Fell’s Point is alive with variety, and for many, that is part of its character and charm.

Certainly, a range of style can be seen moving down its sidewalks at any one time. Many of Fell’s Point’s shops cater to this eclectic crowd with niche shops, but only those willing to explore will know the full extent of that offering—it’s not like shopping at the mall.

Retail locations evolved in this neighborhood organically over times of boom, bust, and rebirth. Though the number of shops has thinned from a heyday in the 1950s, retail is alive in Fell’s Point. Gems are here to be found, and they’re not just for visitors. For residents, shopping locally will save you time and exposure to traffic.

Explore over the course of a couple of Saturday afternoons. Pick a quadrant and see what’s there. Range over as far as the 1900 block of Fleet to the east and catch, among others, Pyewacket Bookstore and Kaya Furniture Design Gallery. Another day, explore shops on Broadway from the square up through the 400 block. Catch the shops tucked away on Shakespeare and the cluster of shops in the 1700 block of Aliceanna Street. Of course, everything along Thames Street could be another venture.

Shopping locally is an opportunity to say hello to the staff, ask questions, and make connections.

The discount stores on Broadway should not be ignored either. Discount Linens at Fleet and Broadway is a dependable source for bathroom and bedroom accessories. Scratch and Dent in the 400 block has everything—sooner or later—at great prices. The Discount Variety Store across the street offers a million and one practical home goods in neat rows and racks, and, of course, Hi’s Variety in the 1700 block of Fleet takes variety to a whole new level. It never ceases to amaze.

Tochterman’s Fishing Tackle at 1925 Eastern is a national treasure. Check out its excellent sports apparel and shoe selection, as well as its exhaustive range of fishing supplies. Meyer Seed Co. at 600 S. Caroline St. is great for gardening, bird feeding, and tools. At Krakus Deli, 1737 Fleet, visitors will find Polish house-smoked meats, cheeses, canned goods, breads, and desserts.

There are so many other retail treasures to find in Fell’s Point. Happy hunting!

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House Tour Recap

Despite the rain on Mother’s Day, the Fell’s Point Historic Harbor House Tour went off as planned. People clearly want to see what lies behind Fell’s Point’s front doors. In all, 14 houses participated, with 218 tickets sold. Advertisers supporting the tour numbered 45. About $3,000 was raised. Thanks to the many volunteers, in particular Gavin and Bonnie Bromell and Steven Lampredi.
Neighbours Say Goodbye to Local Icons

The footprint left behind with the recent passing of Mike Maraziti is huge, and Fell’s Point has so much as a neighborhood to remember fondly of him. At his recent life celebration at Captain James Landing, hundreds gathered to honor the spirit and gusto for life that Maraziti shared with everyone around him.

On South Bond Street, in a traditional Fell’s Point rowhouse, he carved out a niche concept in the bar he owned for more than a decade. One-Eyed Mike’s became the world’s largest purveyor of Grand Marnier and is known for traditions including Shot in the Dark and the Grand Marnier Club.

In recent years, attendees to the Fell’s Point Fun Festival have been permitted to openly carry adult beverages thanks to Maraziti’s efforts. He served as a president of the local business association, Fell’s Point Main Street, and sponsored the Harbor Ball that benefited the Preservation Society. He even ran for mayor of the city briefly, though to many, at least informally, he was truly mayor of Fell’s Point.

Another honorary mayor of Fell’s Point, Leroy Moore, died this spring from cancer. His welcoming was always warm and true, even when he got sick. He looked out for those around him, both strangers and familiar faces. He made a family of Fell’s Point.

Bill Lyons also died this spring. Few knew much about Lyons because he was more a listener than a talker. One would catch him on a Friday being dropped off at the Eastern Avenue bus stop from Rosedale. Later you would find him sitting in the back of Cat’s Eye Pub, a fixture year after year. A designer and maker of bike frames, as well as a photographer who still used film, he was a man of little-known talents.

There are few around like these remarkable people, and Fell’s Point is lucky to have had them in its midst.

Broadway Square Swings with Live Music

On April 24, a saxophone player came to Broadway Square with his five-member swing band, portable dance floor, and a number of accomplished swing dancers going at it full tilt. Suddenly, Broadway Square was at its most vibrant—the Broadway Square we envision at the heart of Fell’s Point.

8 Additions to Broadway Market Open

The weather is warm, the sun is out, and the patio is jumpin’ at the revamped Broadway Market. Here are the vendors who have recently joined:

Connie’s Chicken and Waffles: Made-with-love home cooking

Fat Tiger: A new American bar with craft cocktails and specialty coffee

Florigen: Flowers that are beautiful and unique

Old Boy: Authentic Korean Food from Chef Irvin Seo, who imparts a modern approach to homestyle dishes

Sal and Sons Seafood: A Broadway Market staple for more than a decade, offering a wide selection of seafood

Thai Street: Thai street food and regional specialties from Chef/Owner Kesorn Imsin, who promises, along with house favorites, a changing menu

Taharka Brothers: Ice cream made in Baltimore and served with a side of social consciousness

The Verandah: Indian street food with interesting vegan options

Hours are 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday and 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Help Needed!
The Fell’s Pointer needs volunteers to ensure it continues to exist. If you care about community and sharing information with locals and visitors alike, we want your assistance. Writers, editors, photographers, and designers, please express interest by sending a text to George Frazier at 410-925-6162 or sending email to baskitman1@gmail.com. Story ideas are also welcome.