

# Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announces Baltimore's first Clean Community Competition

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**BALTIMORE, Md. — February 14, 2012** — Today, Mayor Rawlings-Blake was joined by Department of Public Works Director Al Foxx, city employees, sponsors, and community leaders to announce and City's first-ever Clean Community Competition. The contest offers participating communities an opportunity to win a \$5,000 cash prize for their efforts to clean up their neighborhood.

"We need to take responsibility for the condition of our communities—and it has to be a team effort," said Mayor Rawlings-Blake. "I look forward to standing with everyone who is working to make our streets and neighborhoods shine."

The Clean Community Competition challenges communities throughout Baltimore to get involved in cleaning up their neighborhoods on a daily basis. Communities will be judged on cleaning efforts that include an overall increase in recycling tonnage, community-wide use of trash cans with lids, decreases in alley and street cleaning service requests, among others. Extra points will be awarded for adopting vacant lots through the Power In Dirt initiative and for installing clean-themed storm drain stencils.

A judging committee will assess improvements and overall cleanliness in October, and the winners will be announced at the kickoff of the Mayor's Fall Clean Up on October 27. Neighborhoods in each of four sections of the City will compete for first place prizes of \$5,000. Second place finishers will win \$1,000.

Communities can register for the contest through Monday, April 9, 2012. The contest will kick off with the Mayor's Spring Cleanup on April 21, 2012 and run through October 19, 2012. For additional information or to register for the competition, community association leaders should call 311 or visit:

<http://baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/PublicWorks/CleanCommunityCompetition.aspx>

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