



# View From the Hill

Reservoir Hill . . . A Community Blooming with Opportunity!

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## **Community Briefing July 2011**

### **Check Out the Changes on the RHIC Website**

Two new blogs have been added to the right hand column of the home page to facilitate faster communication of information. One blog is focused on RHIC's Greening and Environmental programs, the other on Schools & Recreation. Readers can subscribe to both.

Check out both on the RHIC website: <http://www.reservoirhill.net/>

### **Reservoir Hill in the News**

Reservoir Hill has been getting a lot of press attention the past two months. Most recently, the community made the front of *The Sun*. If you have not already read the article, check it out here: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/green/bs-gr-reservoir-hill-greening-20110713,0,7301077.story>

### ***Congratulations and welcome to some new Reservoir Hill homeowners!***

*JOHN PRESTON, NEW NEIGHBOR NOW OF PARK AVENUE*

*KYLE OTTLEY, LONG TIME RESERVOIR HILL RESIDENT AND KIDS ON THE HILL MEMBER, AND FIRST TIME HOME BUYER NOW OF LAKEVIEW AVENUE*

*KEISHA BLACKWELL, NEW NEIGHBOR NOW OF LENNOX STREET*

### ***Congratulations!***

*FRANK PATINELLA AND JENNIFER DOWLER ON YOUR WEDDING*

### ***Happy Birthday!***

*OCTAVIA SHULMAN*

*(In future issues of the Community Briefing we will be congratulating our neighbors on home purchases, birthdays, graduations and other celebratory moments, and offering condolences in times of losses. If you would like to have a mention, or would like a friend mentioned, please send the note to Rick Gwynallen at [rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net](mailto:rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net) )*



Reservoir Hill is a Healthy Neighborhoods community

# Not To Be Missed Events!

## National Night Out 2011

Tuesday, 2 August 2011

6:30 pm, 700 Block of Reservoir Street

*Join Your Neighbors for a celebration of our community*



*Simply Black and Dr. J will return as entertainment to keep everyone moving*

*We Can Use Your Talents!*

*Face painting? Street Magic? Balloon Animals?*

*Can you offer something to make the evening fun?*

*If you would like to take part, call the RHIC office at 410.225.7547*

Many thanks to Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes for providing food and music and doing so much organizing, the Baltimore City Policy Department for being so supportive of National Night Out, and all the residents who make the event possible.

*Sponsored by:*

Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes

Reservoir Hill Improvement Council

## *The Charm City Garden Tour 2011*

*Join us for the 2nd annual Charm City Garden Tour! This year's tour will explore and celebrate the gardens of Baltimore's west side.*

*Choose from either bicycle or charter bus tour options.*

*Stick around for the post-tour garden party at Whitelock Community Farm complete with locally-sourced refreshments, live entertainment, and games!*

**Date:** Saturday, August 13th

**Time:** Registration begins at 1:00pm

Tours will run from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Party begins at 5:00pm

**Location:** Whitelock Community Farm

**Prices:** Bike Tour, \$15

Bus Tour, \$20

**All RSVPs and inquiries can be sent to [charmcitygardentour@gmail.com](mailto:charmcitygardentour@gmail.com)**

\*Space is limited on Bus Tour

Check out the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/charmcitygardentour/>

## **SUMMER BOMBER BOXING EVENT**

27 August – Starts at Noon

Whitelock Street & Brookfield Avenue

*Sponsored by Next Level Boxing*

Full outdoor ring

World Class Amateur Boxing

For information: (410) 948-5082



Hold the date for  
**Jewish Party  
in the Park**

Celebrating Jewish Life in Baltimore City

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**  
**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Druid Hill Park Conservatory**

Featuring Y-Love and Diwon  
Bring your blankets and food and enjoy a picnic  
Live music, entertainment and games, Kayam Farm market stand,  
learn more about Jewish city life

For more information, vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Aleeza Oshry  
at [aoshry@pearlstonecenter.org](mailto:aoshry@pearlstonecenter.org).

