

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Karlene Murzinski ([00:00](#)):

We're at the corner of Carlington Avenue and Monument Street. My name is Karlene with a K. L. Murzinski. I'm 72.

Speaker 2 ([00:13](#)):

This is a great stoop for sitting on and watching the world go by, huh?

Karlene Murzinski ([00:17](#)):

Yes. Look at the sky. It's peaceful and quiet usually, but there's a lot of bad people in this neighborhood though, going to smoking the dope. I guess it's how the people bring their children up and then those children bring their children up with this. Like the boy next door, he likes pounding my front windows

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here. Those poor windows. One of these days, he's going to break the windows and he's going to have to pay for them. Here he comes now. Hello, Michael, how you doing? You got a couple of days of school, don't you, and then you're all done. Then you're all done till next year, right? Yeah.