

The Seton Hill Lantern

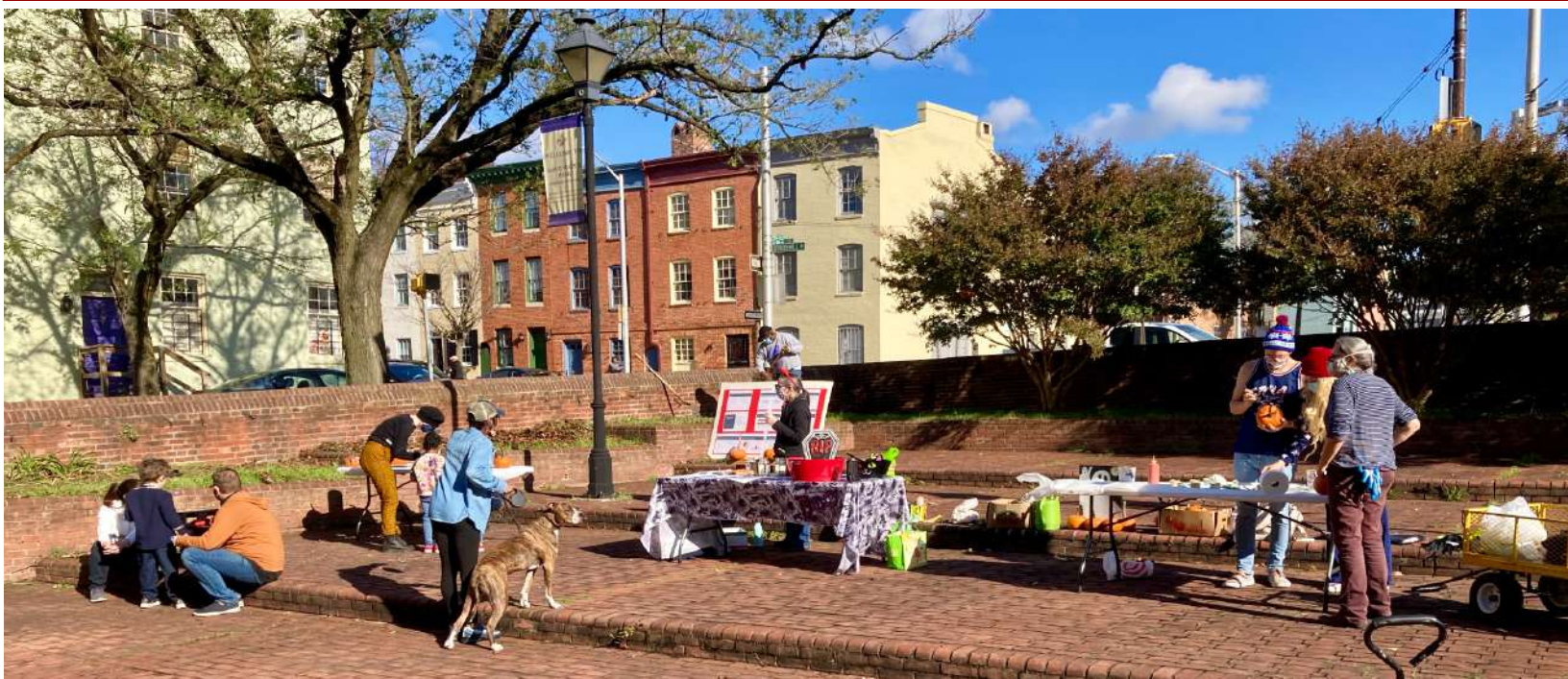


Photo taken at October 2020's Community Pumpkin Painting and St. Mary's Park weeding.

Important Dates

October 12, 7-9p: Seton Hill Association Annual Meeting & Election via Zoom. A meeting invite will be sent via email and posted to our website and Facebook days before the event.

October 16 10a-12p: Monthly cleanup; Masked & socially-distanced. Meet at the park building for materials lending.

October 23, 10a-1p: Pumpkin Paint & Sapling Planting; Masked & socially-distanced. Meet at the park building for materials lending.

November 13, 10a-1p: Monthly cleanup; Masked & socially-distanced. Meet at the park building for materials lending.

December 14: Holiday Party via Zoom. A meeting invite will be sent via email and posted to our website and Facebook days before the event.

Dear Seton Hill Community Member,

We hope you and your family have been well and safe during this challenging year! We want to share with you a few ways that the Seton Hill Association (SHA) has maintained and improved our neighborhood, even during the pandemic. In the past year, dedicated SHA residents initiated some great projects to help keep Seton Hill a great place to live and created opportunities for neighbors to make their voices heard. One way that the community association strengthened local's voices was by introducing public officials to our neighborhood.