Follow us on Facebook for exciting updates:  
[www.facebook.com/jewishparkparty](http://www.facebook.com/jewishparkparty)

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## ***Around the Community***

### **Morris Street Sculpture Garden Redesign**

Upper Eutaw Madison Neighborhood Association (UEMNA) is developing a proposal for redesigning the Morris Street Sculpture Garden. The park was originally installed by Kids on the Hill and has been a community attraction. However, Kids on the Hill in its new life as New Lens will no longer manage the site. The proposed changes, approved by UEMNA, include fencing and re-arranging the sculptures to maximize play space. The group is currently investigating funding options.

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### **Update on German Park Playground**

The new German Park Playground is in heavy use, both by children playing on the equipment, and residents of all ages enjoying the shade gardens. A volunteer maintenance team has been working on keeping the sod and gardens watered and the park clean. Their work has been supported by a contract RHIC has with Blue Water Baltimore to care for trees around Reservoir Hill. Once a week Blue water Baltimore has been watering the trees and gardens at the playground. The plantings are doing well, and the sod has taken sufficient root that we are removing the protective fencing. The maintenance team could use additional volunteers to serve in the maintenance rotations. If you want to volunteer to help maintain the playground, contact Arthur Shulman at [arthur.shulman@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.shulman@gmail.com)

The Department of Public Works has not been able to install trash cans on the playground, so the German Park Working Group is developing a funding proposal to purchase and install attractive trash cans, and revive the City's Trash Ball campaign.

We believe that we will in August have the necessary permits to begin removal of the concrete area between the playground and the pergola. We will be coordinating with several City departments to create a lawn for picnics, play, and events that we hope will be in place by late autumn 2011.

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### **This Week at the Farmers' Market in Druid Hill Park at the Conservatory**

The Farmers Market in Druid Hill Park is held every Wednesday, 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Howard P Rawlings Conservatory. This week the market includes lodi apples, tomatoes, cantaloupes, watermelon, peppers, kale, cucumbers, chard, garlic, pickling cucumbers, green beans, hot peppers, carrots, collards, glenglo peaches, yellow peaches, Spring snow white peaches, shiro plums, Formosa plums, White and yellow nectarines, gooseberries, blueberries, green & red cabbage, black berries, white and red potatoes, onions, spring onions, green and red leaf lettuce, romaine, yellow squash, zucchini, beets, radishes, corn, artisan breads including french country/baguettes - fig/anise w/walnuts and cibatta, pies and cookies, chicken/duck eggs (free range and organic), free range meats (pork, beef, rose veal, and chicken - amazing steaks, ground beef, whole hog sausage, ground pork, chickens and more ), cut flowers, handmade goat milk and carrot-based soaps, natural bath/body products (massage oil and lip balm), cookies, brownies, fresh Kim chi, pickles, homemade candy, snowballs, prepared food from Thyme 4 Green and Everything Turkey, and more!

*Farm Vendors:* Black Bottom Farms, Reid's Orchard, Stoecker Farms, Stokes Creek Farm, Baltimore City Farms, Hillside Meadow Farm

*Food Vendors:* Everything Turkey, Thyme 4 Green, The Hamilton Bakery, Pickles, Kim Chi, Candy and More!

*Community Groups:* Friends of Druid Hill Park, Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, Culture Cards

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### **RHIC 2011 Board Elections**

There are four seats open for election to a three year term on the RHIC Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the RHIC Annual Meeting on 27 October 2011. Those interested in standing for office must have their applications and a letter of endorsement from an RHIC Member Organization in good standing submitted by 15 August 2011 to the RHIC through Rick Gwynallen at the RHIC office: (410) 225-75747 or [rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net](mailto:rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net) . For an application package, contact Rick Gwynallen or Chet Myers.

