



Village of Violetville, Inc.
A Neighborhood Wellness Association
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Village of Violetville, Inc. Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

Hosted on Zoom

Date: September 27th, 2021 7:00 pm – 8:30

Special Guests:

Olivia Farrow – Ascension Saint Agnes

Councilwoman Phylicia Porter – District 10 Representative

George Buntin - Community Liaison from Councilwoman Porter's office

Bonnie Sorak – Senior Outreach Coordinator ~ Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Crystal Parker – Baltimore COVID Vaccine Ambassador & 40th District Central Committee Member

Frances Kraft – Community Manager from Weave: The Social Fabric Project

Alvonia Allen - Southwest District Community Liaison for the Consent Decree Monitoring

Liaisons who were unable to attend but provided information in advance:

Sgt Heyward & Officer Davis – Baltimore City Police Dept. Southwest Precinct

Tony Savage – Baltimore City Recs & Parks

Agenda & Notes

- **BPD Neighborhood Report**
 - Part #1 Crimes: Stats for the last 30 days
 - 8/31/21 @ 8am in the 3400 Blk of Violetville Ln, Auto Theft (Comp believed they dropped their keys / The vehicle was later recovered)
 - 9/15/21 @ 9am in the 3600 Blk of Coolidge Ave, (A Wallet was taken from a vehicle)
 - 9/18/21 @ 11am in the 3600 Blk of Greenvale Rd, Aggravated Assault (Domestic incident)
 - 9/24/21 @6pm in the 3500 Blk of Coolidge Ave, Auto Theft
 - Officers Proactivity:
 - Business checks: 137
 - Car stops: 12
 - Directed patrols & foot: 65
 - Warrant Turn-ups: 15



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To see handouts from BPD on ways we can prevent crime visit:

<https://villageofvioletville.org/bpd-neighborhood-stats-resources/>

- **311 & Rat Rubout Program**

- If you think you have a rat problem, please call 311 or submit an online service request for DPW's Rat Rubout program to inspect the area, and if necessary, bait the area.
- Please note, residents must complete and submit a right of entry form before we can enter private property.
- Greenvale resident complained about dirty alley/dumping/rats
- Alongside alley from Greenvale to Clarenell is very dirty [trash w/o cans, out of control shrubs that come out of the yard and into the alley]
- Suggestions: no route for DPW, put in requests through 311 [dumping request/dirty alley]
- Councilman Torence is aware of requests from neighbors for citations; response from housing inspectors no longer go through dumped trash looking for identification
- 311: Dirty Alley- goes right to DPW
- 311: Dumping- system sends request to Housing [used to do investigations to possibly cite the offender; not happening any more]
- Suggestions: Go through the 311 process and how to improve it to make it more efficient and a quicker turnaround for requests: George Buntin will follow up with city and resident
- Bonnie Sorak: bonnie@interfaithchesapeake.org [443] 799-0349
- Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake: grant opportunity available to address areas of flooding working with Violetville UMC
- 13 other neighborhoods have applied for the grant, up to \$100,000; application due in December; 2022: planning and determining what can be done to mitigate flooding, looking at the neighborhood as a whole
- St. Agnes applied for a grant to win money to do planning [Olivia Farrow]; next step will be implementation grant [tree planting, rain garden at St. Agnes,
- Hinline resident complained of alley conditions [brush, trees, trash, etc]; George will follow up with 311 and resident
- <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Rat-Eradication>

- **Update on Haverhill Store**

- VOV contacted the city in 2019 about the store and we started a petition to have it removed. We received over 300 signatures and the city proceeded with putting it on the list of vacant properties needing demolition.



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- At the request of the VCA, we paused to see if they could work with the owner to rehab the store.
- Since then, VOV & VCA have agreed that we should proceed with having it removed
- The city has a sign on the store and is starting the process for demolition.
- Councilperson Porter will support and escalate process; will follow up with Eric Booker regarding demolition status and speeding up the process

- **Update Recs & Parks**
 - The park rehab was delayed due to COVID. Our recs & parks liaisons will be providing an update in the near future. They were going to attend to day but had a schedule conflict
 - No timeline for presenting the draft; also doing other park rehabs in the city
 - Porter meeting with R&P Chief of Staff, so she will follow up with them
 - December 19: meeting with R&P, money been allotted to redesign the park

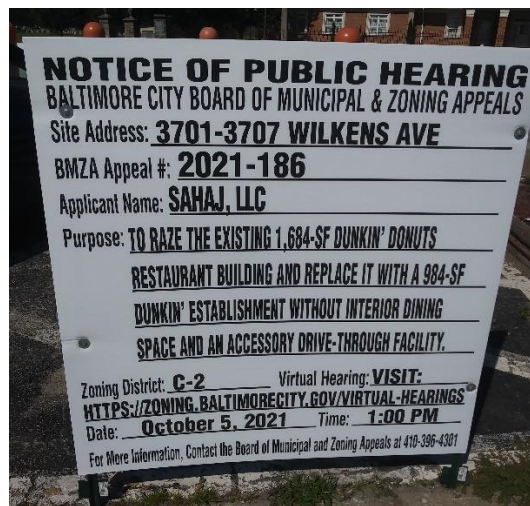
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Farmers Market @ Jenkins Senior Community
 - Every Wednesday from 11-3 until October
 - Excellent selection of fruits and vegetables
 - Everyone is encouraged to attend if possible!
 - In the pavilion at the top of the hill [right by St. Elizabeth Rehab Center]
 - <https://villageofvioletville.org/event/jenkins-senior-community-farmers-market-2/>
 - Rock Painting Event: Oct 14, 2021
 - Stephanie and crew will be painting rocks for the neighborhood
 - Will take place at Jenkins and VOV will scatter rocks
 - Holiday Decorating Competition (December)
 - We will do it again this year!
 - BPD Commanders Meeting on October 20th (see our website for details)
 - Do people want to do the pet calendar? (Discussion)
 - Sign up sheet will be shared this week
 - Ashley will schedule appointments to take pics
 - VOV will receive a portion of the proceeds
 - Any other event ideas (social media requests)
 - Yard Sale
 - Another Plant Swap
 - Movie at the Park



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- Finances
 - Treasury Report: \$73.05
 - Spent money on non-profit filing; has been accepted but haven't received any documents from IRS [physical and digital letter]
 - Baltimore Weaver Award Funding
 - VOV received a nomination from the Baltimore Toolbank
 - Will be getting \$7000 towards community building activities
 - VOV will be transparent with community on how the money will be spent
 - Non-Profit filing
 - Corey has successfully filed and worked hard on our paperwork
- Other Items:
- Dunkin Donuts: board hearing on October 5 to tear down and build a DD w/a drive thru [Sean]; VCA will support the move



Thank you to all the attendees and neighbors who raised concerns. We were able to find some solutions and get the ball rolling on fixing some things that need attention. If you were unable to attend but need assistance of any kind feel free to reach out to:

board@villageofvioletville.org

If we don't know how to fix it, we probably know who can. 😊