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Love for Chuck Doering of Penny Black and the old John Stevens is inscribed in the dust on their steamer hood. Chuck passed away in hospice care on Feb 23 from pancreatic cancer. His family's Fell's Point legacy lives on at Penny Black -- please go mourn & celebrate with Melissa, John, Eliza and the crew.



<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/obituaries/bs-md-ob-charles-doering-20180227-story.html>

## Want to Sponsor a Month of The Fell's Pointer?

Our new monthly sponsor program is filling up fast for 2018! We have space for six more bars or restaurants to get featured in the Fell's Pointer for our 2,000+ readers and host our monthly Happy Hour. It's a great deal for everyone when we support local businesses. Please call Christy at 443-865-0181 or email [yogachristy@yahoo.com](mailto:yogachristy@yahoo.com) - all donations are appreciated!

## New Fell's Point Main Street Director to focus on more neighborhood festivals and reliable follow-through

By Christy Thorndill

I met this week with Misty Keens, the new director of Fell's Point Main Street. Misty replaces Joy Giordano, who left last fall. Misty and her husband Bryson Keens, owner of Points South, live in Locust Point. She previously worked as Director of Community Engagement and Events for the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance. Misty said she was ready to work closer to her family, and Fell's Point Main Street was a perfect fit.

She has a number of tasks on her plate, the first of which is organizing systems and processes, so everything Fell's Point Main Street does is trackable. The organization can also improve delivery on promises.

Main Street's biggest goal this year is to highlight local businesses and the vibrant character of Fell's Point by hosting frequent small neighborhood events. This will encourage new and repeat visits from tourists and people living elsewhere in the Baltimore area.

### 2018 Fell's Point Events:

- **Fell's Point Light Festival** (April 13-14)
- **Privateer Festival** (April 21-22)
- **Jazz & Art Festival** (May 12)
- **Father's Day Antique Car Show** (June 17)
- **Summer Soiree at the Pendry** (August 23)
- **Crabs & Craft Beer Festival** (September 8)
- **Fell's Point Fun Festival** (October 13-14)
- **Small Business Saturday** (November 24)
- **Olde Tyme Christmas** (December 1)

Beth Merchant of B Scene Events, who ran last year's Fun Fest, has been hired to manage a number of Fell's Point events this year. Events on her resume include the Baltimore Seafood Fest, Baltimore Wine Fest, Patterson Park's Festivals, and Family Fun Days at Power Plant. I'm curious what she will do for the upcoming "Fell's Point Light Festival" April 13-14, during Light City Baltimore. Fell's Point is not an official Light-City neighborhood this year.

Another highlight of the Main Street Schedule is monthly events like the Antique Market (Every 2nd Sunday, May-Oct.), (Continued Rt.)

Ladies' Night (every 3rd Thursday), The Fell's Point Main Street Member Happy Hour (Every 1st Monday), Dine Around Fells (Every 4th Wednesday), and The Fell's Point Art Loop (Every 2nd Saturday).

The Farmer's Market will also be back weekly on Saturday mornings in the new Broadway Square, May-October.

## Intense Community Safety Summit Raises Anger, Racial Questions, and Some Suggestions of What We Can Do To Reduce Crime in Fell's Point

By George Frazier

On January 30, a "Community Safety Summit" was generously hosted by Modern Cook Shop. WBAL's Jayne Miller presided over a sometimes-raucous crowd discussing public safety problems here in Fell's Point.

Present was.... everybody: Councilman Zeke Cohen, Major Clinedinsk from the Southeast Police District, representatives of the 43rd district, Waterfront Partnership, CIIA (Youth voices for community Change), Ivan Bates, who is running for State's Attorney, and Isa Olufemi, who heads BRO, Black Running Organization.

I mention this long list to point out that crime has the attention of our entire local leadership. Each has his own perspective, all saying we are on this, this is what we are doing but it will take time, and here is what you can do.

Major Clinedinsk kicked things off and was immediately asked, "Would it be safe to say juveniles are the source of most of our recent crime statistics?"

