A LITTLE SETON HILL AND SHA HISTORY

Snapshots from 2003-2020

ABOUT SETON HILL

Charming Seton Hill is an area rich in religious, architectural and African-American history. The neighborhood was designated as an Historic and Architectural Preservation District of Baltimore City in 1968, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Seton Hill is architecturally significant as one of Baltimore's oldest intact row house neighborhoods. Saint Mary's Park, the heart of Seton Hill, is the largest open green space in downtown Baltimore.

In 1962, the Seton Hill Improvement Association was formed. A year later, they organized an annual house and garden tour that lasted for many years.

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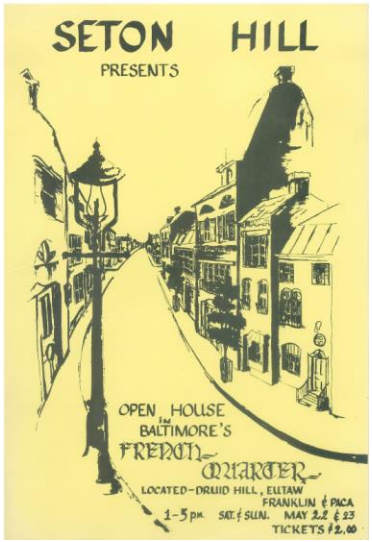
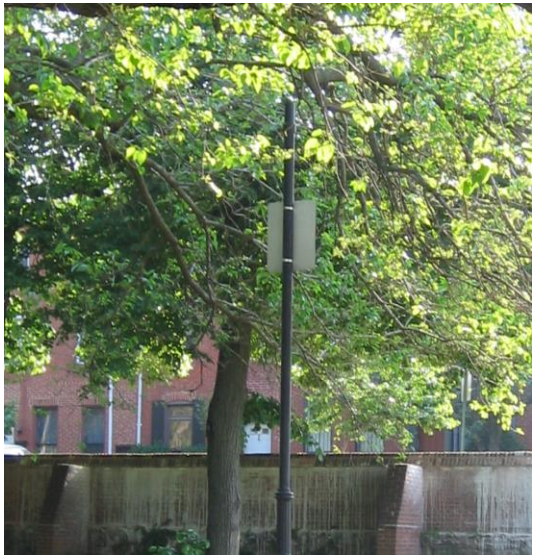
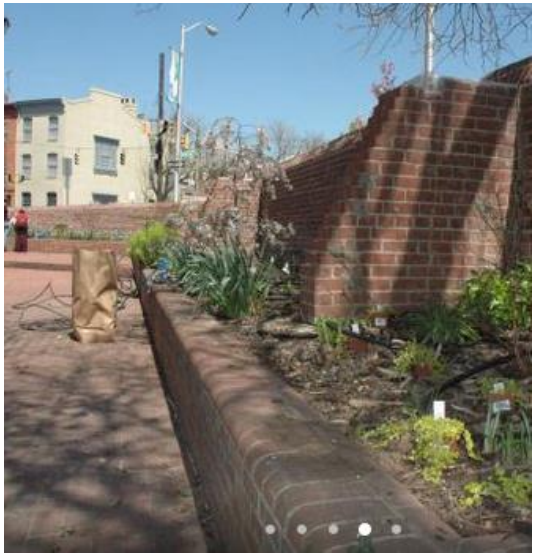
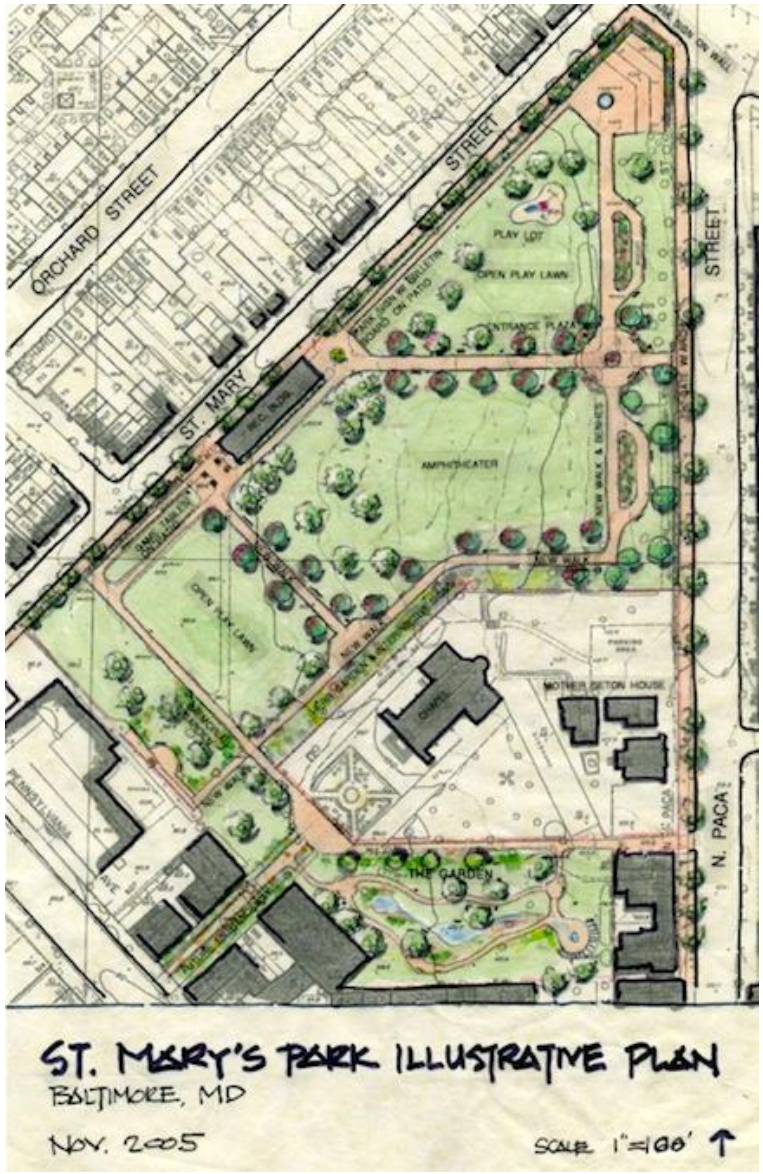


