Monroe Street will close for repairs

Baltimore director of transportation, Richard H. Trainor, announces that the Monroe Street Bridge over the Amtrak Railroad will be closed for reconstruction. This bridge is located in the 1100 block N. Monroe St., between Laurens and Winchester Streets.

The bridge will be closed on Monday, June 2 at 9 a.m. and will remain closed for approximately eight months.

Motorists will follow detour by way of Laurens Street, Fulton Avenue, and Winchester Street to return to Fulton Avenue past the construction area. There will be signing for an alternate route which will shift some Monroe Street traffic to Fulton Avenue further in advance of the closure.

Women's Fame reception is June 18

The Baltimore City Commission for Women will hold its annual Women's Hall of Fame reception on Wednesday, June 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Preston Room at 25 W. Preston St. Tickets are $25 to the reception honoring Victorine Adams, Dorothy Brunson, Mary Dobkin, Sister Kathleen Feeley, and Esther Lazarus, for their contributions to the lives of women in Baltimore City and their outstanding examples of achievement by women. Ms. Lazarus is being honored posthumously.

Mrs. Victorine Adams has founded many political and civic groups in Baltimore, including the Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee in 1946, Woman Power, Inc. in 1958, and the Fuel Fund in 1979. She served four terms on the Baltimore City Council and retired in 1983.

Mrs. Dorothy Brunson purchased radio station WEBB in Baltimore in 1979 becoming the first black woman in the country to own a radio station. She is president of HUB, a Baltimore area association of black professionals and business owners.

Mrs. Mary Dobkin is known in Baltimore for her humanitarian acts on behalf of children and people in poverty carried out in spite of her own physical disabilities. Her story was featured in a 1979 Hallmark Hall of Fame television special called "Aunt Mary."

Sister Kathleen Feeley has been President of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore since 1971. Sister Kathleen has taught English and American Literature at colleges and universities across the nation and in Japan.

Miss Esther Lazarus died in 1980 after a long and distinguished career in social work. She was the first woman director of the Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare (now the Department of Social Services). She also established a telephone hotline called Women in Self Help, known as WISH.

For more information on the Baltimore City Women's Hall of Fame reception call Morna Oruch at 396-4274.

Special needs kids adoption hearings

Two public hearings regarding the adoption of children with Special Needs have been scheduled by the Governor's Task Force on Adoption Procedures in Maryland. The hearings will be held at the Howard County Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia, on June 4 at 9 a.m. and on June 18 at 5 p.m.

The hearings will focus on obstacles to the adoption of special needs children and on post-placement services. Special needs children are children who are not readily placed with adoptive families due to physical, mental or emotional problems.

Participants in the hearings will be limited to ten minutes of testimony. The written comments of interested persons in attendance, or who are unable to attend either of the hearings, are welcome.

Hearing testimony may be scheduled by calling Betty Mullins, Social Services Administration, 576-5231 in Baltimore. Written comments may be brought to the hearing or sent to: Gerri Robinson, Social Services Administration, 300 West Preston Street, Room 408, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

Community Calendar

Volunteers Needed For Blind Softball

The Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks needs volunteers to assist in a summer beep ball program at Towson High School-Recreation Center.

A clinic for volunteers will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Maryland School for the Blind on Taylor Avenue.

Call Steve Blacksher at 494-3345 voice or 494-3058 TTY/deaf for details.

Service to the Deaf

Do you ever want to feel needed and give to others at the same time? Then volunteering can be the answer. Become a volunteer at the Howard County Central Library where you can work in a pleasant atmosphere, meet new people, learn new skills, and be of service to the community.

Currently, there is an acute need for volunteers to assist the librarians in providing T.D.D. services for our hearing impaired and deaf patrons.

The T.D.D. volunteers send and receive messages over the phone with typewritten words and become the vital link to the hearing world. Find out more about this opportunity to become involved in the Howard County Library Volunteer Program by calling Louise Riemer at 997-8000 ext. 202.

Vital Records Fee Increase

The Division of Vital Records of the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene today announced that fees for all copies of birth, death and marriage certificates will increase to $3, effective July 1.

This fee increase, which also includes the cost of searches for copies of vital records, was legislated by the 1986 General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Hughes, April 29.

"We are elated about the passage of the bill because it will enable the Division of Vital Records to use funds generated from the fee increase to update and automate our operations and provide more efficient service to the public," said Julia E. Davidson-Randall, state registrar. "Once the operations are automated, we will be able to retrieve copies in a few seconds, serve counter customers in less than 15 minutes and answer mailed requests in less than a week."

