

Downtown Market Center is the Home of Lexington Market and Over 350 Other Merchants and Services

Saratoga Street Revitalization

The Saratoga Street revitalization is reported to be ahead of schedule. Although an exact completion date has not been confirmed, the work is moving toward completion. Currently, construction is taking place on the south side of Saratoga Street, between Park Avenue and Liberty Street. Once the sidewalks are finished, the street paving will begin. Improvements to

Saratoga Street include new street lights, benches and trees, curbs, a new road bed, and sidewalks. Copying the success of the sidewalks in front of the Hippodrome, the Saratoga Street sidewalks will be tinted gray.

Upon completion of the project, Market Center will recognize this bench-mark with announcements to the media.

Governor Announces Support for Red Line with Tunnel

Governor Martin O'Malley has chosen to back the Red Line plan with some tunneling over the rapid bus option. The light rail will run underground only through downtown, Inner Harbor East, Fells Point, and Cooks Lane, but the rest of the light rail will be above ground. This alternative has been largely supported by Mayor Sheila Dixon, as well as other Baltimore executives due to

its ability to fit into stringent government funding.



Baltimore Marathon

The 2009 Baltimore Running Festival Race Day is October 10, beginning at 8 am. The Running Festival includes a marathon, half-marathon, 5K, kids fun run, and a team relay.

Market Center Merchants Association

Upcoming Meetings

October 21 and November 18

Meetings will be located in the Hippodrome Board Room at 5:30pm. If you have a concern or question you would like addressed at an upcoming meeting, call 410-788-2007.

Officers

President, Stella Benkler, France Merrick Performing Arts Center
Vice President, Linda Frangioni, Grandma's Candle Shop
Treasurer, Monique Robinson, M & T Bank
Secretary, Judy Boulmetis, Hippodrome Hatters

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Bob Dengler, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
Robert Max, Max Realty
Joanna Glor, M & T Bank
Wendy Blair, St. James Place
Eoin Gallagher, Lucy's Irish Pub & Restaurant
Regina DeCola, McWes LLC(McDonalds)

Non-Voting Board Member

David Garza, Baltimore Development Corporation

Security Escort Service

If you want an extra sense of safety while walking to your car or waiting for a bus or taxi, Downtown Baltimore Guides provides hospitality escorts to anyone would feels as though they need one. Available from 5 am to 10:30 pm, seven days a week, escorts can be contacted at 410-244-8778 or during business hours, call 410-802-9631. University of Maryland, Baltimore also provides walking escorts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as well as a police escort van that runs from 6 pm to 12:45 am 7 days a week. To take advantage of these services, please call 410-706-6882.

Update on Bag Bills

On July 21, the Bag Bills 808208 and 808209 were rejected by a city council vote of 11-3. The Bag Bills proposed that a 25-cent surcharge be added for every plastic and paper bag used in the City of Baltimore. The only exemptions to the surcharge would be bags less than 18 inches high that could be used for things such as fresh vegetables and meat. The purpose of the bill was to reduce litter in the Inner Harbor and around Baltimore.

Market Center Banner Advertising

Banner advertisements are now available on the Market Center Baltimore website. When visitors search the website for information about the Market Center or Baltimore, your advertisement will be visible for potential customers. These advertisements will make your shop a destination for Baltimore's Market

Center visitors. Each banner advertisement includes a graphic and a link to your company's website. Merchants receive reduced fees for advertising with a 90-day free trial and 6 month contract costing only \$100 with the design fee included. Non-merchants can also advertise for a slightly higher fee.



Business Updates

Steve Samuelson, owner of the jewelry retailer Samuelson's, is moving his business to the 400 block of West Baltimore Street.

Market Center Merchants Association would like to welcome a new business to the area. MeKong Delta is located at 105 West Saratoga Street. 410-244-8677

New McDonald's Board Member – Regina DeCola has been appointed as new Market Center board member to represent McDonalds. DeCola has been with McDonalds for 3 ½ years.

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New Police Commander of Central District

Baltimore's new police commander of the Central District is Dennis Smith. With over 22 years of law enforcement experience, Smith leaves his position as deputy major in the Northern District to replace Major John Bailey.

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