A TRADITION SPANNING DECADES: SETON HILL OPEN HOUSES

2003-2004: ST MARY'S PARK LOWERING THE LAST HIGH WALL







2005 ST. MARY'S PARK MASTERPLAN: WITH NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CENTER

2005 PARKS AND PEOPLE GRANT PROJECT: BUILDING A GARDEN IN STAGES

2005 PARKS AND PEOPLE GRANT PROJECT: BUILDING A GARDEN IN STAGES WITH HELP FROM BALTIMORE STATION

2005 PARKS AND PEOPLE GRANT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GREENING

2006 PARKS AND PEOPLE GRANT PROJECTS

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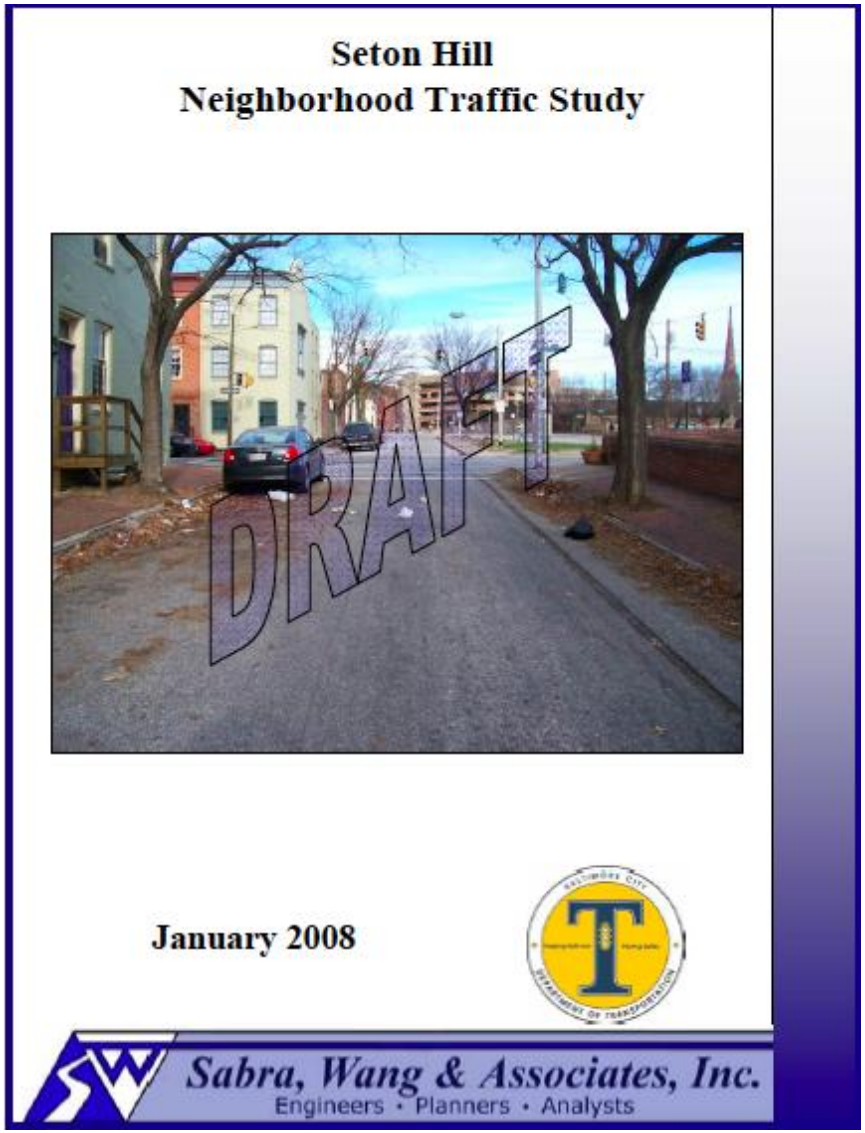
2006 TKF FOUNDATION FUNDED PLANS FOR ST. MARY'S PARK SOUTHERN SECTION

