President’s Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The holiday season is upon us! Please remember our local merchants when you are shopping for your loved ones this season. Enjoy the lighting of the Federal Hill Christmas Tree and then stroll through the neighborhood retail shops during Moonlight Madness on December 9th. Take advantage of the local restaurants and Cross Street Market to wine and dine with your friends and family. Let’s do all we can to help small businesses thrive in our community.

I think that most of us folks who reside in Federal Hill consider ourselves very lucky to live in such a wonderful, unique neighborhood. We also recognize that we are faced with challenges and opportunities. Joining the neighborhood association is a great way to get involved in the community. As FHNA’s membership year draws to a close, I’d like to encourage all active members to renew their membership by January 31st. If you are not a current member, I invite you to join. Our next meeting, on Tuesday January 17th, is the first meeting of the new membership year. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings but in order to vote on any issue, you must be a member in good standing for 30 days. FHNA membership forms are included in every Hillsider for your convenience. If you prefer, you may also sign up online on our website at http://federalhillbaltimore.org. JOIN FHNA and let 2017 be the year that you make a difference!

Have a joyful holiday season filled with love and happiness!

Beth Whitmer

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THERE WILL BE NO FHNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH
SEE YOU JANUARY 17, 2017

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- your telephone number
- what three items

Call 3 or more working days before your scheduled date.

If you do not know your day, please call 311. You may also schedule a collection at 311 online.
Federal Hill Thinking Green

Working For You

By The Tree Guy

There are three major tree stewardship projects partially completed and/or slated to be underway in the 2016-17 tree planting seasons here in our Federal Hill neighborhood.

1. **LDC Funding for Federal Hill Thinking Green 2015-16 Phase-1**
   - Proactive Pruning, 15 New Cut Pits, 10 Stumps Ground & 14 Replacement Trees

2. **Complete Streets Program Tree Pit Widening 2016-17**
   - 160 Street Tree Pit Enlargements, 24 New Cut Pits, 13 Stumps Ground & 32 Replacement Trees

3. **LDC Funding for Federal Hill Thinking Green 2016-17 Phase-2**
   - 374 Street Tree Pit Enlargements, 29 New Cut Pits, & 50(+-) Replacement Trees

Replacement trees for all three phases will be about 96 new 1.5” to 2-inch caliper trees! Tree pit widening will involve 549 existing street tree sidewalk openings. Expanding the length of the small tree pits will extend the life expectancy of our valuable street trees. We expect to create 68 new sidewalk openings for street trees. Stump grinding for previously removed dead trees numbers 23. Tree plan Layouts have been detailed and spreadsheets with the address of each tree pit location have been generated.

Partnering with Federal Hill Thinking Green are the Baltimore Tree Trust, City Forestry & The Baltimore City Department of Transportation. Great Big Tree Hugging Thank-You’s go out to the following:

- Thomasina Poirot, Baltimore Tree Trust
- Eric Dihle, Baltimore City Arborist
- Charles Murphy, Tree Baltimore
- Jahmilla Wilson, City Forestry
- Valorie Lacour, DOT Complete Streets Program
- Nick Mayr, Federal Hill Mainstreet
- Ethan Cohen, Mayor’s Office of Economic & Neighborhood Development

With the involvement of Baltimore Tree Trust who will be donating 96 new & replacement street trees, we will attempt to schedule and coordinate stump grinding and tree pit widening with DOT & Forestry.

Don’t forget to clean, aerate & mulch the tree pits in front of your home, business, apartment and/or condo this winter…

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**Robert Baker Park Update**

by Mike Dickensheets

A lot has been happening over the last few months at Robert Baker Park. The hidden gem along light and Key Highway is undergoing a transformation. Many neighbors have pitched in. The inside of the park was filled with bright colors all spring and fall. Thanks to John Hawkins and Mark Bennett for all the hard work they put in to plant and maintain the gardens.

Parks and Rec have put in many hours as well removing overgrowth and trimming back the trees and bushes. Recently a plumbing contractor installed a working hose bib in the park which will make it possible to plant more trees both inside and outside the park walls. Thanks to Rich Polan (the Tree Guy) for all his hard work making it happen.

Come check out all the progress and make use of this green space.

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Update on Robert Baker Park Irrigation Project

From inception to reality, after 3 and 1/2 years of coordination!

