

# NEWS

## Morrell Park Community Association's FOR THE COMMUNITY

May 2009

### President

Shawn McCoy  
410-525-3622

### Vice President

Carol McCoy

### Treasurer

Alta Horn

### Secretary

Maggie Cessna

### Sgt. At Arms

Carol Schly

"Life is a grindstone; whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of."

— Jacob M. Braude

Next MPCA Meeting will be held on **May 05**

1805 Wickes Ave.

Generation After Generation Working Together to Make a Difference,

Shawn McCoy,  
President MPCA

### ◆ President's Message ◆

The Morrell Park Community Association would like to congratulate Morrell Park Little League on an Outstanding 29<sup>th</sup> year Opening Day Parade, fun and festivities. This dedicated team of managers; coaches and volunteers lead by President, Brian Miller are providing our community youth the opportunity to play ball and create hours of fun filled memories.

MPCA continues to focus our energy on a Cleaner, Greener, Safer and Healthier Neighborhood. Also, to promote and enhance our thriving partnerships.

**Baltimore City Mayor's Clean Sweep 09.** Community participation continues to make a positive difference. Special Thank you to the entire group of residents for their assistance to clear the pocket park on Monterey Street Also, our Community Partner, WVDA for their assistance in helping to Clear / Clean the 95 Underpass a Gateway to Morrell Park

**MP/Recycling Process** continues to gather community awareness. Baltimore City Pick UP days for Morrell Park are 2<sup>nd</sup> 4th Tuesday @ month. **Tues. May 12 and Tues. May 26.** Please see attached Baltimore City Flyer /Survey, on the new 1 + 1 process, take time to review, complete and return this valuable community survey. Ms. Hope Williams will be our Guest Speaker for June Morrell Park Community Association Meeting.

**Morrell Park Gardening Club** and these Ladies are definitely making a positive difference. Interested? Contact Loretta 410-646-2593

**MP/SBLC GED New Day Session** begins **9:30 AM Monday May 4, 2009** in Evangelical Bible Church, 2444 Washington Blvd classes are held Mon-Wed- Friday.

**New Evening session** begin **5:00 PM Tuesday May 5, 2009** at. St Marks United Church, of Christ, 1805 Wickes Avenue classes are held **Tues. & Thurs.** evenings Interested in **achieving your High School Diploma contact SBLC 410-625-4215**

**MP CERT** would like to Thank, Scott Brillman, Office of Emergency Management for his presentation on the importance of Community Awareness to be Prepared . Also, our very own Morrell Park Fire Squad #47 for their time and interest to attend this vital Community Meeting. Interested in **MP/CERT contact Mike Schley 410-525-3357**

**Morrell Park Elementary Middle School A Special Thank You** to Principal Mr. Sean Conley and his outstanding team of teachers, staff and PTA President Wendy Roberts Attention Morrell Park Parents, Mark your Calendar, **PTO Meeting May 11, 6:00PM**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend, **7:30 pm Tuesday. May 5, 2009** St. Marks United Church of Christ, 1805 Wickes Avenue. Our guest speaker will be JBL Developers presenting details for their new homes on Letitia Avenue and Herkimer

Generation after Generation  
Shawn McCoy, President MPCA

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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## **St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

1805 Wicks Ave. 410-644-5466  
(off Washington Blvd., behind Dunkin' Donuts)

Contact person: Alta Horn  
Church Council President  
stmarksucc@peacemail.com  
Http://www.st-marks-ucc.org

**Worship Service:** Sunday 10:00 am

### **Weekly Meetings:**

Bible Study (Sun. 9 am)  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Thurs. 8:30 pm)  
Narcotics Anonymous (Mon., Wed., Sat. 7:30 pm)

St. Mark's is committed to providing a place for families. Each month we sponsor a variety of community events. If you have an idea for an event that you would like St. Mark's to provide, please call Lois at 410-646-4041 or e-mail: lc@bim.org

St Mark's Hall use — \$125.00 donation  
Call Lois at 410-646-4041

GED classes given on Tues. & Thurs  
5:00 pm — 8:30 pm

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## **St. Michael the Archangel Old Catholic Church**

2000 Griffis Ave., Baltimore, MD 21230  
V. Rev. Joseph F. Steward, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. William H. Christ, Parochial Vicar  
Phone: 410-336-3470

Sunday Mass is at 3:00 PM at 2000 Griffis Ave.  
a Mass to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the same location at 7:00 PM.