2007 BGE SUBSTATION REDESIGN AND INCREASED SAFETY BATTLE

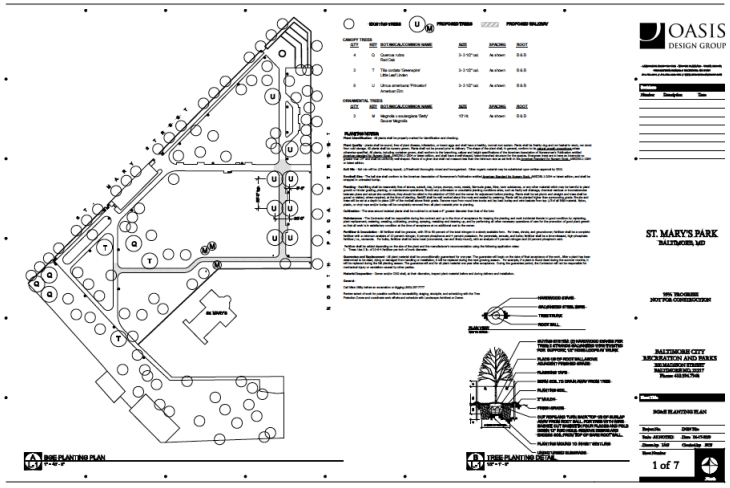
2007 ST. MARY'S PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH REC AND PARKS: HISTORIC LIGHTS, SAFER ENTRANCES, BENCHES, AND NEW PATH



2008 TRAFFIC STUDY

2008-2009: NEW PARK TREES FROM BGE

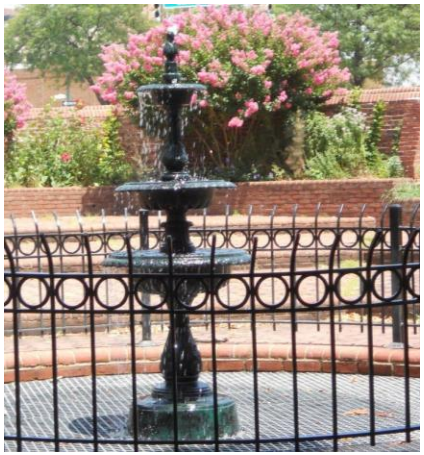
2009 ST MARY'S PARK FIXING AND PAINTING THE PARK BUILDING



2009 ST. MARY'S PARK NUISANCE AREA IN SOUTHERN END TRANSFORMED TO MEMORIAL GARDEN WITH HELP FROM THE SULPICIANS AND MAHAN RYKIEL

2009-2011 ST MARY'S PARK FOUNTAIN RESTORATION (GRANTS FROM HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS AND PARKS AND PEOPLE)

From a big trash ring to…..



