

August 2010

# Connections

PARKS & PEOPLE FOUNDATION NEWS & UPDATES

## COMING UP

**Charm City  
Garden Tours  
August 21, 2010  
2:00pm**

To reserve your spot (required) and for more information: 410.448.5664 x128 or email [community.greening@parksandpeople.org](mailto:community.greening@parksandpeople.org)  
Cost: \$15

**SuperKids Camp  
Graduation  
August 6, 2010  
9:30am—11:30pm**

The Maryland Zoo at Druid Hill Park, An end of year program celebration with student performances, book give-aways, and resource tables.

**Composting  
in the City  
August 12, 2010  
6:00pm - 7:30pm**

The Baltimore Free Farm, 3519 Ash St.

For more information or to RSVP: 410-448-5663 x128, [community.greening@parksandpeople.org](mailto:community.greening@parksandpeople.org)

For more information and for more event listings, visit our website at [parksandpeople.org](http://parksandpeople.org) or call (410) 448-5663.

## GREEN UP, CLEAN UP TEAMS ON THE JOB

On July 12, Jackie Carrera, President & CEO of the Parks & People Foundation joined Senator Benjamin Cardin, Congressman Elijah Cummings, Morgan Grove of the USDA Forest Service and other local leaders in the Auchentoroly Terrace section of Druid Hill Park. The delegation was on hand to see first-hand how the \$1.94 million dollars in Recovery Act (ARRA) funding awarded to Parks & People was being used.

Through its AARA funding, Parks & People has created 35 new jobs in Baltimore City and an on-the-job green jobs training program which has already produced great success. The majority of the workers were unemployed and unskilled before coming to the "Green Up, Clean Up Teams". Less than six months after being hired, the team members are using heavy equipment like pros – taking down trees, removing invasives and more. And this site is just one of almost 50 that they've been working on throughout Baltimore City since February.



In reference to the new green jobs and their impact on Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay, Congressman Elijah Cummings said, "We will have created a better environment for future generations; that's what this is all about."



Both Congressman Cummings and Senator Cardin were there in January, 2010 when Marvell Gardener lined up with almost 300 others at the Salvation Army building in West Baltimore for a job fair to hire the new Green Up, Clean Up Team members. Six months later Marvell was the media darling of the day, giving interviews to three television stations about his experiences. He spoke passionately about how his job at Parks & People has not only given him a living wage and benefits, but has provided invaluable training that he'll use at his new green job for the City of Baltimore.

Some of the teams' accomplishments include: 314 trees planted and new tree pits recreated by removing 4800 sq ft of concrete, 7,500 sq. feet of asphalt removed and soil amended, six acres of vacant lots cleaned and restored, gardens created and trees planted at five public housing properties and 10 tons of trash removed. Keep up the great work, teams!

## POLICE COMMISSIONER TAKES ON MIDDLE SCHOOL LACROSSE

Our middle school lacrosse league had an amazing season this spring! Not only did the league expand from six teams last year to ten teams this season, but Calverton Elementary/Middle School got a very special guest coach. Baltimore City Police Commissioner, Frederick Bealefeld (or Coach B as his players called him) helped Calverton Coach Dominic Domon mold these young athletes into outstanding ambassadors for lacrosse and their communities in Baltimore City.

In addition to great coaches, players in the spring league attended the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic at Ravens Stadium. They also benefited from a great skills clinic featuring Lacrosse Hall of Famer, Tom Marechek and enjoyed an end-of-season play day where Ed Reed made an unscheduled visit.



The Commissioner has promised to stay involved and help out next season and with the help of stalwart supporters like A.C. George, Bill Boynton, Guy Matricianni, Geoff Brent and sponsors including Hopkins NCAA '85 National Champions, HMS Insurance Associates, Lax World and the Trilogy Foundation, we're sure to see lacrosse grow in underserved communities throughout Baltimore.

Working to enhance the health and beauty of our communities and parks.

## Parks & People Featured in TIME Magazine!

Parks & People's SuperKids  
Camp was featured in  
Time magazine!

SuperKids Camp is a fun and  
engaging summer  
program for children in  
Baltimore City. SuperKids  
Camp incorporates fun  
activities like sailing,  
performing arts, science and  
music while improving literacy  
and math skills.

See images of SuperKids  
Camp and a fascinating story  
highlighting similar programs  
around the country that are  
helping millions of  
low-income children combat  
summer learning loss.

Visit [www.parksandpeople.org/  
news](http://www.parksandpeople.org/news) to check it out!



## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to make  
Baltimore a healthier, greener place to live, work, play and learn.



Corporate groups like  
Gross Mendelsohn  
& Associates  
(pictured to the right),  
Constellation Energy,  
AOL/Advertising.com  
(pictured to the left)



and others came out in force to dig in the dirt and beautify  
Baltimore. On May 20th AOL/Advertising.com volunteers worked in  
Auchentoroly Terrace to help clear way and remove invasives!  
Volunteers from Gross Mendelsohn & Associates braved the near  
100 degree heat to plant trees, install raised beds and plant hundreds of perennials near the Community  
Center in the Sandtown/Winchester neighborhood on June 23rd. Most recently, 23 volunteers from  
Constellation Energy were out in Winans Meadow in Leakin Park along the Gwynns Falls Trail on July 16th.  
Volunteers were out in the heat smiling as they cared for about 60 trees and shrubs planted from two years  
ago. Thank you to all of our volunteers! *If you'd like to bring a group to volunteer, please visit our website at  
[www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org) or email us at [info@parksandpeople.org](mailto:info@parksandpeople.org).*

## PARKS & PEOPLE CEO SPEAKS IN ANNAPOLIS

Our very own President & CEO of the Parks & People Foundation, Jackie Carrera, was a speaker at the  
Chesapeake region's America's Great Outdoors Listening Session and Discussion on June 25 in Annapolis.



Ms. Carrera joined senior members of the U.S. Department of the  
Interior (DOI), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the White House  
Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to discuss land  
conservation, recreation, and reconnecting people to the outdoors.

Over 500 people attended the conference and there was a special  
listening session for young people which was attended by Parks &  
People environmental educators Kareen Adams and Andrew  
Thomas (pictured left with Jackie Carrera).

Ms. Carrera's comments centered on the importance of local parks and green space in urban communities.  
She said, "Another idea is to reconceptualize what we mean when we talk about Americas Great Outdoors.  
Are we talking about Yellowstone, Glacier, Acadia? Or are we talking about a system of parks, recreational  
and open space that connects us to these places by weaving their way through the lives of everyday  
Americans who will see our local, state and national landscapes as one. Not only do we need a way to  
physically and emotionally make the connections for people, but we also need a platform for ongoing  
collaboration among the various stakeholders—for public private partnerships to take root. In Atlanta, they  
call this the Beltline, in Baltimore, we call this One Park."

**Help Us Save Trees!** Help us keep Baltimore green and growing. All we need is your email address. Please  
complete the form below and mail it to Parks & People or be green and email us at [info@parksandpeople.org](mailto:info@parksandpeople.org). Thank you  
for your interest!

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Please send me information about volunteering for Parks & People

My donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed **Thank you!**

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