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**NEXT
ASHBURTON
ASSOCIATION
GENERAL
MEETING:**

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 21, 2026**



Celebrating Spring in Ashburton!

INSIDE THIS EDITION:

Details for a 'don't miss' Community-Wide Meeting, April 21!
Green Events in Ashburton that You can Join!
The Flea Market is Back! Details inside!
All you need to know about the 2026 Ashburton Garden Tour
Calendar of Events and more...

Greetings ...FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ashburton Area Community Members,

We invite you to attend the various events included in this newsletter. Thank you to the organizers of last month's Game Night...a tremendous success.

**Ashburton Area Community-Wide Meeting
Meet and Greet Your Candidates
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 6p.m.**

**Baltimore City Community College,
Nursing Bldg. Auditorium
2901 Liberty Heights Avenue.**

**In partnership with
the Hanlon Park Community**

Refreshments

Catherine Pugh
President

Game Night Success!

Pics from Ashburton Association's first Game Night! A sequel is planned for later this summer.



Photos :
Catherine Pugh

Planting More Than Trees

There's something powerful about planting a tree.

At first glance, it's a simple act; digging a hole, placing roots in the ground, and covering them with soil and mulch. But anyone who has taken part in our neighborhood tree planting project knows it's become something more. It's about a shared effort rooted in purpose and community. Most importantly, it's about what we choose to grow together.

What makes the Ashburton Urban Tree Program special isn't just the trees, it's the people behind them. To date, with support from Chesapeake Bay Trust, we planted 43 trees and shrubs for 38 neighbors with our veteran team providing "white glove" planting service - delivery, planting, and mulching - for 30 of them.

But the numbers only tell part of the story.

What makes this effort truly special is the spirit behind it. Our veterans remind us of what service looks like beyond the uniform. They show up ready to do the work not for recognition, but because it matters. Their example reflects something essential: that strong communities are built when we contribute to something larger than ourselves.

That's the real story here.

It's not just about the trees we're planting. It's about the kind of community we're creating. At a time when we see so many placing their attention on individual gain, this small project shows us what's possible when people come together in service for the greater good. When neighbors show up for each other. When the work we do today benefits others for years to come.

Like the trees we're planting, that's a legacy worth cultivating.

Ashburton in Bloom: A Garden Tour and Jazz Experience

The Ashburton Home and Garden Tour is back for 2026, promising an afternoon of elegance, environmental wonder, and soulful rhythm.

Mark your calendars for May 30, 2026, as we open our gates and hearts for an event that has become the crown jewel of our neighborhood's social calendar.

A Legacy of Elegance and Growth

Reflecting on past tours, it is easy to see why this remains the most talked-about event in the community. Year after year, the tour draws not only our own residents but visitors from across the city and beyond, all eager to witness the brilliance that defines Ashburton. It is more than a walk through a neighborhood; it is a celebration of Baltimore's "Garden Suburb" legacy.

The 2026 Experience: Nature Meets Rhythm

This year's theme, Ashburton in Bloom, invites guests to lose themselves in a flourishing canopy of historic trees and explore gardens that serve as masterclasses in eco-diversity.

With our meticulously manicured landscapes to eco diversity, the tour showcases the deep care our residents pour into the earth.

But the beauty doesn't end at the garden gate. The day culminates in a signature celebration of community spirit. Our end-of-tour event will feature:

- Live Jazz: Smooth, vibrant melodies to set the late-afternoon mood.
- Light Fare: Local flavors to enjoy while you mingle.
- Community Icons: A chance to connect with some of Baltimore's most amazing citizens—the residents of Ashburton themselves.

Call for Showcased Homes

Do you take pride in your perennials? Is your backyard an urban oasis? We are currently seeking Ashburton residents who are interested in opening their gardens or homes for this year's tour. Not only will you share your hard work with appreciative guests, but prizes will be awarded.