...a grand ribbon cutting at the 2011 French Fair

MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS BLAKE AND MARIE ANTOINETTE

SETON HILL FRENCH FAIRS 2010 - 2016

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

KEVIN'S SMILE

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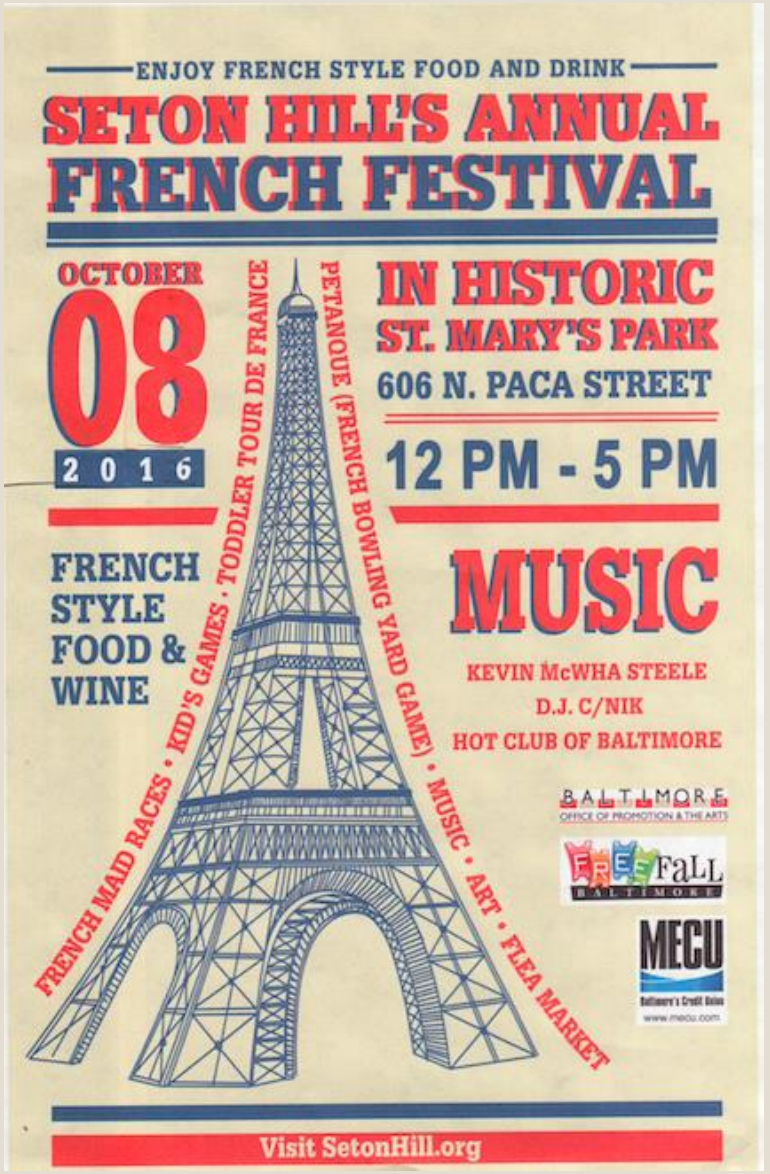
Café des arts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HULA HOOPS

FLEA MARKET
'LA PUCE'

FRENCH FOOD

STILTS 'A LA CIRQUE'

FROM 2010 A DECADE OF PROJECTS WITH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS FOR STREET BANNERS, HISTORIC PLAQUES, AND PARK SIGN

