

Fells Point Citizens on Patrol^{INC}

A newsletter by and for the people who live, work, and own businesses within the Fells Point area.

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A general site proposal for the Allied site shows concentrated office construction plus parking and two hotels on the east side, with a park and cultural sites on

the west. Thames Street runs through the middle from its present terminus near the developing Douglass-Meyer Maritime Park.

See Harbor Point Plans Saturday — Thames Street Would Dogleg to the West

Struever Bros., Eccles & Rouse presented to the Fells Point Task Force last month—and is elaborating in a public meeting today, Saturday, Nov. 8—an evolving concept for development of Harbor Point, the recuperated waterside brownfields on Fells Point's west side that once was the site of a chromium plant. The public is invited to the Honeywell Building, currently the only structure on the site, from 10 AM to 3 PM, to learn about and express opinions on the proposal.

The main street of the 27-acre peninsula is to be a new addition to Thames, jaunting westward and extending the retail nature of this multi-jointed thoroughfare that currently terminates at the waterfront just west of Caroline Street. Nearest Caroline are to be several office buildings modeled in some measure on Struever's nearby Bond Street Warehouse, including one for Morgan Stanley that could create 600 new jobs.

Eleven acres are to be parkland and other public use, concentrated on the western portion, with the Promenade tracing the harbor's edge and then crossing a pedestrian drawbridge north into Inner Harbor East. President C. William Struever cautioned, though, that city planners have not abandoned the extension of Central Avenue onto Harbor Point. But his hope is to avoid such a bridge

and the traffic that would result. He also said he hopes to dissuade the landowner, Honeywell (ex-AlliedSignal), from its current ban on residential development.

In any case, the developers say they are taking their cue from dense, low-rise Fells Point rather than the higher rising Inner Harbor East. Docks and piers would restore a more jagged waterfront that characterized the point in the era of sail. Struever, who is collaborating with H&S Properties on the project, said the search continues for a "signature" grand structure on the focal west end of the site and that one possibility could be a projected administration building for the National Aquarium, which now has expanded from the Inner Harbor into Washington. He also hopes to put an ice rink on the site.

Other Developments

~ The Struever firm's presentation included plans for restoration of the historic E.J. Codd Building on Caroline Street on behalf of the owners of the Charleston Restaurant, who will build a new restaurant in the largest portion the space. Struever's restoration of the George Wells House on Thames and Bond Streets has found an occupant: Kali's Court, which is to turn the first floor into a coffee house and snack bar.

~ The city's Housing Department, responding to complaints from the Fells Point Task Force, said a housing code inspector soon will be assigned full-time to patrolling the neighborhood and will be available to field complaints from residents. Further, weekend staffing will be considered to thwart after-hours code-violating construction.

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Trash and Recycling Schedule

Trash should be placed outside in metal trash cans. After 6 AM on collection day, it is okay to use plastic bags. Trash collection days are usually Monday and Thursday.

Recycling material should go out by 7 AM on collection day. Recycle paper in paper bags, in a cardboard box, or tied with string; glass, metal, and plastic should be in blue plastic bags.

Monday, November 10	glass, metal, plastic
Friday, November 14	paper
Monday, November 24	glass, metal, plastic
Friday, November 28	paper

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Prime Pride I Model Could Find Home in Point



This plank-on-frame model of the Pride of Baltimore I was made by the lost schooner's yard manager, Jerome Batzer, from scraps of the original timbers. Daughter Anita Betzer Scheiwe hopes to see the model, about three feet long, placed in a maritime museum, perhaps the new one of the Maryland Historical Society in Fells Point or in an eventual Pride of Baltimore Museum on Recreation Pier.

Rec Pier Outcome Due by January

Lori Guess, who has represented Fells Point's Task Force through the extended process of reviving the city's Recreation Pier, said that a definitive outcome is expected by the end of the year. She called on residents who still wish to declare their own visions of what the pier should be to send them to lori.guess@DCMA.mil.

The culling of developers' proposals has narrowed to two: Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse's mixed use including offices, and Clark Construction's including a hotel. Discussions with each have considered which could be more responsive to community demands for maximum public use.