If you would like to showcase your home, please email the following information to the committee (gardentour2026@gmail.com) by April 30:

- Full Name
- Property Address
- A brief description of the type of garden or home features you will showcase.

Save the Date & Tickets

Tickets will be priced at \$25 and sales are set to launch within the next few weeks. Keep a close watch for additional details on where and how to purchase.

Join us as we celebrate the rhythm of community and the blooming beauty of the place we call home. We can't wait to see you in the garden!



Green Events in Ashburton

Upcoming Community Greening Events:

Whether you have questions about how to care for your yard, are ready to plant a new tree, or eager to get your hands dirty alongside neighbors, there are several upcoming opportunities to get involved. We hope one of these events speaks to you.

Ask the Arborist: Virtual Q&A Workshops

May 14 (Thursday evening from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom)

Join us for our next quarterly workshop led by arborist David Neustadt. Bring your questions about trees, plants, and flowers and get expert advice just in time for spring. Use the QR code to sign up and for details.



Callaway Ave. Median Planting Day

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Meeting Location: Callaway and Sequoia Aves.

Help us continue transforming the Callaway Avenue median. After planting over 30 fruit and nut trees and shrubs last fall, we're building on what's become a rich food source and beautiful corridor connecting two neighborhoods.

FORE!
THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

We are excited to provide resources to local families, along with some fun golf activities and games for kids! Join us for a fun afternoon and connect with local organizations in Baltimore City and Baltimore County!

Friday, April 24, 2026
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Forest Park Golf Course
29000 Hillsdale Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Interested in registering to become a vendor?
Contact: Community Outreach Coordinator, Jayquann Johnson via email at jayquann@firstteebaltimore.org

A graphic illustration of a hand holding a megaphone, symbolizing an announcement or call to action.

2026 Calender of Events

Board Meeting: May 19; Jul. 21; Sept. 15; Nov 17

(3rd TUES. @6:00 pm)

General Body Meeting: Apr. 21, Jun. 16, Oct. 20,

Dec. 15 (3rd TUES. @6:00pm)*

Block Captains Meeting: May 16; Jul. 27;

Sept. 12; Nov. 21

Ashburton Quarterly Newsletter: June., Sept.

Game Night: Jul. 11

Bowling Nights: Jun. 13; Sept. 19

Meet and Greet Candidates: Apr. 21; Oct. 20

Garden Party: May 30

Callaway Median Planting Day: Jun. 11

Ask The Arborist (virtual): May 14

Block Party / Hanlon Park: Jul. 11

National Night Out: Aug 4

Back to School (School Supplies): Aug 4

October/ Fall Fest: Oct 24

Christmas Caroling: Dec 22

Trash Clean Up: Apr. 11; May 9

Book Club: Apr. 25; Sept. 26

The 2026 events Calendar is also available on our website: www.ashburton1920.org

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FLEA MARKET

2026 DATES:

- May 23rd
- June 27th
- July 25th
- August 22nd
- September 26th
- October 24th

FLEA MARKET HOURS
9 AM - 1 PM

Bring your own table, tent, and chairs
\$20/6ft table space on our outdoor areas.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE
(410) 664-7490
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Mt. Zion Church of Baltimore - Martin D. Odum, Pastor
3050 Liberty Heights Ave - Baltimore, MD - 21215

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Dumpster Day

Saturday, April 11, 2026 AND

Saturday, May 9, 2026

3050 Liberty Heights & Wabash Aves.

8 am - 12 pm Noon



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in partnership with
Ashburton Area Association

Allowed Items:

Household items,
Furniture, Cans, Glass,
Plastics, Cardboard

Prohibited Items:

Paint, Pesticides, Acids,
Solvents, Tires, Concrete,
Construction Debris (flooring,
Sheetrock, roofing), Propane
Tanks, Automotive parts,
Gasoline, Fluorescent Lights,
Batteries,

NO APPLIANCES

*Shrubby/tree parts