The first task was to identify the abandoned water meter along Key Highway for the Water Department and assign it a Baltimore City “public parks” ID Number.

Then the crock beneath the manhole cover had to be restored as it had crumbled into pieces through time.

The department of public Works pitched in to investigate the possibility of extending water service into the park itself.

Finally there was excavation to bring piping under the brick foundation wall and install a frost-proof hose bibb connection.

Now we can irrigate the plant beds in our beloved Robert Baker Park this spring!
Our office would like to send out tidings of gratitude for such a productive year!
Our affiliates and clients are the best for which we could hope.
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And speaking of laps, I love them. I love to cuddle and be stroked, I like playing, too. And even just hanging out looking out the window makes me happy. Am I easy to please or what???

I’ve got medium long orange fur and I love to have it stroked or brushed.

As you can see by my photo, I’m a handsome fellow. And like any good kitty I have perfect litter box manners.

I’m very friendly and playful, and I know I’d make a great addition to just about any household.

My adoption fee is $100.00 and includes all of my routine vetting, rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations, FeLV/FIV testing (kitties), deworming, spay/neuter surgery, heartworm testing, monthly heartworm prevention, microchip, boarding and transportation costs if applicable, along with an offer for 30 days of free 24PetWatch pet insurance!

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Marty - Well, hello there! Let me introduce myself - my name is Marty and while I had a rough start in life—I was found as a stray with a bullet in one of my back legs—I couldn’t be happier to be alive. I’ve healed completely and am now ready for my forever home. My foster mom calls me sweet, loving, smart and an old soul. I like other cats and dogs too! I’ve got a lot of life left to live and would love to spend it with you.

If you’d like to take me home, please fill out an adoption application at this website http://www.animalalliesrescue.org/adoption-application and choose me - Marty! My adoption fee is $150 and includes all of my routine vetting, rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations, deworming, spay/neuter surgery, heartworm testing, monthly heartworm prevention, microchip, boarding and transportation costs if applicable, along with an offer for 30 days of free 24PetWatch pet insurance.
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Architecture On The Hill
By Robert Moll

As a follow-up to last month’s Architectural Tour of Federal Hill, I’d like to widen the tour to include not only buildings and such, but also elements of the Federal Hill “Urban Environment”. This includes all the physical elements of the neighborhood—anything from a tree under which you like to sit, to a bench, a painted fire hydrant, a stoop where you sit midway through a morning walk, a clock, a sign—anything that is in Federal Hill and is important to you. Each element might be a revelation to one of your neighbors.

Next, I wish to engender participation by you, the readers of the Hillsider. Please email photos, suggestions, comments, complaints, threats—whatever you wish—to my email address: bob@robertmollarchitect.com.

I’d like this to be a rather fluid process. I will get the ball rolling by posting one example, per my observations, of as many as I am able from my original categories. The categories will undoubtedly expand with time:

1. A FITTING PIECE OF THE FABRIC: This choice I perceive to be obvious on many levels of the Federal Hill experience: CROSS STREET MARKET. (Note for now: I will expound on my choices later, if anyone cares.)

2. OLD AND COOL: I have two here: Hook and Ladder Company 6 at 1227 South Hanover, and the church at the corner of West Humburg and South Hanover (S.W. corner).

3. NEW AND COOL: Also, appropriate, The Enoch Pratt Free Library Light Street Branch, Light Street at East Clement.

4. REPURPOSED BUILDINGS: What better examples than the School 33 Art Center, and the Southern District Police Station (now the South Baltimore Learning Center), and to mention one not quite so distinguished, the Domino’s Pizza at 1235 Light Street (Very Blue, Very Cool!).

5. IT IS WHAT IT IS: On my first day exploring Federal Hill, I had to create a new category, “It is what it is”, no other choice. The first inclusion in this category is the 7-11 at the corner of West Humburg and South Hanover Streets. What does one do with an urban 7-11? Maybe take a clue from Domino Pizza?

I likely learned more from diving into this endeavor than I ever expected. First, try to drive around Federal Hill in a full-size pickup truck on a weekday afternoon, stopping to photograph buildings. It’s not a rational endeavor. Also, I was amazed by all the urban environmental wonders that make up the neighborhood. I may have stepped into more than I expected, but it will be good for me, and hopefully for you readers.

