heat. So when someone tells you, and oh yes, they will tell you, "You can't complain about the heat, don't you remember the winter?," tell them that Ned said to keep fanning you and feeding you ice chips. It's always OK to complain about summer heat in Baltimore - in fact it is expected.

Preakness 2014 is just around the corner and I will do my complaining about that in advance. "Oooh, the blimp is so loud and it's been right over my house ALL DAY." Other than that it's an

amazing day and I look forward to seeing the bulimic midgets, oops, jockeys scarfing down french fries at the Tavern the night before.

Speaking of local watering holes, here is an observation. Live music is dead. Let's have a seance! I have a Ouija board that I regularly use to summon the spirit of Earl Weaver to ask him questions about the current Baltimore Orioles. Actually, it is a custom Ouija board with these characters just for Earl: "@#\$!&\*#\$".

But seriously, let's all get together and summon the spirit of live local latebreaking music. (Dang it, WBAL TV has me under their spell)... ahem, the spirit of Live Local music, and find out where the heck it has been. I don't want to hear the Sirius XM "Songs that jerk in the dorm room across the hall played to death in the 80's" channel while I sip my Sasparilla. I want to see somebody sweating on a stage, acting out their dreams of a better life, and stealing my best girl – with guitars!

And speaking of a better life, great news for the four-legged lovers of frozen psychotropic treats - the Nipsicles™ truck is coming! Listen for the jingling collar bells as it comes down your street and bring out your cats! And your DunkleBitCoins™.

And one more thing. Mind your manners and be respectful of your neighbors, because you may need to borrow a drainpipe snake someday and you don't want your bad attitude towards the lower classes to stop them from lending it to you. And one more other thing. Leave your torches and pitchforks in the garage and keep your side of the street clean, because so far, the only evidence of City Street sweepers that I have seen is a bunch of ugly signs posted on our otherwise lovely gardens. Which is cool, because street sweepers are scary - especially to cats tripping on Nipsicles™.

And don't forget to floss.

*Ned*

## Camp for Clowns

Why not spend a week at the circus with the clowns this summer?

Campers will engage their imaginations, physicality, and funny bones and have some fun, fun, FUN. Learn basic circus skills and explore physical comedy and red nose clowning.

Campers will work together to create a circus variety show to share at the week's end. Don't miss out on the fun. Discover the magic of circus! July 28 to Aug. 1, at Arts and Ideas Sudbury School in Mt. Washington. Ages 6-12 with teen CIT positions available. For

more information, email Brian at francoise.brian@gmail.com or call 410-925-1738. Also check out this detailed on-line camp flyer at <http://is.gd/clowncamp>.

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Black-Eyed Susan Day, the day before the big race.

Performing artists on Friday May 16 will include Counting Crows, The Fray and Annie Bosko, while the Preakness Day infield will feature Grammy award-winning singer Lorde, as well as Switchfoot, the Eli Young Band, Sundy Best, and Go Go Gadget (ask your kids).

To help you plan for traffic, noise and of course good times, here is a synopsis of the major events that are on the schedule for Pimlico this season.

**Racing:** Live horse racing runs from April 3rd until June 7th. Races are held Thursday Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**Dining:** Pimlico serves a Sunday brunch for \$25 per person on the following Sundays: April 6, 13, 27 and May 4, 11. There is also a special “Dine with us on Derby Day” event on May 3. Finally, on Friday, May 16, Black Eyed Susan Day, there is a special Women in Business

Networking luncheon featuring actress and author Mariel Hemingway.

### The Big Events:

**Friday, April 6: Chasin’ For Children Pony Races** – Kids compete on adorable ponies in five races.

**Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13: The Decanter: A celebration of Wine & Horse Racing** – Enjoy a unique view of live horse races, samples of fine Maryland wine, browse wine and equine focused arts and crafts at Pimlico Race Course.

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Preakness Week (May 14, 15, 16): Sunrise at Old Hilltop** – 20-minute tours run from 6:00–9:00 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Preakness Week. After enjoying sunrise on the Grandstand apron while watching the Preakness contenders’ morning workouts, you will

get an insider’s perspective on racing during an escorted tour of the stable area. You never know who you may run into on the backside ... trainers, owners, exercise riders and jockeys can be found there. The Barn area is one place you can count on an interesting story.

