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# INNOVATION & REVITALIZATION



A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FROM  
THE SOUTHWEST PARTNERSHIP.

2017 WINTER EDITION



# COMMUNITY NEWS

The Southwest Stamp  
Fall Edition 2017

## \$1,000,000+ Granted for West Baltimore Street



*Southwest Partnership Vision plan of West Baltimore St.*

Southwest Partnership was awarded over one million dollars from the State of Maryland to acquire and stabilize specific

buildings on West Baltimore Street. The goals are to add more residential units to West Baltimore Street, giving it 24/7 activity such as entertainment, cultural arts, and food venues to serve our residents as well as attract visitors to the community. At this time of printing, Southwest Partnership is still discussing with the state which properties will be included in the project. One building in particular which is under development, is the former Capitol Theater at 1518 West Baltimore Street. Social Impact Development along with the Southwest Partnership have partnered to explore an adaptive reuse of the building that will enhance the quality of life on this critical street. Baltimore Development Corporation is working with Southwest Partnership on streetscape projects which will change the feel of the street while we are waiting for the development to start. Once development begins, more information about the topic will be available.

### Southwest Works

*Connecting Southwest Baltimore residents to good jobs and stable careers.*

Our community Career Navigator is ready to assist Southwest Baltimore residents in finding great jobs within the South Baltimore area. Connect with Rachel for more information.

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# DEVELOPMENT

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## \$500,000 Awarded to Restore Vacant Homes in Mount Clare and Franklin Square

Southwest Partnership was recently awarded 500,000 dollars from the state of Maryland to purchase and stabilize vacant homes within the Franklin Square and Mount Clare communities. The City of Baltimore's Department of Housing and Community along with Southwest Partnership is working to gain the title for each home chosen by the Franklin Square



*Vacant homes in Mount Clare community*

Community Association and the Mount Clare Community Council. Once the titles are received, preparation for development can begin. Unity Properties, part of Bon Secours Health System, will follow through on this project to see that development starts as soon as possible. Bon Secours was also awarded 500,000 dollars to purchase all the vacant houses on South Fulton street between Baltimore and Pratt streets.

## \$200,000 Funded for Alley Gating Development



*Alleygate on S Gilmore St. and W Fayette St.*

Many alleys throughout the seven neighborhoods of Southwest Partnership no longer serve a public purpose. The Alley gating project was created to identify these public places and work to gate them with wrought iron fencing. The fencing of these areas will protect these spaces from litter, debris, and criminal activity creating a safe area for children to play. Alley gating will enhance property values as crime decrease. Southwest Partnership was awarded 200,000 dollars to begin the project. Development will start on the streets just north and south of West Baltimore Street and gradually spread throughout all seven of our neighborhoods.



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## Southwest Partnership Education Committee Continues to Develop Community Schools



Stuart Hill Academic Academy

for bringing in resources, communicating with the community, and developing partnerships or relationships to make the school and surrounding neighborhood stronger. The Education Committee is currently working on a needs assessment and planning process for all schools to find out what each school and community currently have, need, and future goals. The Education Committee needs volunteers to help collect and share information and oversee the transitioning process for each school and neighborhood. If you'd like to learn more or want to be involved please call 667-210-2105 or email [elizabeth@swpbal.org](mailto:elizabeth@swpbal.org).

The Southwest Partnership Education Committee is working to strengthen all schools within the Southwest Partnership, by making all schools in the area a community school. Community schools are at the center of their neighborhoods--they bring resources such as after school programs and volunteers. Community schools also bring resources to the surrounding community, serving all of the students' families and community members' needs. Community schools offer resources such as food, housing, job training programs, community space and more. To ensure sustainability and success, each community school should have a full-time coordinator who will be responsible



Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Celebrate with Southwest Partnership at our Annual Meeting on January 27th



Building Community Together in 2017: Annual Meeting

Southwest Partnership formally invites you to our Annual Meeting on **January 27, 2018** from **5pm-8pm** at the **Wicomico Building** (1100 Wicomico St. Baltimore, MD 21230, **7th Floor**). Join us as we celebrate innovation and

revitalization in Southwest Baltimore. Although it may be called a meeting, it is far from an office setting event. The Annual meeting is a chance for us to show the community we serve our accomplishments of 2017 and goals for 2018. Our Annual Meeting is a **FREE** social event for all adults filled with food, live music, a dance floor, drinks, and a short award ceremony. During the extravaganza, we will announce the Community Impact Award and Block Captain Award winners. These awards are given to community members of the Southwest Partnership that have dedicated their time and skills to build up their community. To attend this event, you must RSVP on our Facebook page or call our office at 667-210-2105 BEFORE **January 19th**. To nominate a community member from your neighborhood for the Community Impact Award, contact us by email at [honors@swpbal.org](mailto:honors@swpbal.org) or call us BEFORE **January 19th**.

