

Fells Point Citizens on Patrol

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

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Marathon for Survivors to Pit 750 on Promenade in June

A first-time Survivor Harbor 7 marathon on June 12 is expected to field 750 runners or walkers, including top marathoners, survivors of major illnesses and many fitting both categories. The 7-mile course includes a circuit of the Harbor Promenade. The city has limited this initial run to 750. Registry, at \$25, is through Active Survivors Network, 640 Piccadilly Road, Towson 21204 or www.activesurvivor.org. Other sponsors are Johns Hopkins Medical Institute and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Also part of the weekend is an all-day seminar on survivor fitness, at Evergreen House on June 11. The seminar is free, lunch is \$12, and a reception afterwards is \$10, with information as above. Jay McCutcheon, editor of the *Survivors' Lifeguard* publication, introduced the marathon plans at a recent meeting of the Promenade Partnership. He was a triathlete training for Ironman USA at 39 when he suffered a stroke. Recovered, he is now "dedicated to survivors' physical potential, rather than their limitations." He advised prompt inscription, predicting far more than 750 nationally will seek to run.

The marathon route begins at Tide Point, takes Fort Avenue to and around Ft. McHenry, returns to join the Promenade at Rash Field and continues on it until Fells Point. The runners will follow blocked-off Lancaster Street through the Point because of its waterside strictures of the Promenade, including the narrow sidewalk in front of Rec Pier. Back on the Promenade to the east, the runners will cross a finish line in Canton.

Patterson Park to Dedicate Fountain of Rejuvenation

Friends of Patterson Park will rededicate the newly restored Marble Fountain at Lombard Street and Patterson Park Avenue at 2PM on April 25 during a festival from 1 to 4PM. The fountain joins the restored Pagoda and ceremonial park entrance at Lombard to create a contemplative setting "where people meet their neighbors, read the paper, play a board game, maybe learn to jump rope," said Anne Fresia of the Fountain Committee. The restoration is a collaboration of the Friends, TKF Foundation and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Other park events:

- April 14, Arbor Day. Help youngster plant trees.
- May 1, Dog Forum. Proposals for new dog area, 10AM to noon, St. Elizabeth's Church basement, North Lakewood Avenue.
- May 1, Kinetic Sculpture Race. 1PM, ascends Hampstead Hill from the Harbor to Central Pavilion near the Casino.

The Friends operate, as they say, "on volunteer power," and they appeal for the dedicated to take part in all manner of park activities. Call Lesley at 410.276.3676 or email lesley@pattersonpark.com.

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The facade, with loading docks instead of windows, offers charm but challenges for reuse.

Urban Visions Collide at a Corner

A vacant building that started out as a dairy in the 1920s has provoked the latest dispute over redevelopment. Neighbors of the site at Fleet and Castle Streets have tired of clearing the litter often clogging Castle, hard by a fast-food restaurant. Their Midpoint Community Association support a builder who seeks city permission to demolish the ex-dairy, more recently a wholesale florist, in favor of new row houses.

The issue came to the Task Force, where the Preservation Society and others argued that the building is part of Fells Point's complex commercial-residential heritage. They asked the developer to rehabilitate instead, converting it to housing or offices. He said this was not feasible. The groups represented at the Task Force, citing Urban Renewal strictures, voted 6-2 against demolition. The issue is now before the city's housing commissioner.

Paddling Kayak Around Harbor —the Consummate Commute

The Canton Kayak Club is queuing up for its fourth year in the harbor with a splash for returning and prospective members on April 27 at the Bay Cafe in Canton. Membership reached 270 last year, says the club, and is expected to double during this season, May through October. Members can pick up the club's palindromic craft at any of four docks, including Fells Point's west of Broadway on the Promenade, and venture off to any of the four.

Members range from experienced to first-timers. Dues are \$125, or \$225 for joint memberships, with discounts for public school teachers, police officers, fire fighters and corporate sponsorships. Applicants must complete a skills/safety class, offered at no extra charge at Gunpowder State Park on weekends and taught by certified instructors of Ultimate Watersports. Advanced training and group kayaking tours are available. For an application or to receive an invitation to the party, visit www.cantonkayakclub.com or email info@cantonkayakclub.com.



Trash and Recycling Schedule

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

Recycling material should go out by 7AM 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, April 12	glass, metal, plastic
Friday, April 23	paper
Monday, April 26	glass, metal, plastic
Monday, May 10	glass, metal, plastic
Friday, May 14	paper

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days are April 24 & 25 at Polytech/Western HS, 9AM-3PM.



