



October 19, 2007

Dear Citizens,

October 21-27, 2007 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

I ask all citizens to think about how they can prevent their children and neighbors from suffering from lead poisoning. When young children breathe in or swallow even small amounts of lead dust, they are at high risk for difficulties in learning, getting along with others, and coping with challenges over their lifetime.

While the annual number has dropped by more than 3000 children since 1998, still 843 children were poisoned with lead in 2006. This is 843 children too many.

Almost all children who have been lead poisoned in Baltimore have been poisoned from lead paint dust and flakes in homes built before 1950.

This week, several important announcements signal new energy in the fight to end lead poisoning by 2010:

- 75 vouchers for Section 8 Housing have been earmarked for eligible families with children who have been exposed to lead who have no other housing options.
- \$3.9 million in new federal funds plus more than \$8 million in state and private funds will expand lead abatement grant opportunities for low income families with children under the age of six.
- The Health Department is adding a new resource to its webpage for prospective renters and buyers. By visiting <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/lead>, you can see if there are active lead violations on properties in the City.

Success depends on you. It is important that all Baltimore residents inform themselves about

lead hazards and take advantage of resources to help. Listed below are National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week events in Baltimore. I am confident that together we can reach our goal of ending lead poisoning by 2010.

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Events

Monday, October 22 11:00 a.m

3909 Shannon Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21213

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger will join the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Baltimore City Health Department to officially launch National Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Awareness Week. Congressman Ruppersberger will discuss new federal legislation aimed at providing income tax credits to homeowners conducting lead hazard reduction work on their properties.

Tuesday, October 23

Parent and Child Outreach Day at James McHenry Elementary

*The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning will partner with James McHenry Elementary School in Southwest Baltimore to spend a day educating both parents and children on the dangers of lead poisoning and the importance of primary prevention. In addition to a **seminar for parents**, the Coalition will work with the school's Fourth Grade classes to develop educational posters to help educate their communities about lead poisoning prevention. These posters are entered into the Coalition's annual, **Lead Safe Calendar Contest** and then published and distributed statewide.*

Wednesday, October 24, 12:00 noon

Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Partnership Thank You Luncheon

2714 Hudson Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224

The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning opens its doors to old partners, new partners, and the community at large to come and enjoy a lunchtime discussion of current issues surrounding lead poisoning prevention, including lead in toys, healthy homes issues, and reaching the 2010 goal.

Saturday, October 27, 2007 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Annual Health Fair 2007

St. Patrick's Hall of St Patrick's Catholic Church, 1728 Bank Street Baltimore

Free Lead Testing will be provided!

Lead Poisoning Prevention Resources in Baltimore

- BCHD Healthy Homes Division: 443-984-2460
- BCHD Lead Abatement Program: 443-984-3934
- The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning: 410-534-6447, www.lead-safe.org.
- Maryland Department of the Environment, Lead Poisoning Prevention: 410-537-4199

As always, I am interested in what you think about our plan to make our city a dynamic place to LIVE, EARN, PLAY and LEARN. Please [email me](#) your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,
Sheila Dixon
Mayor
Baltimore

Fall Clean Up 2007

It's your neighborhood, make a difference!

Saturday, October 20, 2007

It's your neighborhood, make a difference!

Communities that would like to participate in Fall Clean Up can call 410-396-1209 for more information.

The City will provide shovels, rakes, brooms and bags as well as trucks to load debris.

The deadline to register is Friday, October 12. Visit www.baltimorecity.gov for the official registration form. Please make note: To schedule a Bulk Trash Removal call 311, or for a Community Pitch-In, call 410-396-1210.

Mayor Dixon's Neighborhood Conversation

The Mayor Wants to Hear from You

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.)

Benjamin Franklin Middle School
1201 Cambria Street
Baltimore, MD 21215

Share your thoughts and concerns about your neighborhood with Mayor Dixon and members of her cabinet.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods & Constituent Services at (410) 396-4735

XTERRA Gwynns Falls Trail Run

Sunday, October 28th, 2007

On Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., supporters of the Gwynns Falls Trail will take their starting line in the beautiful Winans Meadows off Franklintown Road.

The annual XTERRA Gwynns Falls Trail Run is a 6K race/walk through the beautiful Gwynns Falls. Runners are encouraged to wear a costume that will be judged before the start of the

of the contest will be announced at the post race festivities. This event is a great opportunity to enjoy the fall weather before winter takes hold!

The race celebration will include a complimentary breakfast, fresh coffee, a Halloween costume contest and fun for all who attend!

For more information about registration and the Gwynns Falls Trail, visit their [homepage](#).

Free Fall Baltimore

October 1-31, 2007

Free Fall Baltimore returns for Arts and Humanities Month in October 2007 with more than 85 arts organizations presenting over 200 free events including performances, lectures, workshops and hands-on creative experiences, throughout Baltimore City, beginning **Monday, October 1 through Wednesday, October 31**.

Free Fall Baltimore is made possible by Mayor Sheila Dixon and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

Baltimore residents and visitors can enjoy the excitement of live music, dance, theater, museum exhibitions, classes, lectures and more, for free, in venues throughout Baltimore City. Many events require advance reservations to be made with the participating organizations.

Free Fall Baltimore is a promotional collaboration designed to make art and culture more accessible to area residents and visitors while introducing young adults and families to the wide variety of cultural experiences available in Baltimore City.

The program partners are the Baltimore Area Convention & Visitors Association and Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance. The media sponsors are The Baltimore Sun, WBAL-TV, Maryland Public Television and Radio One: Magic 95.9, 92Q, Spirit 1400 and WOLB-AM.

For a complete listing of Free Fall Baltimore events, visit www.freefallbaltimore.com or call 1-877-BALTIMORE.

Women's Health Symposium

"Remembering Our Health"

Saturday, November 3, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coppin State University
2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Free All-Day Health Screenings; Complimentary Breakfast Refreshments; Lunch and

Special Gift for Pre-registered Attendees.

For registration form, visit the [Healthy BET Health Symposium Website](#).

Baltimore Farmers' Market

Sundays Under the JFX

Baltimore Farmers' Market:

Everyone is invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind shopping experience at economical prices. While strolling the market, guests can revel at the sight of the large quantity of the freshest fruits and vegetables, eggs, a variety of breads from Maryland area farmers, and delight in homemade treats. In addition, food vendors add spice to the market with cultural cuisine, popular pit beef sandwiches, pastries, cheeses, and gourmet treats.

Sundays, May 6 - December 23, 2007
8am to sellout, approximately noon

Holliday and Saratoga streets underneath the Jones Falls Expressway

Activities for the Whole Family

Special Events All Around Baltimore

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers activities for city residents and guests - educational hikes and walks, sports leagues, youth and senior activities, and fun for the family.

Please visit [Rec & Parks' Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.



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