## Big Success for First Annual Southwest Winter Fest

Southwest Partnership hosted the first annual Winter Fest on December 1st-2nd including attractions for adults and children such as live performances, pictures with Santa, games, food and more. Over 150 families attended as we collected over 150 donations for the Christmas Store and 106 books for the SoWeBook Drive. This event was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, War Horse Cities CDC, University of Baltimore, University of Baltimore Bio Park, Warriors Entertainment, LuvsArt Project, and Hollins Roundhouse. Southwest Partnership would like to thank our volunteers from the community, UMBC "Charm City Connection", and City Councilman of the 9th District John Bullock. To experience the Winter Fest, visit our Facebook page for photos and a



video recap. The Winter Fest is one of many Southwest Partnership seasonal festivals to be hosted at Hollins Market. Stay tuned for our Spring Festival coming in April!



# HELP WANTED

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## Become a Block Captain and Support Southwest



and many more. By volunteering, block captains also have hands-on experience with showcasing positive media stories about their community, and the promotion of community events. Volunteers benefit from the Block Captain Program because they gain professional communication skills, great job references, and direct access to Southwest Partnership. To perform properly, all block captains will receive training from the program organizer. Block Captains meet monthly to reflect on tasks accomplished throughout the previous month and to regroup for future tasks. For more information contact LaShawna Williams.

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667-210-2105

Tired of hearing about change in your community but never seeing the results? Hate feeling left out of what's happening? Need new skills to add onto your resume? The Block Captain Program is a great place to start! The Block Captain Program was created for residents of the Southwest Partnership to improve communication between all seven communities. The goal of the program is to help residents gain control by becoming active participants in their neighborhood. With your participation, you become aware of the developmental change and resources around you. Throughout your experience as a block captain, you are able to hold city workers accountable for your neighborhood in areas such as cleanup

Have an idea for a community project?  
Need a little money to get it started?

## GET FUNDED

Up to \$5,000 Now!

The **Southwest Partnership Small Neighborhood Grant Program** is here to help. All residents within the Southwest Partnership communities will have a chance to apply for up to \$5,000 in grant funding for the beautification of Southwest Baltimore. Grants are awarded for fighting blight, fixing damaged business or homeowner facades, creating a green space, community parks or signs, improving the quality of life in your community, and **MANY MORE**. Find out if your community project qualifies when you apply today!

Deadline to Apply  
**January 1, 2018 - April 1, 2018**

APPLY NOW ONLINE AT  
<http://southwestpartnershipbaltimore.org/project/small-neighborhood-grants-available/>

For more information contact LaShawna Williams  
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# EVENTS

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JAN.  
3RD  
&  
FEB.  
7TH

### SWP Workforce Development Committee Meeting

Location: Southwest Partnership (1138 Hollins St, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
4TH  
&  
FEB.  
1ST

### SWP Education Committee Meeting

Location: Southwest Partnership (1138 Hollins St, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
11TH  
&  
FEB.  
14TH

### SWP Housing Committee Meeting

Location: UMB Community Engagement Center (1 N. Poppleton St, Baltimore, MD 21201)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
15TH  
&  
FEB.  
19TH

### SWP Historic Prevention Committee Meeting

Location: Irish Railroad Workers Museum (918 Lemmon St, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

JAN.  
16TH  
&  
FEB.  
20TH

### SWP Board Meeting

Location: UMB Community Engagement Center (1 N. Poppleton St, Baltimore, MD 21201)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
17TH

### SWP Block Captain Training

Location: UMB Community Engagement Center (1 N. Poppleton St, Baltimore, MD 21201)  
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

JAN.  
19TH  
&  
FEB.  
16TH

### SWP Workforce Roundtable

Location: Bon Secours Community Works (26 N. Fulton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

JAN.  
23RD  
&  
FEB.  
27TH

### SWP Commercial Development Committee Meeting

Location: Hamilton Bank (764 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
24TH  
&  
FEB.  
28TH

### SWP Public Safety Committee Meeting

Location: Southwest Partnership (1138 Hollins St, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
25TH  
&  
FEB.  
22ND

### SWP Vibrant & Walkable Streets Committee Meeting

Location: Southwest Partnership (1138 Hollins St, Baltimore, MD 21223)  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

JAN.  
27TH

### Southwest Annual Meeting

Location: Wicimico Building (1100 Wicimico St, Baltimore, MD 21230 7th Floor)  
Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm



# SOUTHWEST PARTNERSHIP

**7 Neighborhood Associations**

**6 Anchor Institutions**

**7 Committees**



**Barre Circle Community Association**  
**Hollins Roundhouse Community Association**  
**Citizens of Pigtown**  
**Franklin Square Community Association**  
**Mount Clare Community Council**  
**Poppleton Now!**  
**Union Square Association**

**Workforce Development**  
**Commercial Development**  
**Vibrant & Walkable Streets**  
**Public Safety**  
**Education**  
**Housing**  
**Historic Preservation**

**The University of Maryland Medical System**  
**Bon Secours Baltimore Health System**  
**The B&O Railroad Museum**  
**The University of MD Baltimore**  
**The University of MD BioPark**  
**Wexford Science & Technology**



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TOGETHER