I will try to figure out a way to post photos of my “finds” somewhere. Not rocket science (for anyone other than me.) Wish me luck. I have started a Facebook page called Federal Hillsider and have posted some photos, but beyond that do not yet have a clue. Hopefully readers can insert photos, comments and whatever else.

As I am sure is obvioul by now, my lack of knowledge of “boundaries” (seems my Mom used to say that) has already struck mh—only one of my choices is within the boundaries. Oh well, better luck next time. Please offer input, if you wish. Happy Holidays to all!!
The Federal Hill Neighborhood Association would like to wish a happy holiday season and a joyous new year to all!

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Mixed with the city’s culture are its local businesses. Boutique stores, galleries, clothing stores, and markets make up most of the Federal Hill business district. Aww Baby Organics, Brightside Boutique, Matt Cottman’s Gallery, Phina’s Fine Linens and Gifts, Punch, Scrap, and That’s The Point, just to name a few. Like many of their neighboring businesses, they provide professional expertise and personal values when communicating with their customers. The bond between a local business owner and customer is essential to not only our local companies, but to Baltimore’s economy as a whole.

Take for example a small business such as Aww Baby Organics baby apparel store. The business’s playful atmosphere with children’s toys is inviting to customers—especially to young children. This enhances the businesses’ relationship with its customers. Not too far away is the boutique store, Phina’s Fine Linens and Gifts that also value consumer relations. Professionally chosen linens are brought before the customer’s eyes before purchase so they interact with the texture and depth of the fabric. The interpersonal relationship is essential as the owner tries to understand what the customer wants.

Speaking of interpersonal relationships, shopping locally also allows for a much safer environment. Think about the number of pollutants emitted by commercial trucks while they transport their goods across the state. Shopping locally allows for easier access to goods and less fuel needed to transport them, lessening Baltimore’s accumulative air pollution.

Better yet, locally owned clothing stores such as Brightside Boutique and Punch offer their customers choices from a select variety of Maryland-themed products. What’s better than representing your state?

The more consumers spend locally, the more revenue and opportunities there are for local businesses. This leads to job advancement and employment opportunities—good news for any community. All-in-all, shopping locally has a domino effect. It builds and strengthens the community’s economy and values. Baltimore’s thriving city relies on you, the consumer. You can make a difference. You can shop locally.

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Shop Locally: Holiday Gift Ideas from Federal Hill Shops

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Phina's
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December Theater Roundup

By Liz Nelson

Start a new holiday tradition and experience the magic of live theater for the holidays! Want a traditional holiday show? Want something with a bit of a twist? Want something that doesn’t have anything to do with the holidays? It’s all there! Take your whole extended family – many theaters offer great discounts for a group of 10 or more – for some holiday magic that won’t break the bank.

Chesapeake Shakespeare Company – 7 South Calvert Street
A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens, adapted by Ian Gallanar
Directed by Scott Alan Small
December 2-23 | Tickets range $19-$65
A Christmas Carol is Baltimore’s hottest holiday ticket. The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come visit Ebenezer Scrooge to thaw his frozen heart with a timeless message. CSC set the delightful redemption tale in Baltimore, inspired by the landmark Victorian bank building that they have transformed into a theater for the classics. Adapted by Founding Artistic Director Ian Gallanar from the Charles Dickens story, A Christmas Carol with a Baltimore twist is a holiday tradition to share with friends and family.

Everyman Theatre – 315 West Fayette Street
Dot
By Colman Domingo
Directed by Vincent M. Lancisi
December 7 – January 8 | Tickets range $25-$64
For the holiday season, hot off its hit New York run, comes an uproariously funny new play from playwright/actor Colman Domingo (Wild With Happy / star of Fear the Walking Dead) that takes a touching look at shifting family dynamics and the fragility of the mind affecting an African-American family from West Philly. Dotty and her three adult children are home for the holidays, but this year there is more than presents and yuletide on their mind. While Dotty fights to maintain a grasp on her fading memory, brother and sisters collide in a riotous and raw familial brawl where losing your mind and losing your sanity are two different things.
Please note that this play includes language that may not be suitable for all ages.

Fells Point Corner Theatre – 251 South Ann Street
The Divine Sister
by Charles Busch
Directed by Steve Goldklang
Now through December 18 | Prices range $15-$20
The author of Psycho Beach Party and The Tale of the Allergist’s Wife trains his razor-sharp wit on Hollywood religiosity in this hilarious salute to every wonderfully awful nun movie you’ve ever seen! Mother Superior battles to save her deteriorating convent while juggling a mystical postulant with visions, a sexual frenzy in the nunnery, a confused schoolboy and a seductive suitor intent on luring her away from her vows.

