



St. Ambrose Housing News

Resident's Summer Beach Party!

On July 21st, St. Ambrose residents loaded up grills and beach blankets for a summer beach party at Gunpowder State Park. 97 residents signed up for a day of food and fun in the sun. They showed up bright and early, and at 9am sharp the busses departed for the park. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors, and the event was a big hit!

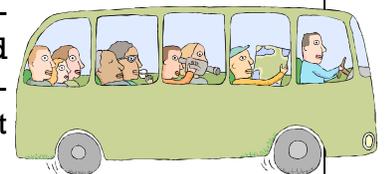


This year's trip included a special treat, steamed crabs in addition to burgers and hotdogs on the grill. The younger children played in the water and on the grass, while the older teens posed for pictures and played football.

Linda Logan has been organizing these excursions for residents since 1995. In the past, they have traveled to a variety of fun places like Hershey Park and Sandy Point State Park. The residents, especially the children, share fond memories of past excursions and look forward to next year. Linda is looking at King's Dominion as a possible destination. (more fun photos on page 3)

Aigburth-Vale Gets Van Service

Starting September 4th, the residents of Aigburth Vale will have van service to help them with their weekly errands. Many of the residents don't drive but still need to get to Towson for appointments and shopping. Relatives or other residents helped out when they could but these active seniors longed for more independence. They identified their needs and decided on a schedule and a route that would be beneficial to the majority. Thanks to the Beechmont Foundation for their support.



Who are We??

St. Ambrose is all about HOMES!

HOME Renting

350 affordable rental units

HOME Buying

Free Monthly Homeownership Workshops

HOME Building

Over 89 homes rehabbed and sold in 2005—2006

HOME Keeping

Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

HOME Sharing

Over 1,000 matches



Aigburth Vale Continuing Events

Senior Rhythms:

Rhythmic chair based exercises
Every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00am



Scrabble:

Words make the game go around
Every Thursday at 7:00pm

Lunch Bunch:

Eat with us at the Szechuan House Restaurant
The last Wednesday of every month
Leave office at 11:30am
All residents are invited
(Rides are available at office entrance)



Birthday Party:

Everyone is invited to a Birthday celebration
The third Thursday of every month
2:00pm



All Events are in the Mansion and Everyone is Invited!

Remembering a Great Member of our Homesharing Community

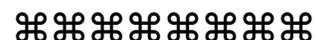
Maggie Norton, a pillar of our Homesharing community, passed away in early July. She was the Minister at New Trinity Church of the National Congregational Church of America and was the mother of three sons and a daughter.

Maggie became a Homesharer in 1991. She opened her home to many people, including those with young children. She ran a day care center in her home and loved children. Her first homeseeker was a single mother with a young daughter. When the little girl would come home from school, Maggie would baby sit until her mother returned from work. Another tenant would have been homeless if Maggie had not been willing to take her in and charge her only \$200 a month.

A true believer in the Homesharing Program, when St. Ambrose was threatened with a funding cut, Maggie went with Vinnie to City Hall and testified on behalf of our program. Not only did we not lose funding, the next year we got even more money.

Maggie always treated everyone she met with appreciation and respect. She saw a person for who they were on the inside and tried to see both sides of an issue. She was able to speak on almost any subject and had a great sense of humor. No one ever complained about living with Maggie Norton.

She was a shining example of our Homesharing program at its best, and she will be fondly remembered by us all.



St. Ambrose and NeighborWorks® Week Start Something



To recognize NeighborWorks® Week this year, Dwight Madison organized his crew of contractors and staff along with a monster dumpster on the St. Ambrose parking lot and declared “Let the cleaning begin.” Starting at 8AM, the crew attacked a huge pile of old wood from a downed tree and the staff started throwing out broken furniture, boxes, load upon load of accumulated goods. By 10 AM, the dumpster was full.



Over the next couple of weeks, we started to notice that the old abandoned cars parked behind our neighbors’ houses were disappearing. Another group of neighbors cut back the overhanging trees and cleared away the remains of the woodpile. Early this week, one of the neighbors was out cutting back the weeds around a grassy area growing where the wood pile was. Start something in your Neighborhood!

More Summer Fun at Gunpowder State Park



Real solutions for Real Estate Nightmares!

311 and 1-888-995-HOPE

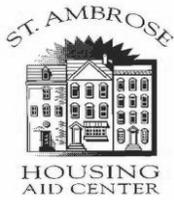
If you or someone you know is at risk of foreclosure
Call Now! Every Minute Counts!
Nothing is worse than doing Nothing!

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June 6, 2008

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center will be celebrating its 40th year meeting the housing needs of Baltimore.

SAVE THE DATE!
PLAN TO CELEBRATE!



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Baltimore, Maryland 21218

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New Faces at St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose welcomes our new Board Members!

Little did Sharon Butler know how entwined St. Ambrose would become in her life when she first contacted Pam Petty for some homeownership counseling. Or when her real estate agent showed her a St. Ambrose renovated house for sale in Belair-Edison and she knew she had found “her home.”



Sharon E. Butler

As of September of 2007, she becomes a member of the St. Ambrose Board of Directors.

Ms. Butler is the Manager of Donor Services for Catholic Relief Services here in Baltimore, Maryland. and has been involved in nonprofit fundraising for close to 30 years and through her job has traveled to Ethiopia and Uganda. She volunteers at the Druid Hill YMCA as a personal trainer and will be helping plan St. Ambrose’s 40th Anniversary Celebration in June 2008.



Cordelia A. Jones

We introduced Cordelia Jones to our readers in the Spring 2006 Newsletter. Cordelia is one of our Homesharers. She has worked for Med Star at Good Samaritan Hospital for almost 12 years and is completing her degree in Social Work at Morgan State University.

This busy mother of four and grandmother of six has lived in Baltimore since 2002. Along with her volunteer work on the Board of Directors of St. Ambrose, she has been working on the launch of Dress for Success—Baltimore, a nonprofit whose mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development to help women thrive in work and life. Her fundraising experience organizing their first annual Fashion show on September 22 will come in handy as she contributes to our celebration in June.