By an understanding with the Mayor, both proposals could be rejected should neither prove accommodating, and alternative sources could be sought to finance necessary major repairs. Consensus seems assured on several points: Moran's tugboats should remain; Pride of Baltimore II should find a home here, along with a small museum and maintenance space; the ballroom should be restored as a site not only for public meetings but for cultural programs that could mesh with those of the Preservation Society and Maritime Museum on the other side of Thames Street.

Big Opening for Small Business—This from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods: The U.S. Small Business Administration offers Small Office/Home Office Loan Initiative Workshops. You may apply for a \$5,000-\$25,000 loan, a 5-to-7-day turnaround for funding and a 7-year repayment term. Free workshops are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the SBA Resource Center, 3 West Baltimore Street. For details or to register, call Mike Dupry, 410.605.0990.

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A Halloween to Remember On Patterson's Hampstead Hill

Fells Pointers, who in general have notably few children in their midst, were as close as is Patterson Park to a memorable turnout of costumed youngsters this Halloween. Indeed, an estimated 500 young people paraded, along with a parent or two for the toddlers, on Oct. 25—bearing the jack-o'-lanterns they had fashioned at the park up Hampstead Hill. Another 700 parents and fans awaited them on the hill, 100 of them volunteers that helped make it happen.

Marking the eery pace were the Aqua String Band from Philadelphia and two bands from Baltimore, the Mambo Combo's Escola de Samba and L'Salaam and his Drummers. Schools and organizations taking part included Canton Middle School, Crossroads School from Living Classrooms in Fells Point, Waldorf School, The International Refugee Committee and Banner Neighborhoods After-School Program. Errol Tucker of Futuristic Contracting helped with the ethereal stage and Bob Santoni donated food for the artists. The parade was designed and directed by Molly Ross and presented by The Friends of Patterson Park and The Creative Alliance. The presence of park-challenged Fells Pointers was modest.

This Month in the Park

~ Baltimore Youth Hockey skates on Sundays at the Mimi Dome, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM, 1 PM. Call 410.396.9392 for more information or visit www.byhstars.org.

~ Public skating sessions at the Mimi Dome are Saturdays and Sundays, 3-5 and 7-9 PM; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-2 PM and 7-9 PM; Fridays 7-9 PM. Admission \$4, skate rental \$2. Hockey clinics, skating lessons and party rentals, call 410.396.9392.

Newsletter Needs Helpers

The Newsletter's many readers on Regester Street (Lancaster to Fleet) and the 1700 block of Fleet (Ann to Broadway) are going to lose their free subscriptions unless a volunteer steps up for the once-monthly task of distributing the issues. Be the first on your block to see the news! Call or e-mail as posted herein.

That job takes maybe up to an hour, unless you stop to chat. There is a more demanding post open as well, requiring perhaps an hour. This is for a distributor to the block distributors, that is, to those who cover one-third of Fells Point.

A Share in the Holidays

The State's Attorney's Office is holding its first food basket drive to assist families during the holiday season. If you know of a family in need or if you would like to contribute canned goods or dry goods or gift certificates from local grocery stores, call Southeast District Community Coordinator Angela Fraser, 410.878.8586.

Also, the Southeastern District Police/Telecom Pioneers/South East Community Relations Council and Santoni's Food Markets are teaming up to help local families in need, and they seek donations. Santoni's will make the baskets and the South East police and the Telecom Pioneers will deliver them. E-mail: melissa.a.techentin@verizon.com.

Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedules

Fells Point Citizens on Patrol: (Third Monday of every other month) 7 PM at Bertha's 2nd Floor Studio.

Fells Point Antique Dealers Association: (meetings as needed) Call 410.675.4776 for more information.

Fells Point Business Association: (Third Tuesday of every month) 9 AM at EBLO, 606 South Ann Street.

Fells Point Community Organization: (Second Monday of every month) 7 PM at the Fells Point Visitor Center, 410.276.5471.

Fells Point Homeowners Association: (First Wednesday of every month) 7:30 PM at Bertha's 2nd Floor Studio.

Fells Point Marketing Group: (First Monday of every month) 6:30 PM at Kooper's, 410.276.1410.

Mid-Point Community Association: (First Tuesday of every month) 7:30 PM at Zoe's Garden, 1918 Fleet Street.

Society for the Preservation of Fells Point and Federal Hill: Call 410.675.6750 for more information.

Eastern, Dallas, Bond Streets Association: (Every other month, second Monday of the month) 7:30-8:30 PM at 1637 Eastern Avenue.