Fells Point Corner Theatre – 251 South Ann Street
The Game’s Afoot (or Holmes for the Holidays)
by Ken Ludwig
Directed by Fuzz Roark, with Danny Romeo
Now through December 18 | Tickets range $10-$22
It is December 1936 and Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it’s up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays.

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Hippodrome Theater – 12 North Eutaw Street
A Christmas Story – The Musical
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Book by Joseph Robinette
December 6 – 11 | Tickets range $49-$122
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Success: Commitment Required
by Troy Venuto, South Baltimore Strength & Conditioning

In a previous installment, we talked about the pitfalls of focusing on the quick fix when it comes to fitness. We explained how the oft-broken promises (“4 weeks to a 6-pack!”) have eroded our confidence that any fitness plan can work for us at all. Today we’ll delve into how fitness plans do work, yes even for you, and how changing your focus to the long term is the surest path to success. If that sounds daunting, it shouldn’t; you’re already doing it in other areas of your life!

I want you to think back to your time in college, and imagine where you were 4 weeks into your first semester. Were you noticeably more educated? Now think about yourself 4 weeks after starting your current job. Had you gotten a promotion yet? Why not? More importantly, why didn’t you expect it? The answer is, when it comes to a degree or a career, you have a long-term focus. You don’t constantly evaluate yourself; you know that it’s a long process. Knowing the payoff was far down the road, you were satisfied with a slow pace to earn your degree. And here we are talking about the college version of you, the picture of patience, I’m sure!

When it comes to your degree or your career, your expectations were aligned with reality, and success followed. You weren’t stuck in a constant cycle of premature evaluation and doubt, which allowed you to be present for the day-to-day work required. Moving up in your career, or actually earning your degree probably seemed so far away it was almost this pie in the sky fantasy. And then one day...there you were. The accomplishment, built on day-to-day hard work, ironically seems to come almost without effort.

Well, unfortunately for “Muscle & Fiction”, fitness follows this same principle. One of the main reasons we have such success with our clients is that we’ve coached them to adopt this long-term attitude. Our average client stays with us for over 2 years, far longer than most people stick with anything. This allows us to progress them at a pace where we know they’ll have success, and each day builds on the work of the last (we’ll talk more about that process in the future). Of course we have evaluations built in, but it’s on a sensible schedule, just like performance reviews and exams. And guess what, one day they wake up fitter than ever, and realize that they’re miles away from where they started.

So, if you’re ready adopt a long-term view in the realm of fitness, and need a guide on the path, then we want to work with you. Commitment is required, but then you already knew that.

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The Wizard Shops Small

By John Ginovsky

It happened again: The furious rapping at my front door, accompanied by loud, insistent, and demanding shouts. Of course it was the Wizard Awry, my neighbor.

“What is all this?” he shouted immediately.

“This” was a flyer he waved violently in front of my face. It was the “Shop Small” leaflet that everybody in the neighborhood received.

“Shop small? What in the eternal continuum’s name is that supposed to mean? What? Are we to buy only diminutive objects? Tiny portions? Miniscule items? It defies sense! And who are they to dictate what anyone does? Speak up, man! Don’t just stand there!”

I put my finger to my lips and he composed himself, though sparks jumped out of the collar of his purple robe and the end of his staff glowed ruby red.

“All it means is,” I said, “that in this holiday season when people are buying gifts, they should support the small business owners in the neighborhood, rather than drive out to the malls and shop at the big megastores. It’s an encouragement, not an order. It’s to help neighbors. And, really, when you think about it, it puts more meaning into the gifts you give. It is a good thing.”

The wizard stared at me in silence for a moment.

“Oh,” he said, then turned and left. That, I thought, was that.

No. The next day, sure enough, there was the insistent door rapping and then there was the wizard. This time, though, he was smiling.

“I shopped small,” he said, grinning a wizardly little grin. “Want to know what I got?”

Of course I did. I sat back. He was on a roll.

“For my great uncle Fredrick in Bavaria I got a load of garlic to send him from the market. He has issues with vampires there, you know.