The current turnaround is one to two hours at the counter and two to three weeks by mail.

For more information on the fee increase, call 225-5988.

Expanded Art workshop

An Expanded Arts Workshop, for young men and women, between the ages of 14 and 21, will run from June 23 to Aug. 1. The workshop is sponsored by the Urban Services Agency Cultural Arts Program. It will operate out of the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., and the Dunbar Performing Arts Center, Orleans and Caroline Sts., Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration is open for either a six week or three week period. The six-week session costs $60, the three-week costs $30. Special family rates are available. Persons interested may register by mail or in person, weekdays 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the following sites: Dunbar Performing Arts Center, Orleans and Caroline Streets, 396-9521; the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., 396-1300; or at the Cultural Arts Main Office, 1515 E. North Ave., 396-3181.

Information and registration forms are also available at all Urban Services Agency Neighborhood Centers.

Benefit Wheelchair-A-Thon

The Harbor City Rollers will sponsor a Wheelchair-A-Thon around Lake Montebello on Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The fundraising event will benefit Maryland Citizens for Housing and the Disabled (MCHD). All proceeds from the event will go toward building barrier-free apartments for persons who are physically disabled.

There will be food, drink, prizes and live entertainment for all participants and grand prizes for those who collect the most pledges, raise the most money and go the greatest number of laps around the lake. The event is open to all, disabled and nondisabled alike. Wheelchairs will be provided for those who need them. For further details and a sponsor sheet, call Annette Wagoner on 377-5900.

Demo State Central Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Baltimore City Democratic Central Committee will be on Thursday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Restaurant, 1501 Light St., Baltimore, Maryland (685-1387).

Volunteers Needed at Md. General

Maryland General Hospital is currently seeking students for its summer Junior Volunteer Program. Young people, who are at least 14 years of age, will be given the opportunity to explore many areas of the health care professions. For a minimum of two, 6-hour days per week, the junior volunteers will be able to work in a variety of patient and non-patient areas, including nursing, physical therapy, food services, and medical records. The eight-week program gets under way on June 23.

If you would like to meet new friends and learn about the hospital field, become an MGH Junior Volunteer. For more information, contact the Volunteer and Community Services Department at 225-8145.

Childbirth Education Classes

The Childbirth Education Association of Baltimore, Inc. is now taking registrations for summer and fall Lamaze classes. Classes are offeredin 20 locations in the Baltimore area, including Harford County and Columbia. To register, and for more information call 321-1602.

Seminar on Mental Powers

The Helen Christine Johnson Foundation and St. John A.M.E. Church will present a free seminar at 810 N. Carrollton Ave., Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m.

Preston Johnson, a nationally known and well-versed speaker on "How to Achieve Success through the Power of your Mind," will address you on "The Truth About Prosperity," "Basic Laws About Prosperity," "The Creative Laws of Prosperity," and "How Financial Independence Can Be Yours."

For further information, call (301) 381-0235.

Women needed for birth-control study

Women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are not currently taking birth-control pills are needed for a study of oral contraceptives at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Participants will receive free birth-control pills, a free physical examination, free follow-up visits and $200 upon completion of the study.

For more information, call (301) 955-2149.

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The Community Development Administration, an agency of the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development, is offering loans for home and energy improvements at 9⅞% interest,* well below current market interest rates. The loans have a term of up to 15 years, and closing costs, which are minimal, may be included in the loan amount.

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For further information, contact CDA's Home Improvement Programs office at **(301)269-2795.** From outside the Baltimore metropolitan area, call toll-free **1-800-492-7127.**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

INTENTION TO INCREASE TAX RATE ABOVE CONSTANT YIELD TAX REBATE

In compliance with and pursuant to the provisions of Tax-Property Article, Section 6-308 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The **CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND** will hold a public hearing on its intention to levy a property tax rate for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1986 **that will exceed the constant yield tax rate.** The constant yield rate is designed to produce for a local government the same amount of property tax revenues as in the previous tax year.
The hearing will take place at:

11:00 A.M.
Wednesday, June 4, 1986
City Council Chambers
City Hall
100 N. Holliday St.

At that time, the **CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND** will hear comments regarding any tax rate increase and explain the reasons for any proposed increase.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing and present their views.

CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Calling all Associations

The CLEAN BLOCK Campaign Need You

For over 50 years now, the CLEAN BLOCK Campaign has been a leader in teaching and helping the citizens of Baltimore create a clean living environment.

We have provided free paint, free flowers, free advice from consultants and free incentives for keeping your neighborhoods clean.

Many Neighborhood Associations have participated in this campaign in the past and we are calling on your help again this year.

If your group is listed below, give us a call and let us tell you how you can participate.

If you don't appear on the list, call us anyway! We want to hear from you.

For more information call: THE CLEAN BLOCK c/o THE AFRO AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Community Organizations!

Barclay Community Planning Organization
Mr. Ali Lumumba

Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello
Mrs. Grisset

East Baltimore Midway
Ms. Esther Jackson

Jonestown (PAC
Mr. Richard T. Lawrence

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Lakewood-Chase Community Association

Neighborhoos Planning Commission
Ms. Margaret Crowell

Better Waverly Community Association
Ms. Peggy Dadamo

Barclay-Greenmount Community Association
Ms. Frances Reynolds

Kirk Mayor's Station

Citizens for Fair Housing
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Mr. Earnest Pulliam

East Baltimore Community Corporation
Ms. Marie Washington

Greater Homewood Community Corporation
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Mr. Rich Bronson

Harwood Community Association
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Greenlawn Neighborhood Association
Del. Mary Adams

Hanlon Improvement Association
Mr. Charlie Mae Lamb

Howard-Read-Tyson St. Association
Ms. Eleanor Powell

Longwood Improvement Association
Mr. John Wood

Mosher Improvement Association
Councilwoman Agnes Welsh

Northwest Community Action Group
Ms. Virginia Lynch

Park Heights Association
Mr. Eddie Price

Sandtown-Winchester
Mr. Mike Randolph

Uplands Community Association
Mr. Curt Nichols

Upton Association
Mrs. Lena Boone

Enter Your Block Today!

Enter your block in the 1986 CLEAN BLOCK Campaign and receive free paint, free flowers, free advice from consultants and free fun.

Now's the time to gather the children and adults on your block and get into the swing of summer by helping to beautify your neighborhood together.

All you have to do is sign up for the 1986 CLEAN BLOCK Campaign and we'll show you how.

Pick up an entry form at the AFRO CLEAN BLOCK Office, call us and we will mail you the forms, cut-out the entry form on this page, or join us at the 1986 CLEAN BLOCK Campaign kick-off on Saturday, June 7 at Dunbar High School starting at 12 noon.

There'll be free entertainment, a chance to win tickets to the Sprite/Fresh Festival III at the Baltimore Civic Center starring the Fat Boys, Kurtis Blow and Force M.D.'s, free Fresh Festival tee-shirts, and a start-up Clean Block package including seeds, flowers and information.

All of this happens on Saturday, June 7 at 12 noon at Dubar High School.

Bring as many members of your Block as possible. There'll be something for everyone.

See you there!

Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to help create a clean living environment throughout the summer.

EXPLANATION

A block is a row of houses between two cross streets. For the purpose of this campaign, a block includes the houses on both sides of the street.

There must be three or more houses before there is a block.

A clean block is one in which steps and sidewalks are washed once a day and the streets are kept free from trash.

Windows should be kept clean and curtains hung neatly.

Garbage and trash cans should be removed as soon as they are emptied.

Porches and window-boxes should have flowers or plants.

No one should sit at the front window or on the front steps, unless his clothing is neat and

A beautiful block must have flowers in it and must be clean, in the back and front.

Do not whitewash trees or curbs; only the backyards and fences may be whitewashed.

JUDGES

Judges, appointed by the director, will choose the winning blocks in the following ways:

1. The appearance of the block at the time of inspection.
2. How the block has improved since the beginning of the campaign.
3. The beauty of the flowers.

Judges may make as many inspections as they see fit. In case of delay, dispute or contest, the director's decision will be final in all cases.

BLOCK ORGANIZATION

The captain must get as many members of the block as possible immediately to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

He or she must call a meeting of all adults and children and elect a president who will act as an advisor.

Each block must have a secretary, who will record what is done at each meeting and send written reports to the AFRO.

Each block must elect a block inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

Each block must elect a marshal, who will call out the cleanup brigade at a definite time each day.

MEETINGS

The captain or advisor must attend the weekly meetings. You must be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

At least three other members from the block should attend

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