"Yes" had barely left the Major's lips when Olufemi jumped up and lit a match with the words "Were these crimes of opportunity, or crimes against a person?" The Major said they would have to be labeled crimes of opportunity. (Continued On Reverse)

## Happenings:

- **March 10, 2:00-5:00pm - THE FELL'S POINT ART LOOP** Every 2nd Saturday - FB: [FellsPointArtLoop](https://www.facebook.com/FellsPointArtLoop)
- **March 13, 7-8:00pm - Upper Fell's Point C.O.P. Neighborhood Walk** Every 2nd Tuesday - Meet at Ryder's, 1901 Gough St - [www.upperfellspoint.org](http://www.upperfellspoint.org)
- **March 15, 6-8:30pm - Art Opening: "A Beautiful Ghetto, Three Years Later: A Conversation about Healing"** with artist Devin Allen Open 3/15- 5/24 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 11:00am-3:00pm at The Institute for Integrative Health, 1407 Fleet St. - <http://bit.ly/HealingBaltimore>
- **March 15, 6:30-8:00pm - Douglass District Community Meeting** - At MiY Home, 1605 Eastern Ave. - [douglassplace.com](http://douglassplace.com)
- **March 17 - Irish Music for St. Patrick's Day -FREE-** At Cat's Eye Pub, 1730 Thames St, 12n-3pm: Timmy Shelley Band, 4pm-8pm: Katie Bowers Band, 9pm-1:30am: Dogs Among the Bushes - [www.catseyepub.com](http://www.catseyepub.com) (live music daily!)
- **March 20, 7:00-8:30pm - Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association Meeting** Every 3rd Tuesday - Wolfe St. Academy, 245 S. Wolfe
- **March 27, 6:00-9:00pm - Fell's Pointer Happy Hour at Modern Cook Shop, 901 S. Wolfe St.** -FREE- Now monthly at revolving neighborhood venues! Fun & relaxing.
- **March 28, 6:30-8:30pm -Community Safety Summit Pt 2 - 'REDUX'** at Frederick Douglass/Isaac Myers Maritime Park, 1417 Thames St. Local leaders, residents, and workers reconvene to discuss what can be done to increase our safety and decrease fear in Fell's Point and our City. We ask all who attend this second attempt to respect that the goal is harmony and peace overall, as these are key qualities of community and relationship-building. If we are to take positive action, we must be able to listen and work together constructively.

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## Intense Safety Meeting (cont.)

The room erupted in outrage, with “What the hell is the difference?” The anger and hatred directed at Olufemi was palpable.

Here were the two Baltimores, dramatically rendered in that very moment: one with little opportunity living in a war zone, and the other living a few blocks down the hill getting picked off violently when opportunity (vulnerability) is the nexus of their meeting. Olufemi stood his ground to make this point and I believe he was to a degree successful.

The outrage and the need for understanding was mentioned in various ways by Clinedinsk, Bates and Cohen. Each indicated a need to break down the barriers that separate our two Baltimores.

There are many local organizations working to bring change into our communities. Cohen highlighted the fact that the City Council has found a way to give \$13 million to inner city nonprofits to be administered by the Urban League. If you like what you see in these organizations, support them to help “the other Baltimore” and ensure crimes of opportunity will not continue being perpetrated by our have-nots.

One way to break down the walls is to consider hiring a local youth to work for you. This year there are 15,000 kids who have applied at Youth Works for summer job opportunities.

Olufemi runs BRO, Black Runners Organization, a running club that offers a healthy alternative to idleness and crime. Check out their Go Fund Me page which is raising money for a new home in Fell's Point

Corryne Deliberto spoke about CLIA – Youth Voices for Community Change, which teaches youth how to empower themselves by using the tools of our participatory democracy. She was the one with the confusion-loving infant strapped to her chest facing forward.

### SAFETY TIPS GIVEN BY THE POLICE:

-Don't lose awareness of your surroundings when using your phone. The Major said it's also like waving a \$500 dollar bill in the air.

-Say hello to people you pass on the sidewalk. Get to know your neighbor. (Editor's Note: A number of enraged people pointed out that it's not our “neighbors” who are the crime perpetrators, it's people from other nearby neighborhoods who come here to commit crimes. Despite this, knowing your neighbors is exactly what saved one local female bar employee, who told her story of being attacked on her way home (while using her cell phone), screaming loudly for help, and being saved by two employees of nearby businesses who were awake at the time.)

If you are in the section of Fell's Point covered by Waterfront Partnership's BID, one of its services is to escort people home or to their cars. The Waterfront Partnership Guides work 9:30am-10pm or 11pm daily and Uniformed Security Officers work Wed-Sun 11pm-4am.

-Keep your porch lights on in front and back of your house. Lights deter break-ins and attack.

-Consider putting a camera on the front of your house.