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## **School News**

### **John Eager Howard School Green Planning**

A strategic planning session was held at John Eager Howard School in June to discuss activities for the 2011-2012 school year to move JEH toward being a Green School. A report on the school's progress and plans for can be read on the Schools & Recreation blog: <http://rhicschools-recreation.org/schools/john-eager-howard-school/>

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### **Healthy Eating Ads to Appear on City Buses in August**

The RHIC office was informed that the ads promoting healthy eating created by children in four City public schools have been printed and are beginning to be installed on City buses. The artwork of three John Eager Howard Elementary School students, Shydi Griffin, Marie Gabrielle Tupas, and Troy McGhee Agell, will be among the ads appearing on the interior of City buses. In addition, Shydi Griffin's poster was chosen as the overall contest winner to be displayed in large format on the outside of the buses. Watch for the ads! Send RHIC pictures!

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### **Food & Fitness Family Day at John Eager Howard Recreation Center**

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will be at John Eager Howard Recreation Center on 11 August to kick-off the Summer Camp's KEEP IT MOVIN' – FOOD & FITNESS FAMILY DAY. The event runs from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and is open to Summer Camp children and their families. If you would like to volunteer as a community member, please contact Rick Gwynallen at (410) 225-7547.

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### **Scholarships Support Area Youth in Summer Camp**

Fifty-nine children are having a wonderful time at this year's Summer Camp at John Eager Howard Recreation Center. Every year the community is very generous helping to provide scholarships for the children to attend. This year is no exception. The Beth Am Synagogue Social Action Committee, Bolton-Park Neighbors, Historic Mt. Royal Terrace Association, Reservoir Hill H.O.P.E., and Joyce Keating have all generously provided scholarship support this year.

Though the recreation center is deep into the summer camp, scholarship help is still very much appreciated. The recreation center director admits kids to the program whose tuition is unpaid or not fully paid, and she has to figure out how to balance it out in the end. If you individually, or your neighborhood associations, can help, the per-child scholarship is \$150.

*If one wants a tax-deduction*, the check can be written to RHIC, earmarked for JEH Summer Camp, and send to the RHIC office at 2001 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217. *If one would prefer donating directly to the Summer Camp program and do not need a tax deduction*, payment must be in the form of a money order made payable to Director of Finance, and delivered to recreation center director Carolyn "Cookie" Newton at the John Eager Howard Recreation Center, 2100 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217.

The Summer Camp is a great experience for the kids and something you will feel very good about supporting.

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## **Greening Reservoir Hill**

### **New Chesapeake Bay Trust Intern to Join RHIC Staff**

RHIC was recently awarded a Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) Conservation Corps member for 2011-2012. Erin Bowman, a 2010 graduate of Loyola College, will begin work at the end of the August and will serve a 12-month term. She will continue many of the projects that Megan McCubbin, our current CBT Conservation Corps member, has started at the John Eager Howard Elementary School and Recreation Center. Megan will be leaving RHIC in November 2011. RHIC was one of several dozen potential host organizations and Erin was one of 75 interested applicants competing for the 20 CBT Conservation Corps positions across Maryland.

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## **Update on South Lots Restoration**

Three open-to-the-public visioning sessions have been held to develop a design for the lots on the south side of the 900 block of Whitelock Street. At the last session, work teams were established, including a maintenance team, a design team, and an events team. A landscape designer has offered her services pro bono to the design team, and we intend to have a design established in the first half of August. In the meantime, residents may have noticed that site preparation has already started. In the next phase expected within a week, residents will remove buried asphalt and begin tilling with the support of The Cadogan Firm, the firm developing the apartment building on the northeast corner of Whitelock and Brookfield.