Guests at General Meetings included:

- Mayor Scott, who discussed his plans to address violent crime, increase public safety and fight COVID.
- City Administrator Chris Shorter, who discussed his plans to modernize and make more efficient the City's processes.
- Councilman Costello, who shared updates about, and resources for, coping during the pandemic.
- Ms. Ondoria Harmon, Senior Community Liaison for the Mayor's Office, who regularly offers support to the Board and General Membership in mitigating issues with the City.

Seton Hill Association Board and Member accomplishments include:

- To celebrate Brood X's arrival, Board Member Davi Peterson brought Cicada Parade-a to St. Mary's. The parade was a city-wide art project in which plaster cicadas were decorated and hung in public spaces.
- General Members Randy Herbert and Dawnn McCleary collected resident feedback on improved parking and traffic calming, and have advocated for speed cameras on Paca and St. Mary's streets.
- General Member Jorgelina Lopez led the effort to push Downtown Partnership to adopt and care for the pocket park at Eutaw and Centre Streets. The pocket park was previously neglected and trash-ridden for many years.

Photo taken at November

Join Us!

The Seton Hill Association is your local group of volunteer neighbors who work together for changes and improvements such as safety, beautification, and social activities. Association membership helps inform neighborhood planning; cultivates friendships and neighborliness which strengthen community resilience and safety; and builds a volunteer base to support our programs and outreach. Join today!

General Meetings

General Meetings always take place from 7pm to 9pm on the 2nd Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Monthly Cleanups

Saint Mary's Park is tended by the Friends of St. Mary's Park and volunteers from the Seton Hill Association. Park and neighborhood cleanups occur from 10am to 12pm on the 2nd Saturday of every month in the fall. Volunteers are asked to meet at the park building for materials lending. All cleanups are socially-distanced.

Keep Seton Hill Wonderful- Volunteer!

The Seton Hill Association is an entirely volunteer-run organization and requires the hard work and commitment of residents and businesses to keep the neighborhood a safe, friendly and beautiful place to live.

Volunteering your time is a great way to get to know your neighbors and make a difference for an issue you care about in our community! Members can join existing committees or start new initiatives with board approval. For interest in Safety; Events and Engagement; Communication, Information and Historical Archives; Housing and CHAP; Park and Greening; Parking and Traffic calming, or to inquire about new opportunities, email president@setonhill.org.



2020 tree planting.

Board Members Carl Shapiro and Karen French won multiple grants to help beautify the neighborhood and create engagement opportunities in St. Mary's Park:

- From the Chesapeake Bay Trust, a \$15k check brought baby trees throughout the neighborhood and into the park, expanded tree wells, and removed stumps.
- From Baltimore Rec and Parks, a \$885 check brought dog pickup stations to the traffic triangle, and allowed the Board to purchase materials for October's pumpkin painting and more monthly cleanup supplies.
- Board President Justin Lane coordinated neighborhood walk-throughs to ensure City officials were aware of necessary infrastructure improvements and street cleanings. He and Vice President Carolyn James-Okpo met with Lieutenant Colonel Monique Brown to discuss neighborhood policing and safety measures.

Reminders

Housing and Architecture: Part of Seton Hill's charm is its houses; the neighborhood is designated a Baltimore City Historic district and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If you are a homeowner/developer planning exterior changes of any kind to a home in Seton Hill, **PLAN AHEAD!** Your plans must be reviewed and approved before they take place. If work begins without first obtaining a Notice to Proceed and building permit, it may be subject to housing code violations and fines. Contact president@setonhill.org and visit <https://chap.baltimorecity.gov/about-chap>. You may qualify for property tax benefit through CHAP, a state tax credit, or qualify for special loans through the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative.

Parking: Parking enforcement has resumed and annual permits expire September 30, 2021. If you do not have an Area 10 permit for 2021-2022, please contact the Parking Authority at <https://parking.baltimorecity.gov/residential-parking>. Email president@setonhill.org to pick up your permit in the neighborhood.

Greening and Sanitation: Please maintain tree wells and sidewalks in front of your properties: the City considers these your responsibility. SHA will lend tools! If interested in becoming a TreeKeeper or Weed Warrior, please contact president@setonhill.org.

Recycling and Trash: Recycling pick up is every Tuesday morning, and trash pickup is every Friday morning, unless DPW announces otherwise. Please make sure that trash is put out in a city-approved can with a lid, and recycling is in a city-approved bin or cardboard box. Recycling cannot be put out in plastic bags. Please remember to pick up after your dogs, dispose of waste appropriately in the trash.