We are available for Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Visitation of the sick, and hospital visits. Please call Fr. Joe to make arrangements.  
Confessions by appointment

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## **Lansdowne**

### **United Methodist Church**

114 Laverne Avenue  
**Free Hot Meal**  
5:00PM – 6:00 PM  
Every Second and Fourth Wednesdays  
Everyone Welcome

## **Evangelical Bible Church**

2444 Washington Blvd. 410-644-3185  
Pastor: Rev. J. Frank Hudson  
**Sunday Morning Worship Service** 10:30 am  
Children's Church (7-12 yr olds) 10:30 am  
**Sunday Evening Worship Service** 6:00 pm  
**"Kids For Christ" Clubs &  
Adult Bible Study** Wednesday 7:00 — 8:00 pm  
**"Youth Service"** Friday 7:00 pm

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## **St. Benedict's Catholic Church**

2612 Wilkens Avenue 410-947-4988  
Baltimore, Md. 21223  
Pastor: Father Paschal  
**Saturday** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday Mass Schedule**  
8:30 am; 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

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## **Saint Clement Parish**

2700 Washington Avenue 410-242-1025  
Fax: 410-536-0636  
Mrs. Buening's abuening@archbalt.org  
Parish website: www.parishonline.com  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday** 4:00 pm English  
6:00 pm Spanish en verano a los 7pm  
**Sunday** 8:00 am, 10:00 am English  
**Tuesday Eve.**—7:00 pm Mass in Spanish  
Tues., Thurs. Communion Service 8:00 am

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## **Good Shepherd**

### **Church of God In Christ**

1721 block of Sexton St. 410-525-0671  
Pastor: Elder Tony Torain,  
**Sunday School** 9:30 am  
**Sunday Worship Service** 11:00 am  
**Sunday Evening Worship** 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday Bible Study** 7:30 pm  
**Community Dinner** Open and Free to the  
Public Every 4th Saturday of the Month from  
12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

## South-Western Police District

### Community Relations Council Meeting 410-396-2488

Mark your calendar for **6:30 PM Tuesday May 26, 2009** and plan to attend the SW Police Community Relations Council Meetings, **now being held 2612 Wilkens Avenue.**

Rear entrance **St. Benedicts Church Meeting Room.** Please continue to call 911 for any suspicious activity. Police presence is complaint driven by calling 911.

Remember to keep detailed documentation on all calls

### St. Jerome's Head Start

Children must be from low- income families. St. Jerome's is also accepting children with disabilities. The program runs from Sept.-May 8:30 am -2:30 pm. For more info. contact Clarissa Johns at **410-685-1700**

### Morrell Park Recreation Center

2601 Tolley Street, Baltimore MD. 21230  
Phone 410-396-5825

If interested or need information, please contact Ms Kathy at Morrell Park Recreation Center 410-396-5825.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

#### Pvt. William J, Buhl Post

#### and Auxiliary #3217

2728 Washington Blvd. 410-646-3217

New Post Canteen Hours :

Monday, Thursday and Friday open at 6 PM.

Saturday and Sunday open at 1 PM.

Will only be open on Tuesday and Wednesday when Meetings are scheduled.

The Post has all new officers and we are looking forward to a successful year ahead. This can only happen with the support of all our Post and Auxiliary members working together. We are trying to recruit new members to replenish the many deceased members and hopefully some of our present members will come back in to support us. We need more young Vets to help carry on our work.

Post meetings are on the second Friday and the Aux. on the second Wednesday.

The Post and Auxiliary Installation of new officers will be at 1 PM May 16.

Memorial Day services at Meadowridge Cemetery for all Posts and Auxiliaries in our District will be held on May 24 at 11 AM. Services at Our Post will be held outside at the Monument at 1 PM May 24 to Honor Those Brave Comrades who sacrificed their lives for our great Country.

