

Spring 2023

The Seton Hill Lantern



Join us for two fun events this Spring!

April 29th we will have a community dumpster early in the morning - you know the drill - it comes any time after 8am and stays for 2 hours after it drops. In conjunction with that we plan from 10am -12pm on repainting the fountain, gardening in the park, and doing a community clean up (get you trash pick-up sticks from us). Also check out the tent and table for a book and plant exchange.

May 20th from 12-4 pm mark your calendars for a greater community event with a mini bike party ride departing from the Waverly Farmers market and ending at Saint Mary's around noon, hopefully with food trucks and a DJ in the afternoon. We're planning other events with this such as a bike check-up tent & mini-lessons, possibly local artist/makers, yoga in the park, and a Master Gardener table to answer your gardening questions. Let us know what else you'd like and if you want to help and get involved!

The next General Meeting of the Seton Hill Community Association is

Tuesday April 11th, 7pm
Dear Globe Coffee Gallery
422 West Mulberry Street

The board is considering updating the association bylaws after 15 years and requests feedback from the general membership regarding two of the proposed amendments, as follows:

1. Require the board and general membership to seek consensus when taking action.
2. Expand the boundaries for eligibility to become a voting member to include all areas within the Seton Hill Neighborhood Statistical Area (bounded by MLK, Franklin St, and Eutaw St). The board feels that this expansion would preserve the historic character of the neighborhood while fostering a stronger shared neighborhood identity with surrounding areas.

Attend the general meeting on **April 11th** to learn more, and/or provide feedback to president@setonhill.org by **May 1st**.

Become a Member of the Seton Hill Association!

THANK YOU to everyone who is already taking part. And for those who aren't, it's not too late! **April 10th** is the last day to become a member if you would like to run for a board seat this fall for the 2023-24 year.

Joining as a member is the best way to get involved in decisions, discussions, and events in Seton Hill. Becoming a member allows you to:

- Share your voice during SHA meetings when we vote on issues affecting the neighborhood
- Run for or elect SHA's board at the annual October election meeting (note: you must meet the other requirements listed on our website at setonhill.org/membership-faqs)

For more information and a membership application, visit us online at setonhill.org/get-involved-form

SHA wins United Way Neighborhood Grant

The Seton Hill Association was recently awarded \$10,000 from United Way of Central Maryland's Neighborhood Grant Program! Launched in 2020, United Way of Central Maryland Neighborhood Grants are an opportunity for neighborhood-centered organizations with total annual operating budgets under \$500,000 to receive between \$2,500 and \$10,000 in funding to carry out neighborhood-centered projects informed by local residents. The money for Seton Hill is going toward refurbishing the fountain in Saint Mary's Park, the purchase of new neighborhood banners, and to support three community celebrations at the fountain. If you would like to be on the banner committee- which will decide where the banners will be located, or if you'd like to help plan the community celebrations, please contact Thomas Aloisi at taloisi@setonhill.org or call or text 202-579-8613.

The Seton Hill Association sponsors community social and service events throughout the year. Recent highlights include Pumpkin Painting in the Park in October and the annual Holiday Party in December.



Just a friendly reminder...

As the weather is getting nicer, please leash your dogs! Off-leash dogs in our park can put everyone at risk. Even a friendly dog can have a negative reaction when one is leashed and one is off leash. Also, many people are nervous or scared of dogs, so your off-leash dog can keep them from enjoying the park too.

Remember the Howard Street off-leash dog park is just a block away! Let's keep St. Mary's Park a safe and comfortable space for everyone.

Also... please don't forget to scoop your 🐾 !



St. Mary's Park is home to the Baltimore Bike Party on the last Friday of the month! Mayor Brandon Scott was on hand for the Halloween Ride in October.



Calling All Social Media Talents in Seton Hill!

- The SHA is looking for a social media refresh! Currently our only active site is Facebook, but there are plenty of opportunities to expand. We're particularly interested in Instagram and NextDoor (currently we only post periodically in NextDoor via individual profiles).
- Seton Hill social media focuses on sharing news and updates that fall squarely within the experience and expertise of a neighborhood association, and that are specifically relevant to the Seton Hill community.
- Please note: Posts that could be considered campaign activity for or against a political candidate or an attempt to influence legislation are not permitted, as these types of posts could jeopardize SHA's 501(c)3 status.
- If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to SHA Secretary Matt Maher (mmaher@setonhill.org) to learn more!