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## **The Green Bags on Trees in Reservoir Hill**

The green bags you see around Reservoir Hill trees are slow-release watering bags, also known as Treegator® Bags. The bags release about 20 gallons of water slowly and evenly, making sure that the water penetrates the tree's roots without evaporating or spilling out. As part of its Tree Canopy project, RHIC has placed the bags on many of the youngest trees in the neighborhood in an effort to make it easier for residents to water their trees. It is critical that young trees receive watering at least once a week during the summer. For a quick lesson for how to properly use your bag go to the RHIC Green blog titled "What Are Those Green Bags Doing?" <http://rhicgreen.org/2011/07/12/what-are-those-green-tree-bags-doing/>

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## **Recycling Bins Available at RHIC**

*The City's recycling office reported to us that they are out of the large 25 gallon bins. RHIC still has the 18 gallon bins. We will send out a community notice when the 25 gallon bins are once again in stock.* Recycling bins are available at the RHIC office at 2001 Park Avenue. The large 25 gallon bins are \$6. The 18 gallon bins are \$2.50. Lids for the 25 gallon bins are \$1.50. These prices are half the cost the City charges. We are able to offer low-cost bins courtesy of a Baltimore Community Foundation Recycle More! Grant. The office is usually staffed 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, but it is best to call first to schedule a time to pick up a bin.

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## **RHIC Tool Shed**

The Tool Shed has a variety of new tools in its inventory due to purchases and donations resulting from the German Park Playground build. Check with the RHIC office for a full inventory. Available tools include: sledge hammers, power drills, hoes, rakes, metal rakes, brooms, shovels, pick axes, trowels, wheelbarrows, and cultivators. Large lawn & leaf bags are also available. Residents may check out tools for no more than two weeks at a time. The tools can be signed out and picked up at the RHIC office on the "Hill" at 2001 Park Avenue from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You will be responsible for returning the tools to the office in good condition so other people can use them, too.

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## ***Around the City and State***

### **New Bakery Opening on Pennsylvania Avenue**

Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening of The Avenue Bakery, "Home of Poppay's Rolls," at 2229 Pennsylvania Avenue on Monday, 15 August. Celebrations start at 9:00 am. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10:00 am.

### **Baltimore Energy Challenge Website**

Visit the Baltimore Energy Challenge (BNEC) at their website: <http://baltimoreenergychallenge.org/systems/energy> The BNEC website is loaded with features that can help you learn about conserving energy in the home, plan home energy retrofit projects, and find contractors and resources to keep your home healthy and energy efficient. You can even take the pledge and sign up to participate in the Challenge directly from the website!

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## ***Housing Resources***

### **Maryland Insurance Administration**

Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) is the state agency that regulates the business of insurance in the State of Maryland. The MIA provides assistance to consumers, businesses, health care providers (including doctors and hospitals), and producers (agents or brokers) in all areas of insurance, including life, health, disability, automobile, homeowners, and property.

The MIA has also instituted a Rapid Response Program which is designed to help certain consumers resolve property and casualty claims (i.e. auto and homeowners claims, including those made under commercial lines policies) quickly and without having to file a formal written complaint. For information about this program, please contact MIA at 410-468-2340 or 800-492-6116 ext. 2340

The MIA produces consumer guides, rate comparisons and frequently asked questions related to various types of insurance. The following is a sample list of available publications; Consumer Guide to Homeowners Insurance, Consumer Guide to Auto Insurance, Health Premiums for Small Employers, Annual Premiums for Medicare Supplement Policies, and Insurance preparedness Guide for Natural Disasters. Consumers may access this agency and its consumer materials in several ways; download from their website, [www.mdinsurance.state.md.us](http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us), on the Consumer Publication page, call (410) 468-2000 or write to Maryland Insurance Administration 200 Saint Paul Street, Suite 2700 Baltimore, MD 21202

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### **Vacants to Value \$10,000 Booster Program**

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and the Department of Housing and Community Development are pleased to announce the Vacants to Value \$10,000 Booster Program, along with enhancements to previously Vacants to Value incentives. Effective July 1, 2011, the first fifty buyers of qualified Vacants to Value properties will receive \$10,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance.

The first two stages of the broader Vacants to Value initiative- Streamlined Disposition and Targeted Code Enforcement- are working very, very well and producing outstanding opportunities for homebuyers. The Vacants to Value \$10,000 Booster Program is offered in addition to previously announced Vacants to Value homeownership incentives, traditional homeownership incentive programs and property tax credits.