“Along those lines I went to the hardware store and bought Fredrick’s assistant a mallet and some fence stakes. And Fredrick’s wife, a pound of limburger from the cheese shop.

“For my niece Wanda, I got a gift certificate from the nail shop for a mani-pedi—Not for her, of course. Her pesky monkey.

“Let me see. For my Great Aunt Edwina I got a lamp shade with a print of a crab on it from the art gallery. It is amazing how close the resemblance is.

“Oh, and for my nephew Sven, a magic trick book from the used book store. He says he wants to get into the business.”

He paused.

“I don’t know if I should tell you these next ones,” he said with a laugh. “There is this one lady friend of mine. I got her a pound of chocolate-dipped strawberries. And for this other lady friend, from the cupcake store, personalized cupcakes…And there’s another lady friend, a pound of milk chocolate crabs from the candy store…”

“You dog!” I said. He frowned and then grinned and went on.

“I couldn’t forget Mama. I got her a hand-knitted scarf. Purple, of course, from the wool store. For Papa, a box of Cuban cigars.

“For my brother, who I haven’t seen in too long, I got a gift certificate for a tattoo. You know, when I gave the tattoo artist a drawing of the specific design I wanted—a simple Aztec symbol of earthly chaos surrounded by skulls, serpents, and lightning bolts, the usual stuff—he ran screaming from the room. Once he settled down I told him to use his best judgment.

“For my old friend, the Wizard Aghast who lives on the Eastern Shore, I got a sweater for his mastiff, with an Orioles logo, of course.”

Of course, I said.

“Let’s see. Oh yes! For that cousin who never writes—he’s likely on some other plane of existence, who knows—a lard can of potato chips. That might bring him down to Earth.

“There’s that step cousin, who is a darling, I got a brick painted like a row house. She loves those kinds of crafts.

“And for our newspaper delivery guy, you know, Frances. I got him a gift certificate at that new brow-weaving store because, you know, he has that brow.”

“I know.”

“And I couldn’t forget my assistant who lives in my car trunk. I got him an as-seen-on-TV automobile headlight cleaner.”

He paused. “Well,” I said. “It sounds like you have done quite well shopping small.”

The wizard smiled.

“There’s one more. I could not forget my tolerant and always helpful neighbor.”

Just then the doorbell rang. I do have a doorbell. It was the butcher from the market.

“Bring it in,” the butcher said to a couple of helpers behind him. It was a full side of beef.

Oh my.

“Merry Christmas,” the butcher said.

“Merry Christmas,” the wizard said.

Merry Christmas.

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Holiday Greetings
by the Wandering Minstrel

By the time you read this edition of The Hillsider, we will be well into the Holiday Season. Now I have to admit that as the deadline approached, The Minstrel really didn’t have a clue about what to focus on for a December article. So I sat down and thought about what the true meaning of The Season really was, and after careful consideration I came up with this. It’s really very simple, and we probably all learned it as children: It’s better to give than to receive. Now while we’ve heard this over and over, and especially at this time of the year, do we ever really take a moment to think about the possibilities and what this means? I took it a little further and tried to put it into perspective as to how it applies to my life, and came up with this:

I am fortunate enough to have a monthly musical gig at a local assisted living facility only three miles from Federal Hill, in South West Baltimore. So, technically, this month’s article is sort of about the local music scene. <Grin> I play there one afternoon a month and I have to say that I really enjoy and look forward to my time there, because I get to play songs for the residents that I don’t get to play at any other time or at any other venue. I mean how often do I get to play songs like Moonlight Bay, She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain, or I’ve Been Working on the Railroad? But considering my audience there is in their 80’s and 90’s, they appreciate these songs and love to sing along to them. And believe it or not, these are songs The Minstrel grew up with and also some of the first songs I learned to play. I try to keep things current for them and play songs that are appropriate for the seasons. For example, in July we did patriotic songs in honor of Independence Day, and this month I’ll be doing Holiday Favorites and Christmas Carols. As I write this article, I’m actually practicing for the Holiday shows. It turns out that The Minstrel will be playing on December 23rd and then a week later on December 30th, so I’d like to do different songs for each date.

So returning to my original thought of giving back, I’ve decided that I’ll be donating my time this month for both performances. I already have a feeling of self-satisfaction in giving back. It’s good to know that you have done something good for others without expecting something in return. So please pass it on, especially during the Holiday Season. Also, please support live music and have a peaceful Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

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