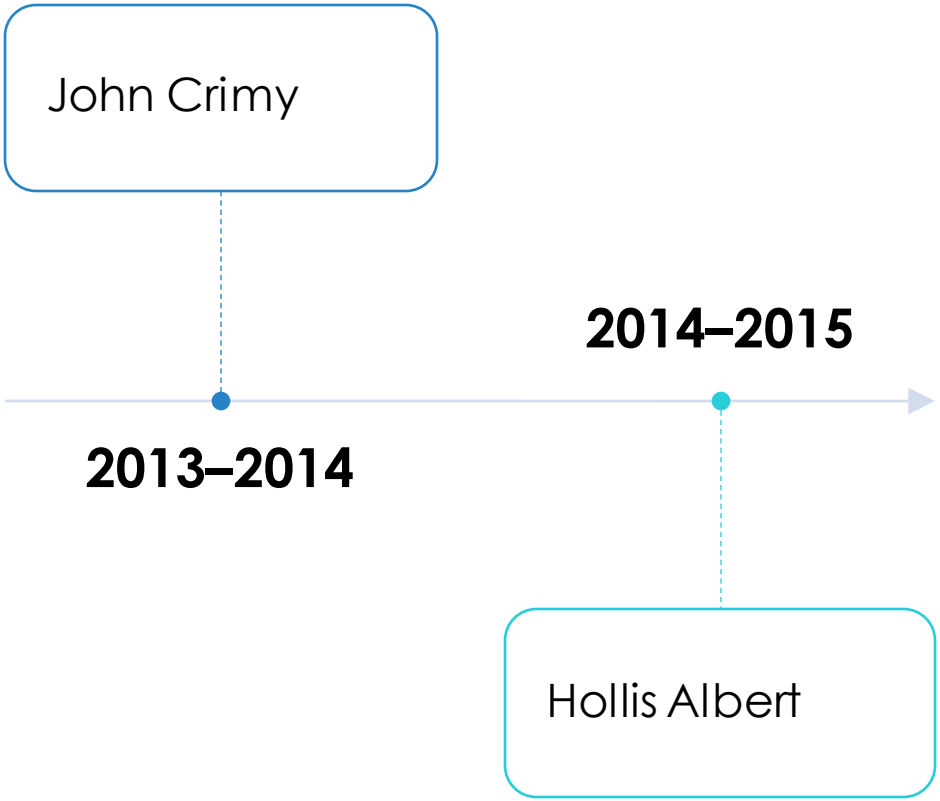
2012 MASTER PLAN

SETON HILL HISTORIC WALKING TOUR BOOKLET

First produced by SHA in the early 2000's, a second digital and printed color edition were made in 2012 thanks to a Healthy Neighborhoods grant

2013 SHA PARK STEWARD

Stewardship starts with a SHA Parks and People grant followed by a hiring through Recreation and Parks



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BEST NEIGHBORHOOD

Seton Hill

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We love Mount Vernon, home of City Paper HQ, and like every other year, we are tempted to give it the nod here. But one of the great things about Baltimore is the cheap rent, which allows interesting people to do interesting things without working all the time. Seton Hill is sort of like Mount Vernon West, except instead of Mount Vernon's four little parks, you have the big, brick-walled St. Mary's Park, and you know you can't afford one of the big MV mansions, but you can get one of the small little alley houses in Seton Hill. The neighborhood was once Baltimore's French Quarter—betcha didn't know we had one of those— founded by refugees from the Haitian and French revolutions, and has the classic architecture and annual French Festival (Oct. 19 this year, with rounds of Petanque and a toddler tour de France) to prove it.

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St. Mary's Park

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Paca Street and Druid Hill Avenue, setonhill.org

St. Mary's Park, in the heart of Seton Hill, is one of those places where worlds come together. It c
seen as the joint that binds Mount Vernon and Pennsylvania Avenue in the very heart of the city.
trees and rolling grassy hills with the big brick wall surrounding it, it's a perfect place to chill witl
sit with a friend and a J, or do some kind of athletic activity like playing Frisbee. It doesn't have t
crowds that some of the fancier parks have and that's what we love about it. Last year, Seton Hill
"Best Neighborhood" partly because of this park and the French Fair, which takes place here eacl
and is one of the city's best and most low-key festivals. So if you want a bunch of bells and whistl
your parks, go elsewhere. But, if you want to chill, which is what parks are all about, then St. Mar
babe.

2014 CITY PAPER BEST PARK

"When I arrived . . . I instantly fell in love with the neighborhood. It's quaint, and beautiful, and reminded me of my beloved England. Its narrow streets, the brick rowhomes, the large green space. I felt I was home."

Moving to Seton Hill in 2014, a New Resident's Perspective

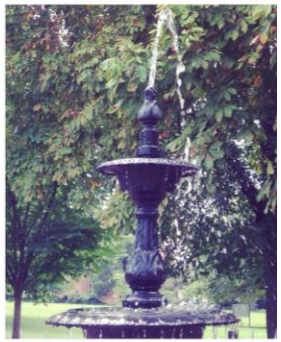
ST MARY'S PARK START VENUE FOR BALTIMORE BIKE PARTY SINCE 2015

2016 HOWARDS PARK DOG PARK OPENING

2016 PARK STORY BOARDS and PARK SIGN INSTALLATION

The park story boards and storytellers denote a powerful history of the Sulpician Fathers, the Oblate Sisters, and the significant early footprints of the Haitian community in Baltimore.

2017 FALL AND SPRING PLANTINGS (LOOK OUT FOR NOTICES!)



2018 FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE

MONTHLY
ST MARY'S PARK
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2019 SETON HILL FLEA MARKET & BAZAAR

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To buy or sell, visit SetonHill.org/flea

2019/2020 NEIGHBORHOOD STREET TREE PLANTINGS

2020 YOGA IN THE PARK (THANKS NICOLE!)

2020: The Seton Hill Association Today

The Seton Hill Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community organization and serves as the advocate for Seton Hill liaising with government representatives, businesses, and institutional leaders to further the cause of a diverse, beautiful, and vibrant community.

Please join us!

SETON HILL: A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM SHA