Of special note is a change to the Good Neighbors Vacants to Value Homeownership Incentive previously announced for teachers, firefighters and police officers. All City employees are now eligible for the \$5,000 Good Neighbors Incentive which can be used in conjunction with the \$10,000 Booster Program. For a full listing of all Vacant to Value Homeownership Incentives and program description visit, [www.baltimorehousing.org](http://www.baltimorehousing.org)

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### **Maryland Mortgage Program Acquisition Rehabilitation Loan**

The State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (CDA) in conjunction with National Homeownership Month announces it now offers a loan product for homebuyers seeking to purchase a property in need of rehabilitation. This program offers eligible borrowers an acquisition and rehabilitation mortgage to purchase a single family, one unit home as a primary residence and obtain funds for needed repairs and/or renovations at the same time. The program is provided by a CDA Participating 203(k) lender to the borrower under the terms of CDA's Maryland Mortgage Program. The acquisition costs are paid to the seller of the home at closing and a rehabilitation escrow account, per FHA 203(k) or FHA 203(k) Streamline requirements, is set up at the loan closing. This program is offered through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and is available statewide. Please contact Single Family Housing at (410) 514-7535 or at [SingleFamilyHousing@mdhousing.org](mailto:SingleFamilyHousing@mdhousing.org) for additional information.

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## **St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center Foreclosure Report**

St. Ambrose has concluded a study tracking the outcomes of 1,031 households that entered into its foreclosure prevention program during the year 2007. The report finds that among other things 70% (720) of those receiving assistance had positive outcomes. Positive was defined as; remaining in their homes, or being able to sell the property for more than what the family had originally paid for it. In the study researchers looked at the period of time that had elapsed since the clients sought help and what had eventually was their outcomes three years later. Why wait three years? The reason for this was because some clients do not resolve foreclosure mitigations neatly within a short period of time. Additionally some of the clients had legal claims against their lenders and required additional time to settle. For more information and additional statistics, visit:

[http://www.stambros.org/downloads/sahac\\_fc\\_special\\_report\\_2011.pdf](http://www.stambros.org/downloads/sahac_fc_special_report_2011.pdf)

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## **Healthy Neighborhoods Offers Forgivable Loans**

Through its NSP2 Direct Purchase Program, Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. has a \$25,000 forgivable loan available for homebuyers to help defray the cost of the purchase and renovation of a foreclosed or abandoned home in certain census tracts in the following areas: Reservoir Hill, Better Waverly, Ednor Gardens, Coldstream Homestead Montebello, Belair-Edison and Patterson Park/McElderry Park. Eligible borrowers can earn no more than 120 % of 2010 Adjusted Area Median Income, approximately \$98,640 for a family of four. The Direct Purchase Program relies on the commitment of home buyers who love city life and believe in the future of active and engaged urban communities. Healthy Neighborhoods has hired Rahn Barnes as a consultant to assist buyers in the Direct Purchase Program. For information contact Rahn Barnes at 410-332-0387 x 154 or [rbarnes@healthyneighborhoods.org](mailto:rbarnes@healthyneighborhoods.org).

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## **Current Permit Fees**

To view the current fees go to: [http://static.baltimorehousing.org/pdf/permits\\_fees.pdf](http://static.baltimorehousing.org/pdf/permits_fees.pdf) The Office of Permits & Building Inspections enforces the Baltimore City Building Code, as well as state laws pertaining to construction and occupancy. This office issues building permits and provides subsequent inspections for: construction, alteration, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work in both commercial and residential structures. File your completed application in person at: The One- Stop Shop, 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 100. Not sure if your project requires a permit? Call 410-396-3360,

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## **CDBG'S First-Time Homebuyer Program**

The Office of Homeownership has established the Community Block Grant Program to give qualified first time homebuyers \$5,000 toward down payment and settlement expenses. Upon receiving a counseling certificate, the borrower can then find a property and sign a contract to purchase. The property must be inspected utilizing an HQS inspection. Active City employees may qualify to receive \$3,000 in home buying incentive funds. The CDBG program has income limitations to qualify for this program. For information contact Carl Cleary.