**Friday, May 16: Black Eyed Susan Day** – Gates open at 9:30 a.m., infield opens at 2:00 p.m. Live music starts at 4:00 p.m., featuring Counting Crows, The Fray and Annie Bosko.

**Saturday, May 17: 139th Running of the Preakness Stakes** – Live music featuring: Lorde, Switchfoot, Eli Young Band, Sundy Best, and Go Go Gadget. Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday, June 8: Skrillex** – Stage name of Sonny John Moore, an American electronic musician and singer-songwriter. Concert runs from 2:00–10:00 p.m.

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# Community Calendar

**Wednesday mornings - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Mt. Washington Community T'ai Chi Class**

Springwell Senior Living, 2211 W. Rogers Ave. Appropriate for all levels. Taught by Master Greg Hatza. Cost is \$70 per month. Visitors are welcome to observe or participate in one class. For more information contact Linda at 410-664-1554 or lindalitofsky@comcast.net.

**Friday mornings - 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Mt. Washington Community Yoga Class**

St. Andrew's Elderslie Church, 5601 Pimlico Rd. Appropriate for most levels (not a gentle, seniors, or therapeutic class). Bring a yoga mat if you have one (some are available to borrow) and a water bottle. Cost is \$8 (cash or check). For more information, contact Mira at 410-370-6764 or wellspringhealingarts@gmail.com.

**May 3 - Anytime from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Hands Only CPR Class**

Public Safety Training Academy, 3500 Northern Parkway. The Baltimore City Fire Department is offering a free Hands Only CPR class for anyone aged 8 or older, the first Saturday of every odd-numbered month. The class is 40 minutes. Call 410-396-1005 to register.

**May 10 - 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**46th Annual Cylburn Arboretum Market Day**

Cylburn Grounds, 4915 Greenspring Ave. Celebrate Spring. Spruce up your garden and home with plants and garden accessories from a wide variety of vendors. Food trucks will be on site for you to purchase lunch. Entry is free, parking onsite is \$10 or \$5 on Cylburn Avenue. Market Day Preview is Friday May 9, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

**May 18 - 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Bay-Wise & Beautiful Garden Tour**

Register at Cylburn Arboretum to tour 13 beautiful Bay-Wise certified gardens in and around Mount Washington. \$20 for Cylburn members, \$25 for non-members. Registrar at [www.Cylburn.org](http://www.Cylburn.org) under the calendar for May.

**Through May 31**

**Baltimore Clayworks' Main Exhibition:**

**In Full Bloom**

5707 Smith Ave. In Full Bloom, juried by Leigh Taylor Mickelson: an exhibition of ceramic wares that can grow or display flowers as well as those sprouting flora designs. In the Solo Gallery, resident artist Patty Bilbro: functional ceramics bearing lighthearted and lively doodles and illustrations. In the Community Arts Gallery: A Thriving Place, featuring ceramics made by students at the Clay for All! satellite studio at Jubilee Arts Center. Visit [baltimoreclayworks.org](http://baltimoreclayworks.org) for more info.

**May 18 - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Luckman Park Grand Reopening Celebration**

At Luckman Park. Live music, Mexican-themed food and fun for all. If you'd like to get your band on the schedule, help with food, and/or organize crafts and activities, please contact Elizabeth at [elg.grove@gmail.com](mailto:elg.grove@gmail.com). Local merchants and community groups are strongly encouraged to participate.

**June 10 - 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Mount Washington Improvement Association Annual Meeting**

The MWIA Annual Board Meeting will be held at the Johns Hopkins Mt. Washington Conference Center. All community residents are welcome to attend. MWIA members in good standing are eligible to vote.

**Friday July 4th - 10:00 a.m.**

**Annual Spirit of Mount Washington Parade**

Springwell Senior Residence, 2211 W. Rodgers Ave. Come celebrate, dance to live bands, and enjoy a magic show at the neighborhood's biggest and most popular event. Afterwards, enjoy a complimentary swim courtesy of the Mount Washington Swimming Club. Volunteers are wanted: contact Elizabeth (443-220-4284).