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Health Department Announces “Your Community ... Your Health” Community Outreach Initiative

*Series of public meetings planned to highlight neighborhood-specific health data,
identify ideas for improving health*

BALTIMORE, MD. (January 25, 2011)— Baltimore City Commissioner of Health Dr. Oxiris Barbot announces a series of public meetings where community leaders and concerned residents can learn about [Healthy Baltimore 2015](#), the citywide vision for improving health in Baltimore. These meetings are a first step in the Health Department’s effort to help residents prioritize community health needs and identify potential strategies for reducing their impact.

The department is scheduling 14 meetings (one in each city council district). Dr. Barbot and senior Health Department staff will share new, neighborhood-specific health data, including information about mortality, chronic disease burdens, and how the health of a neighborhood is impacted by factors including access to healthy food, healthy housing, quality schools, and safe places to be active. The data is taken from the [2011 Neighborhood Health Profiles](#), a collection of 55 reports released in December which reveals stark inequities in health outcomes between city neighborhoods.

“At these meetings, we will demonstrate how our built environment – the places where we live, learn, work and play – has as much to do with making us sick as it does with keeping us healthy,” said Commissioner of Health Dr. Oxiris Barbot. “Ultimately we hope communities will use the information presented to take action in designing new strategies and interventions for tackling the top priorities they identify for creating health promoting environments.”

All meetings are free and open to the public and the media. Following a data presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.

“We believe that listening to the community is the first step toward working together to reduce the impact of these health concerns,” Dr. Barbot said. “Enhancing the health of our neighborhoods is fundamental to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake’s vision for a healthier and growing Baltimore.”

Each meeting will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will feature a health resource table. Some neighborhoods are represented by multiple council districts; these data will be shared at each district meeting. Meetings currently scheduled are as follows:

Date	Communities	Location
Jan. 31, 2012 Council District 6 Sharon Middleton	Dorchester /Ashburton; Forest Park/Walbrook; Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill; MountWashington/Coldspring; North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland; Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop; Southern Park Heights	Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215
February 7, 2012 Council District 3 Joseph Curran	Hamilton; Harford/Echodale; Lauraville; Northwood	Good Samaritan Hospital Parker Rooms 3&4 5601 Loch Raven Blvd., 21239
Feb. 21, 2012 Council District 5 Rikki Spector	Cross Country/Cheswolds; Glen-Fallstaff; Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill; Howard Park/West Arlington; Mount Washington/Coldspring; North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland; Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	Northwestern High School Auditorium 6900 Park Heights Ave., 21215

To find out what city council district you live in, visit <http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/citycouncil/>. To see a map of all city neighborhoods or to review your 2011 Neighborhood Health Profile, visit www.baltimorehealth.org/neighborhoodmap.html.

Once scheduled, additional meeting dates will be announced on the community calendar on our Website homepage: www.baltimorehealth.org.

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