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## **"Hope for Homeowners" Program to Help Struggling Families Keep Their Homes**

The *HOPE for Homeowners* program will refinance mortgages for borrowers having difficulty making their payments, but who can afford a new loan by HUD's Federal Housing Administration (FHA). The program is available only to owner occupants and offers 30-year fixed rate mortgages. The program ends 30 September 2011. For more information, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/hopeforhomeowners/>

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## **Resources**

### **Looking for Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, etc.?**

The Mount Royal Improvement Association maintains a very good directory of contractors and other workers recommended by Bolton Hill residents. You can view the directory at [http://www.boltonhill.org/resources/r\\_hird\\_listings.html](http://www.boltonhill.org/resources/r_hird_listings.html)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Farmers Market in Druid Hill Park – Every Wednesday**

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Conservatory. There is a concert the first Wednesday of each month.

To keep up with Farmers Market activity go to: <http://druidhillpark.org/>

### **Community Yoga Class – Every Thursday**

St. Francis Neighborhood Center offers free and open to the community yoga classes every Thursday, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm at 2405 Linden Avenue in Reservoir Hill.

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### **Whitelock Community Farm Market Days – Every Friday and Saturday**

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Fridays, and 9:00 am – Noon Saturdays; Whitelock Community Farm at the corner of Whitelock Street and Brookfield Avenue.

To keep up with Whitelock Community Farm Markets Days and activity, go to: <http://whitelockfarm.org/>

### **Next Homebuyer Workshop – 27 July**

The next homebuyer workshop is scheduled for 28 April 2011 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the RHIC offices at 2001 Park Avenue. The workshops provide a broad overview of each step of the home buying process, including budgeting and affordability, working with realtors, purchase and sale agreements, credit and credit reports, mortgages and the mortgage process, home inspections, settlement and closing costs, and post purchase counseling. The workshops are free, but pre-registration is required.

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### **National Night Out – 2 August**

6:00 pm; 700 block of Reservoir Street

See notice on page 2

### **First Wednesdays Jazz Concert – 3 August**

The City of Baltimore, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Bureau of Music present Jazzy Wednesdays, a free concert series at the H. P. Rawlings Conservatory, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm every first Wednesday of the month. On 3 August the show will feature Ryze Band & Chandra.

### **Food & Fitness Family Day – 11 August**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm; John Eager Howard Recreation Center, 2100 Brookfield Avenue

See notice on page 5

### **Charm City Garden Tour – 13 August**

See notice on page 3

### **Summer Bomber Boxing Event – 27 August**

Starts at Noon; Whitlock & Brookfield

See notice on page 3

### **Jewish Party in the Park – 18 September**

See notice on page 3

### **RHIC Annual Meeting – 27 October**

To be held at Beth Am Synagogue, 2501 Eutaw Place. Hold the date on your calendars and watch for notices.

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**Mission**

RHIC unites, empowers, and mobilizes residents and organizations as a vehicle by which to define and take action on issues common to the Reservoir Hill Community.

**Goal**

To revitalize the physical and human infrastructure of Reservoir Hill without resulting in full-scale gentrification and significant displacement, including rehabilitation of deteriorating buildings; alleviating poverty and its attendant problems, including, sanitation, public safety, education, low homeownership, and unemployment; and making the organized, informed voice of residents influential and effective.

**Strategy**

As an *umbrella organization*, the foundation of RHIC's approach is to aggregate the power of local associations and institutions through a community-wide infrastructure for educating residents, training leaders, *promoting mutual support among community associations*, developing common perspectives and strategy, and implementing collective projects and campaigns. The underlying principles of this strategic approach are that organized people and economic development lead to community empowerment; empowerment achieved as a result of networking, combining talents and resources, and wielding the power of an educated, united citizenry in a program grounded in economic and social equity.

**Reservoir Hill is a**



**Community**