

Bmore City Center

The Newsletter of the City Center Residents Association

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CCRA Draws Crowd for Third Annual Night at the Yard.

On August 23rd, over forty City Center residents and friends came together to cheer on the O's at the CCRA's Third Annual Night at the Yard! The evening began with a happy hour at the Center Field Bar. Attendees then headed to prime seats located just behind the visitors dugout—generously donated by Orioles management—to take in the game. The evening ended with a fireworks display, the perfect way to cap off a night at one of Baltimore's best summertime destinations.



Above. CCRA members toast the Orioles at our Third Annual Night at the Yard fundraiser on August 23, 2019. The pre-game rain did little to dampen spirits!

Mission

The City Center Residents Association (CCRA) serves and supports our neighborhood by building community among residents, engaging all stakeholders, advocating for residents, and promoting Baltimore's City Center as a great place to live and locate businesses that meet our residents' needs.



#WeAreBaltimore

CCRA members took to international news this summer to defend our city in the wake of President Trump's tweets and the media buzz that followed. Board member Sue Carlin and Safety & Security Committee member Robin Ceasar were invited to speak on BBC radio on July 30th. Great job, guys!

Coming Up! The CCRA and Market Center Merchants Association host their 1st Elected Officials Forum on Wednesday, October 2 at 2Hopkins Apartments. Email info@citycenterresidents.org to RSVP!

President's Message

It's hard to believe that summer 2019 is nearing an end! The CCRA team spent their summer hard at work building community in Baltimore's downtown core and launching a series of exciting initiatives, all aimed at making City Center *the place* to live, work, and play in our city, including (inside this issue):

- CCRA gives back by fielding a team at the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival and collecting non-perishable food and toiletries for those in need through its Third Annual Christmas in July drive (p. 4)
- Our Communications & Social Media Committee launches an all-new CCRA logo and website design (p. 4)
- CCRA makes waves (and some new friends) with our monthly happy hour series (p. 5)

There's even more on the horizon for this fall, including the CCRA's Parks & Public Places survey (launching this month) and our Clean & Safe Neighborhood Resources Card, copies of which are being distributed soon. Most importantly, the CCRA is gearing up for some **major fall events**:

- **October 2nd**—The CCRA and Market Center Merchants Association are hosting an elected officials forum, featuring State Senators and Delegates from Maryland's 40th and 46th Legislative Districts. The forum will take place **Wednesday, October 2nd from 6-8pm at 2Hopkins Apartments**. All are welcome to attend. Email info@citycenterresidents.org to RSVP.
- **October 20th**—Mark your calendars for the Market Center Trash Bash, a neighborhood cleanup celebration happening on City Center's west side. Some of your favorite Market Center businesses will be there. It all takes place at the Lexington Market parking lot (Eutaw Entrance). We're starting with a **neighborhood cleanup from 2-5pm**, then a **celebration cookout from 5-6:30pm**. Register: bit.ly/cleanupbmore

Our team does a lot for this neighborhood, but we can't do it without you! We hope you'll take a few minutes this season to join or renew your membership with the CCRA as a resident or business/associate member for the 2020 membership year by visiting citycenterresidents.org/join-us. This year, membership comes with some new perks: all resident members will receive a membership card, which entitles them to receive discounts from a wide array of neighborhood partner restaurants, bars, fitness centers, and more!

It's an exciting time to get involved with CCRA. As always, you can contact me directly any time at president@citycenterresidents.org.

Thanks for reading, and see you around!

-Bill King, CCRA President



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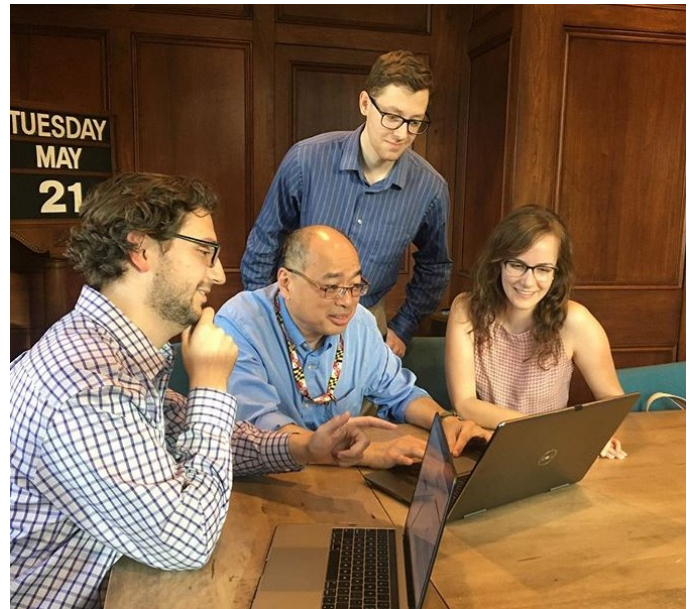


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Bmore “On Brand!”

The CCRA’s Communications and Social Media Committee has been hard at work this summer updating the CCRA’s website and online presence! If you haven’t already, check out www.citycenterresidents.org. The Comms Committee even put together a new logo for us, which we feel perfectly captures both the historic architectural beauty of our neighborhood and the CCRA’s fresh, energetic spirit!



Above. CCRA Comms Committee members John Czczulin, Matthew Wong, and Gene Burchette, and Committee Chair Rebecca Stackhouse, work on improving the CCRA’s online brand.

Left. The CCRA’s new logo. A very special thanks goes to John Czczulin, our master logo designer, for his hard work!



Above. Representatives of Baltimore’s Franciscan Center
Right. CCRA members at the AIDS Walk.