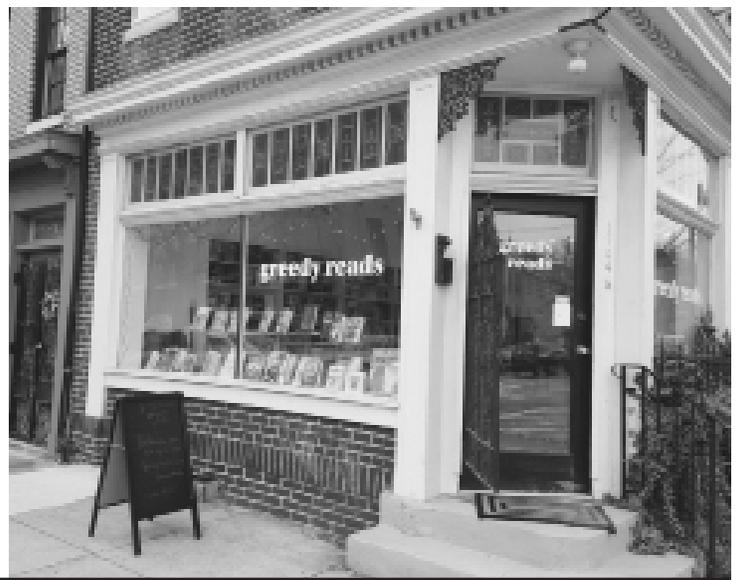
-Carry pepper spray.

-Know that social media often exaggerates the facts and serves to incite fear and hatred. These technologies' echoing structures and the tendency of people to jump on the bandwagon of outrage churns exaggerated messaging. (Editor's Note: People who post to Social Media also get things completely wrong

Remember the good old days, when we had local bookstores? Once again, the great traditions are back in Fell's Point!

**Greedy Reads** - 1744 Aliceanna St. is already open, and books have been flying off the shelves according to owner Julia.

**Grand Opening**  
**March 10, 11:00am-6:00pm** - Free author signings, giveaways, and food and drinks all day.  
[www.greedyreads.com](http://www.greedyreads.com)



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**HandleBar Cafe** (511 S. Caroline St.) got a music license and will feature music at happy hour and all afternoon and evening on weekends. Events include Reggae Sundays, favorite musicians from Ledbetter's, DJ Cheakie Willie, the Bike Party Official Unofficial Afterparty, Women's Full Moon Ride meetups, and more. Plus, you can have your food, pizza and beers delivered by powerful women and men on bikes. Yum. [www.handlebarcafe.com](http://www.handlebarcafe.com)

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sometimes. Recently, when a resident fell down and badly injured himself, and was taken to the hospital by emergency services. Locals' paranoia about crime created a social media explosion mistakenly saying he had been violently attacked. Cohen's office issued a statement later clearing up the misinformation.)

Take an opportunity to get involved. From Police Officer Ronnie Young “We have to pick up the slack, not simply point a finger.”



## A Modest Proposal to End School Violence

*\*HUMOR\** By Alex Dominguez *\*HUMOR\**

Everyone seems to be overlooking the simple solution to end the ongoing tragedy of school shootings: arm all students.

Outlandish you will say!

Not if you've been listening to the NRA. More guns are always better than less guns. An armed society is a polite society. However, my proposal would not arm all students at first. Handguns would be offered only to seniors as an incentive for them to stay in school. And they would have to graduate to keep their Glock.

Bullying would become a thing of the past, as well as street crime, because who would rob an armed student?

This also takes the heat off teachers, who wouldn't have to worry about disciplining the class. In fact, teachers could stay perfectly safe behind bullet-proof lazy susans like those at the corner mini-mart. And local gun stores would benefit from a wave of purchases by school boards.

Proof of the sheer genius of this approach is the lack of mass school shootings in cities such as Baltimore and Detroit, where students are assumed to be armed. It's time for students to stand up and demand their gun rights!

## #\$%! Rats!!!

### A Public Service Announcement

Rats are gross and spread disease. They thrive in densely-occupied places like Fell's Point that have both residential and commercial trash and pets.

#### Simple Rat Rubout tips:

- NO POO!!! Dog Poop is a major food source for urban rats and Vit K in poop makes rats poison resistant. Clean it up!!!
- USE LIDS & NO BAGS OUT AT NIGHT! Rats get into any trash easily that isn't tightly lidded or in closed heavy-duty bins. The City will bring you a bin, call 311.
- NO WEEDS & TALL GRASS - clean up potential rat habitat (it also deters crime).
- TELL YOUR LANDLORD it's their job to provide bins and exterminate pests.
- CALL 311 - The Rat Rubout program will treat rat infestations/burrows FREE.
- TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS & LOCAL BIZ how to keep their yard and alley rat-free