The State Convention will be held June 8-12 in Ocean City. We are again bringing 2 Bus loads of Wounded Heroes from Walter Reed and their Families and caregivers for a week to relax in the Sun away from Hospital setting. All expenses paid and many gifts and Merchant Discounts.

*Mildred Porter, Auxiliary Publicity Chairman*

### Sex Offender's Website

Please check this web site for  
21230 Zipe Code

[www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor)

### American Legion

#### Auxiliary Post #137

1508 DeSoto Road 410-644-4135  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

**Please continue to keep all our Military men and women in your prayers!**

**St. Mark's will be hosting a food pantry** for any family in need on the third Monday each month from 9-12 a.m. thanks to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Bags will consist of canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat and cereal. Food will be distributed free according to family size per St. Vincent de Paul guidelines.

Thank You!  
Lois

### Garden Corner

Many people who live in the City have limited space in which they can plant a garden. That is why gardening in containers can be such a delight. You can garden in anything that holds soil and allows for drainage. Some of my favorite containers are old tins. Simply flip the tin over, use a hammer and nail, punch four holes in the bottom for drainage. Fill the bottom with a few stones, fill the tin with soil and then add a plant. Other items that make great planters are Colanders, wire baskets, buckets, watering cans, dish pans and even old boots. Here is a collection of plants that work well in containers. Swedish ivy, thyme, rosemary, oregano, parsley, petunias, verbena, geranium, lavender, ferns Lobelia and impatiens, lilies, bulbs and ivy. Interested in Morrell Park Garden Club? Contact Loretta 410-644-2593

# Senior's Page

## South West COIL Senior Center

100 South Calhoun Street. Balto, MD. 21223 Director, Susan Patry 410-566-1311

Transportation \$1.00. Reserve lunch & ride call 410-566-1311 wk in advance.

[susan@southwestseniorcenter.org](mailto:susan@southwestseniorcenter.org)

- May 01 - Attorney Here From 2 to 4. Make an appt. to see her.  
Lemon Stick Treat, 1
- May 05 - Trip to Wegman's, Greetings and Readings, Burlington, Sears and  
Hunt Valley Town Center eateries
- May 08 - Tea and Dessert, 1
- May 11 - St. Peter's Adult Learning Center Music Program, 1
- May 12 - Learn about the Southwest Baltimore Initiative
- May 14 - Trip to JoAnn's Fabric's, Dollar Tree, Burlington, Shopper's,  
Office Depot and Denny's Restaurant
- May 18 - Center Meeting
- May 19 - Trip to Root's Indoor and Outdoor Market in PA, Flower and Craft  
Market, Dinner at Shady Maple Restaurant and Shop at their Gift  
Shop
- May 21 - Memorial Service
- May 22 - MTA Photo's Taken
- May 24 - Sowebo Arts Festival
- May 26 - Spring Bazaar, Bake Sale and Fried Chicken Dinner (12 p.m.)
- May 27 - Trip to Patterson Park
- May 28 - Meals On Wheels Talk
- May 29 - Special Meal and Birthday Celebration
- Mini Crab Feasts on July 25, July 21, Aug. 25. Call office for details!
- 55 Alive Driving Class on Wed., June 3 from 10 to 3! Call office to sign up!
- Trip to Midway on Wednesday, Aug. 12. \$31. Free buffet and \$15 bonus! Sign  
up now before all seats get filled!

## Lansdowne Baltimore Highlands Senior Center

424 Third Ave. Balto. Md. 21227 Phone 410-887-1443

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm [www.BaltimoreCountyMd.Gov](http://www.BaltimoreCountyMd.Gov)

- May 04 @ 1:00 pm Board Meeting
- May 07 @ 1:00 pm Ice Cream Social Welcome new members
- May 07 @ 10:30 am Ages on Stages by School of Performing Arts
- May 11 @ 9:00 am Shopping Shuttle to Walmart County Ride \$5.00 Round trip
- May 12 @ 9:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast and Music by Cathleen Kenny
- May 12 @ 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening by St. Agnes Healthcare
- May 13 @ 9:00 am Atlantic City Bus Trip featuring a Show Cost \$17.00
- May 15 @ 11:00 Spinal Screenings
- May 16 **Open House 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Fair on Center Grounds**  
Bring your children and grandchildren Multipurpose Room 11:30- 12:30 pm
- May 18 @ 1:00 pm Board Meeting
- May 19 @ 12 Noon Memorial Day Feast, BBQ Spareribs, Coleslaw & Cornbread
- May 20 @ 2:00 pm Quilting and Crochet
- May 21 @ 11:00 am Anna D Zinks presents Exercise to Good Health
- May 25 @ **Memorial Day Observed Center Closed**