Bmore Giving

CCRA leads AIDS Walk team! Did you know that CCRA Vice President Alexa Milanytch is also a community outreach professional at Baltimore’s Chase Brexton Health Care? One of her projects this past year was coordinating Chase Brexton’s AIDS Walk and Music Festival, which took place in June at City Center’s own Power Plant Live. Alexa rallied a team of CCRA members for this year’s AIDS Walk! The team, captained by City Center resident Karen Cephress, raised \$325 for AIDS research and related programs and had a great time doing it!

It’s Christmas in July . . . again! The CCRA was proud to lead our Third Annual Christmas in July collection drive. Collection boxes were placed at 2 Hopkins apartments and 414 Water Street condos throughout the month of July. As always, we had a strong outpouring of donations: canned goods, nonperishable food, toiletries, school supplies, etc. The CCRA’s Jim Welkos then delivered these items to the Franciscan Center of Baltimore, where they will be distributed to families in need around the Baltimore area.



Bmore Social

CCRA Happy Hour Series Continues Through Spring and Summer. This year, the CCRA launched a monthly neighborhood happy hour series. The series drew dozens of City Center residents and other neighborhood stakeholders to local restaurants, bars, and even a *sky high* private social club. Many thanks to our Events & Community Service Committee, headed by Board members Jim Welkos and Alexa Milanytch, for leading this initiative.

April 25th—Center Club

In April, CCRA members enjoyed a reception at City Center’s premier private dining club—the iconic Center Club at 100 Light street. The club graciously provided complimentary drinks and appetizers and gave residents a VIP tour of their facility. Many thanks to the Center Club for inviting us into your beautiful space!



May 30th—Chez Hugo

Chez Hugo hosted City Center Residents at the end of May for a neighborhood cocktail hour, featuring a specially crafted *City Center cocktail* and all-night happy hour pricing for CCRA members. Attendees enjoyed the classic French elegance of this hidden gem on Redwood Street. Thank you to Chez Hugo for a great evening! It may be hard to find, but Chez Hugo serves up some of the best authentic French cuisine this side of the Atlantic!

June 27th—Capital Grille

In June, City Center residents celebrated the official start of summer at Capital Grille! Our hosts provided complimentary wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres for residents to enjoy. The elegant location served as a wonderful gathering spot to connect with friends and neighbors. We have to say, Capital Grille went all out for this one—crab cakes, shrimp, and lamb chops on the house was a rare treat!



July 25th—Alexander Brown

July brought about our final happy hour of the summer, and what a note to end on! The Alexander Brown Restaurant was an enthusiastic host and supporter of CCRA, encouraging members to think of the establishment more like a local pub than a stuffy upscale dining establishment. This “local pub” is difficult to beat, located in a historic bank building and featuring gorgeous artwork on every wall. Our own Delegate Luke Clippinger even stopped by for a visit!



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of Architects Baltimore Chapter and the Baltimore Architecture Foundation will relocate their Mount Vernon headquarters to establish the Center for Architecture and Design at One Charles Center. The space will be on the retail level with storefront exposure on Fayette Street and adjacent to Center Plaza.

Modeled after similar resources in other cities including Boston, Philadelphia & Chicago, the Center will also be home for several organizations with related missions including Baltimore Heritage, the Baltimore chapters of the Urban Land Institute and National Organization of Minority Architects, as well as the Maryland chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects and American Planning Association.

AIA Baltimore Executive Director Kathleen Lane envisions the Center as a resource for all downtown stakeholders. "We look forward to opportunities for collaboration, dialogue and sharing creative ideas for the future of downtown Baltimore and its continued revitalization for residents, businesses and visitors. We also welcome ideas and input for programming that residents would like to see in the space along with events on the plaza that highlight architecture and design," Lane told CCRA. A design competition will be held this fall with plans for the Center to open in early 2020, so watch this space for updates!

Bmore Tasty

In this edition of *Bmore Tasty*, we'll be highlighting some of our local "on-the-go" food options. Food trucks and "truckstaurants" are quite popular in City Center. When local businesses can drive to their customers, tasty food is just a stone's throw away! The Harbor Market and Pratt Street Farmers' Markets are some of the best spots to find them. Be sure to support some of these business if you're egging to try something new: Green Bowl, BricknFire, WOLO, The Grate Crater, Wild Thyme, Iced Gems Baking, Bistro Lunchbox, Wanna Pizza This, Taco Bar Food Truck, Diner on the Go, Deddle's Mini Donuts, Gypsy Queen, The Smoking Swine, Mexican On The Run, are some of our favorites, but there are many more! Here's a helpful schedule to help you find yours:

Wednesday	Harbor Market
	Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore
Thursday	Pratt Street Farmers' Market
	Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
Friday	Harbor Market
	Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore



Bmore Quirky

Did you know? This past month, City Center hosted the final meeting of the BronyCon convention. The convention hosts fans of the animated show "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic" from around the globe.



Credit: Al Drago, Baltimore Sun

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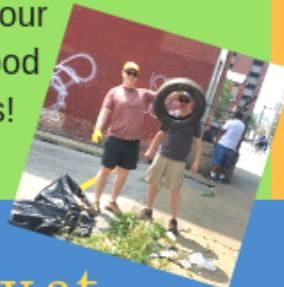
Community

Join us for an O's game, a night at the theater, or an evening with friends at one of our community happy hours!



Advocacy

Meet your elected officials, learn about downtown development projects, or join one of our neighborhood committees!



Neighborhood Pride!

Support local businesses & nonprofits, give back, and help us get the word out that City Center is the place to be in Baltimore!

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