Film Catches Point History in Words of Prime Witnesses

Jacque Greff of Tonal Vision LLC on Lancaster Street gave the Preservation Society Board a preview of her documentary film on Fells Point that captures the words and cragged faces of most of the extant major players in the neighborhood's regeneration since the road threat of the 1970s. She has donated to the Society copies and transcripts of her video interviews and she encouraged residents with old photos or artifacts to make them available. Compensation will take the form of Tonal Vision service to the Society.

Greff's project is part of her work for a master's degree from American University. Among those she has interviewed are road battle veterans Bob Eney and Lu Fisher, China Sea wayfarers Sharon Bondroff and Steve Bunker, and historians Frederick Douglass IV, Geoffrey Footner, Bob Keith and Preacher Jack Trautwein. Greff is also volunteer circulation manager of FPCOP Newsletter. She hopes the resultant DVD, a copy of which will go to the Preservation Society, will be seen on Maryland Public Television. Greff would welcome the chance to copy photos that could help illustrate her history. Call 410.675.0591 or see www.TonalVision.com.



The Rev. Jack Trautwein interviewed: "So you can imagine that the people in Fells Point... what they felt like when they heard the cannon announcing that the British had landed."

Hazardous Wastes—City collections at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane, on Saturday, April 24, 9AM to 3PM, and Sunday, 11 to 3.

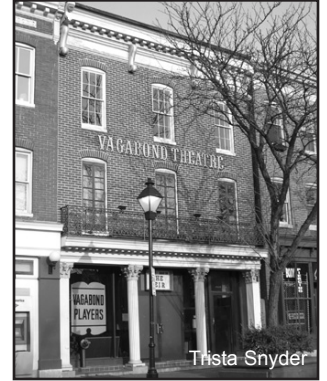
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You on the Aisle

Recent Tragic Events closes Sunday, April 11 at 2PM at Corner Theater, 251 South Ann Street, \$12, 410.276.7837.

Opening Friday, May 14: *Street Scene*, music by Kurt Weill, lyrics by Langston Hughes, book by Elmer Rice.

Opening Friday, April 16–May 16, at Vagabond, 806 South Broadway: Woody Allen's *Please Don't Drink the Water*. Fridays-Saturdays at 8 and Sundays at 2PM.



Corner and Vagabond theaters pack 'em in, but not from the Point.

"Get the Point" Lectures Continue

- *The Schooner Trade*. April 15, 7:30PM, in the hall of the Polish National Alliance, 1627 Eastern Avenue. The famous Baltimore Clippers had a lasting impact on trade, shipbuilding, and—before the War of 1812—world history. Maritime historian Fred Hopkins, author of *Tom Boyle, Master Privateer*, will describe why the British called Fell's Point "a nest of pirates," and Christopher T. George, editor of the *Journal of the War of 1812* and author of *Terror on the Chesapeake: The War of 1812 on the Bay*, will detail the downfall of the British fleet just down the water.

- *Patterson Park in the War of 1812*. April 22, with maritime historian Geoffrey Footner and National Park Service historian Scott Sheads, at the Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Avenue.

- *At Home in Fell's Point, Architecture, Restoration and Furnishings*. April 29, with architectural historian Robert Eney, architect Worthington P. Pearre and Homewood House curator Catherine Rogers Arthur, at Polish National Alliance.

Tickets are \$10 per lecture (\$8 for members of the Preservation Society or Creative Alliance). Refreshments and cash bar. Ticket outlets: Brassworks Co., 1641 Thames; The Frame House, 901 S. Ann; Eclectic Elements, 813 S. Broadway; Strictly B-More, 1728 Thames; Zoe's Garden, 1918 Fleet. Join Preservation Society and buy tickets at Visitor Center, 812 South Ann, 410.675.6750.

14 Reasons to Take House Tour May 9

The Preservation Society's 33rd Historic Harbor House Tour on Mothers' Day, May 9, 11AM to 5PM, offers nine varied residences, the Maritime Museum on Thames Street and four perennials such as the Robert Long House. Two of the nine are tucked away over the tops of familiar businesses, from which they command astonishing views of the foot of Broadway. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 on the day. Call 410.675.6750 or email info@preservationsociety.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 Max's on Broadway.

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 EBLO, 606 South Ann 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.