**Flea Market Every Friday 9 am – 11 am**

**Cash Bingo 1:00 pm –3:00 pm Wednesday and Friday**

*Announcements regarding closures or late openings will only be made on WBAL – Radio; 1090 WBAL TV; WJZ-TV 13; WBFF Channel 45; and Baltimore County website*

## New Senior Water Bill Discount Program

All seniors aged 65 and above, with a household income of less than \$25,000.00 and who have responsibility for water bills are now eligible for a 30% discount on their water bills. However, in order to receive this benefit, seniors must become certified initially and re-certified annually with the city. To register call 311 a list will be generated and applications will be mailed out. Walk-In intake Sites are located in your CARE Senior Centers and Community Action Centers. Senior Discount Applications must have the following eligibility documents. Picture ID, Social Security Card, Proof of Income, Proof of residency or Water Bill and Proof of Age.

## Retirees Club

Members of the American Legion who are retired are invited to join a retirees group that meets at the American Legion Post 137 at 1508 DeSoto Road. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm. Refreshments are served. Dues are very reasonable. Contact Nelson Smith for details.

**410- 247-5717**

**Please notice contact number has been changed**  
(If not in, leave name and phone number, call will be returned)

## St. Agnes HealthCare / Morrell Park Wellness Center

Located at St. Mark's United Church of Christ / 1805 Wickes Ave. Baltimore, MD 21230

**Peggy Lanasa, R.N.—Telephone 410-644-6655;**

The Wellness Center Hrs. of Operation: Monday & Tuesday by appointment only (Call 410-644-6655)

Wednesday Walk-in Screening Hrs. 1 pm - 3 pm.

For more information about St. Agnes Pediatric Care call

410-368-2500 or visit [www.stagnes.org](http://www.stagnes.org)

The **St. Agnes/Morrell Park Wellness Center** is located in St. Mark's United Church of Christ at 1805 Wickes Ave. and is open on Wednesday for Walk-in Screening hours from 1 pm – 3pm. The Wellness Center provides free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Total Cholesterol screening along with counseling and health information on diet and exercise. Please call 410-644-6655 to schedule an appointment on Monday or Tuesday. The Wellness Center also provides free blood pressure screening at the **M.P. Senior Center at the Annex** located at 2601 Tolley St. on Monday from 9 am – 11 am.

The Wellness Center will continue to give the Flu Vaccine in December at the St. Agnes/M.P. Wellness Center on Wednesday from 1 pm – 3 pm. Cost is \$12.00. Please call 410-644-6655 to schedule an appointment.

To find a physician and other resources please call the Wellness Center at 410-644-6655. — **Peggy**

## Harbor Life Harbor Hospital

3001 South Hanover Street Baltimore, MD. 21225

[www.harborhospital.org](http://www.harborhospital.org)

or call 410-350-2563

**Learn to Recognize a STROKE Call 1-888-4-STROKE**

## Morrell Park Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie Troop

will start up next school year in September 2009. Registration process starts now until the start of next year. During this in between time I am looking for VOLUNTEERS to help support the children. There will be games, crafts, nutritional snacks, we will learn more about being Honest and Fair, Friendly and Helpful, Considerate and Caring, Courageous and Strong, Responsible for What they Say and Do, Respecting ourselves and Others, Respecting Authority, how to Use Resources Wisely, Making the World a Better Place, and most of all being a Sister to Every Girl Scout.

Membership fees for Adult Volunteers and Girls is \$10.00. Applications for assistance on this fee is available. For more information about the Girl Scouts call Wendy Roberts at 410-599-3301 or email me at [MorrellParkNEWS@aol.com](mailto:MorrellParkNEWS@aol.com)

**SIGN UP TO HELP TODAY!!!!**

## Morrell Park Elementary Middle School #220

### Help Support MPEMS Box Tops Program

**Box Tops-** General Mills, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Betty Crocker, Bisquick, Old El Paso, Progresso Soup, Green Giant, Totino's Pizza  
**Eploids -** Cheetos, Doritos, Lays, Ruffles, Fritos, Cracker Jacks and Funyuns

**Campbells Soup** – Pepperidge Farms, Prego, V-8, Pace, Swanson, and Franco-American

## HealthCare for the Uninsured Baltimore

**Everyone Needs Health Insurance  
New, Expanded Health Care Options  
for Parents, Kids and Kinship Caregivers**

Call Us Today! **410-649-0500**

A family of four can earn up to \$24,500 a yr. and qualify for full health care coverage! Baltimore Health Care Access, Inc.  
[www.bbca.org](http://www.bbca.org)

## Baltimore City 10<sup>th</sup> District Community Action Center

606 Cherry Hill Road,  
Baltimore., MD. 21230  
Phone 410-545-0900

### Hours of operation

Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The center manager, Ms Lucas is working to help provide their center services to our community of Morrell Park. One excellent and resourceful program is the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. Call and learn more how Morrell Park residents can receive help from BG&E and be educated

### “If Bills Are Getting The Best Of You, There May Be Help”

To apply bring: Photo Id, Social Security Card Proof of residence Tax Bill or Lease Contract, Current BG&E Bill.

**Need Oil contact 1-877- Joe 4 Oil**

## Baltimore Guardian Angels

[www.baltimoreguardianangels.org](http://www.baltimoreguardianangels.org)

Make a Difference in your Community!  
Join the Angels Safety Patrols today!  
410-353-9472

Interested in Crime Prevention and learn new skills? We will train you in: Leadership Skills, Emergency First Aid, CPR, Martial Arts, Self Defense and Communication Skills. Must be 16 or older to join.

## Principle's Corner

First, let's begin by saying that I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Spring Break. Can you believe that we are already a few weeks into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter? Soon we will be calling our 8<sup>th</sup> graders high school students - Wow!! We are officially finished with state testing and by all early indications; all of our students did a very good job. Now we are anxiously awaiting our results from the state. We expect to receive our Stanford 10 scores some time in late May, but we will have to wait until June or July for our MSA scores.

As we begin to wind down the last months of this school year, I want to remind all of our students and parents that although our weather is becoming warmer, we still expect our students to dress appropriately for school. We will strictly enforce the Baltimore City Dress Code Policy. Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to call home for a change of clothes/shoes. If no one from the student's family is able to come to the school to bring a change of clothes/shoes, the student will either be asked to change into a shirt that we provide, go to the ALC, or go home for the day.

Also, with the change in the weather, some students may want to stay home to enjoy the warm temperatures. We have worked very hard to encourage and reward students for coming to school each and every day. We have sent letters home to parents, raffled off \$20 dollars to primary parents, gave certificates to students, offered mediation, and brought parents in for conferences. Although our attendance has been near its highest in the past seven years, we still are diligently working with a few families to improve their attendance. Now, Baltimore City Public Schools has reviewed our attendance data and is asking to meet with some of our families to help us to better explain the attendance laws in the state of Maryland. In the future, we are asking that when parents write a letter to explain their child's absences they make sure that they give the letter directly to one of the secretaries in the office and ask them to make a photo copy for your records. The difference between an excused absence and an unlawful absence is as simple as writing a letter of excuse.

Finally, remember that weather permitting, our cafeteria doors will open for breakfast at 7:20am and the front doors will open at 7:45am to begin the school day.

### **Important Dates to Remember for the Month of May**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Community Budget review. This is the last opportunity for the community to discuss the 09-10 SY budget before it is submitted
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Book Fair (In the Library)
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting (6:00pm – 7:00pm in the cafeteria)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - Intermediate Parent Involvement Night (Funtastic Night)
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Conference Week (All teachers should contact the parents of their students to set up a conference during this week)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Early Release (1/2 day for students. School dismisses at 11:15am)
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - School Closed for Students and Staff – Memorial Day
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – School Improvement Team Meeting (3:00pm in the Library)
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Pre K & K Closing Ceremony (Time to Be Determined)
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony (Time to Be Determined)