

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

Encompassing Neighbors from Lawrence Street to Light Street and from Key Highway to the Railyard

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, June 24th**  
**7 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)**

## Riverside Pool Activities

### General Information

Pool opens **June 15** – August 11 (we have asked that this be extended to end of summer)

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday 12:00 – 3:30 and 4:00-7:00pm  
 Sunday 1:00 – 3:30 and 4:00 – 6:00pm

**Fees** \$2/person \$30/person for the season

There is no special fee for families; it is \$30 for each family member for the season

### Special Activities

- Wednesday is **Family Night** - 4-7pm
- Monday and Thursday is **Adult Swim Night** – Must be 21 to enter on these nights
- As part of Adult Swim, Thursday will have **Aqua Zumba** class 5:00-6:00pm at \$7 per class
- Saturday Mornings are **Mommy (or Daddy)/Baby Swim** – 9:30am – 10:45am
  - ❖ \$55 for the season – Only time small children/toddlers will have access to big pool with parents.
  - ❖ 11:00am – 12:00pm – **Boot Camp** - \$7/class
- Monday – Friday – **Lap swimming** will be available for adults 9:00-9:45am - \$2/swim or \$30 for season.
- **Friends and Family Day** – Sunday, July 28th – 1:00-3:30pm. The Riverside Friends and Family Day is a community event for the neighborhood. Friends of Riverside Park and the pool staff will host a gathering at the pool and gazebo area. We have reserved the gazebo for the day and would like to encourage residents to come to the park for an afternoon in the pool and picnicking at the gazebo.
- **Twilight Swim** – Friday, August 2nd – 8:00-11:00pm – Adults only (over 21) - \$7/person or \$12/person if you bring a cooler. For this event, you can take in a cooler with food and non-alcoholic drinks.
- **Kayak Roll Clinic** – Sunday, June 30th – 9:00-Noon. The event teaches the basics of kayak rolling in the safety of the pool. I think there is a minimum of 5 people needed to hold this event; if 4 other people are interested, let me know and I will sign us up. (Jackson - jkf42@yahoo.com)

**\*\*It is important to note that Adult Swim and Family Night will be discontinued if there is a lack of interest from the community.\*\***

### CONTACT US:

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 Secretary: *vacant*  
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#### 2012-2013 COMMITTEES

Newsletter: Brent Burgess  
 Crime: Shannon Sullivan  
 Friends of Riverside Park:  
     Jackson Fisher  
 Development: Ann Fiocco  
 Trash/Clean-up: Dave Urbanek  
 Historian: Paul Stysley  
 Forestry/Street Trees: Jackson Fisher  
 Communications: *vacant*

### RNA June/July Calendar of Events

**Sunday, June 23** – Concert  
 in the Park!

**Monday, June 24** –  
 Neighborhood Meeting, 7 PM  
 at Salem Lutheran Church.

**Monday, July 1** – Citizens  
 on Patrol (COP) Walk, 7 PM at  
 Riverside Park Gazebo

**Saturday, July 6** – Friends  
 of Riverside Park (FORP) park  
 cleanup and planting, 9 AM at  
 the Gazebo

**Sunday, July 21** – Concert in  
 the Park!

## **\*\*Elections at June Meeting\*\***

Elections for all board positions will be held at the neighborhood meeting on June 24. If you or someone you know is interested in running, please think about nominating him/ her/ yourself. Also, please note that as we are now officially a non-profit organization, only dues-paying members are able to vote. See the “Dues are Due” section of this newsletter for information on how to submit your payment.



## Recent RNA Activities

### April

- Park Clean-Up
- Mayor's Spring Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- Meeting for new Casino
- Ongoing correspondence with City for Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

### May

- Park Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- Assisted with City inspections of various sites throughout the neighborhood
- Meeting with City and Rec & Parks for Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

## Upcoming Events in and Around the City

### Summer Socials at West Shore Park

Friday, June 21, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Live music by Strykers Posse, a Waterfront Kids Play Area, Food Trucks, Beer, Wine and Mixed Drinks, and the Walter Sondheim Interactive Fountain! Bring a blanket and enjoy the evening at West Shore Park, located between the Maryland Science Center and Baltimore Visitor Center. FREE.

### Sounds of the Summer Solstice

Friday, June 21, 6:30 – 12:00 midnight

Druid Hill Park

Join in a celebration of life on the longest day of the year. The evening begins with a free concert at the Rawlings Conservatory. Later, revelers and nature lovers can join in an evening hike, led by the Friends of Druid Hill Park, and participate in the Summer Solstice celebration around the solstice fire at the Druid statue. The event is free, though a \$5 donation is suggested. Don't forget to wear red, gold, or yellow to honor the sun! For more information, visit [www.druidhillpark.org](http://www.druidhillpark.org).

### Images and Ruins

June 7 – August 2, Wednesdays – Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 22, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

School 33 Art Center, 1427 Light Street

In conjunction with its Studio Artist Biennial, School 33 Art Center hosts Images and Ruins, curated by Michelle Gomez. The exhibition's eight artists work with unique approaches to photographic imagery to both



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### JUST LISTED



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Beautiful home in the heart of Federal Hill! Features include large open floor plan flooded with natural light, tall ceilings, pristine hardwood floors, exposed brick walls, stunning gourmet kitchen complete with custom built cabinetry, stainless appliances and granite counters! Don't miss the large roof deck with breathtaking views of the city! Perfect for entertaining!

### JUST LISTED



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preserve and destruct memory. Participating artists include Twiggy Boyer, Chajana denHarder, Michael Koliner, Shannon LaRue, Erin Maywhoor, Joseph Parra, Nick Clifford Simko, and Heather Stratton. For more information, call 443-263-4350 or visit [www.school33.org](http://www.school33.org).

**Baltimore Dragon Boat Challenge**

Saturday, June 22 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Rain date: June 23)  
Under Armour Headquarters, 1010 Hull Street

The Baltimore Dragon Boat Club presents the 5th annual Baltimore Dragon Boat Challenge. A mix of dragon boat teams, including corporate, city, club, and cancer survivor teams will compete in a series of 500-meter races. This year, The Gathering food truck festival will be held at the event. Sample Baltimore's fabulous food trucks and enjoy live entertainment, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. For more information, visit [challenge.balTIMoredragonboatclub.com](http://challenge.balTIMoredragonboatclub.com).

**July 4th: Visionary Pets On Parade!**

Thursday July 4 • 10am (9:30am Pet Registration) • **FREE!**

Dress your pet & strut your stuff. Animal fun! Animal prizes! Trophies awarded for Best Costume, Most Patriotic, Most Visionary Pet, Owner & Pet look-alikes, Least likely to succeed as a Pet, Visionary Pet Tricks and more! Friendly pets of ALL kinds are welcome. The best dog-gone parade in town! Followed by the Pet Talent (Or Not) Show! And Sit, Stay for a rousing game of pet musical chairs! Pets must be leashed or carried. H2O and baggies provided.

**Celebrate Independence Day at the BMI!**

Thursday, July 4, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

We have the best view of the fireworks from our beautiful waterfront campus. Family-friendly event with fun and games, museum galleries, refreshments and drinks for sale (or pack a picnic).

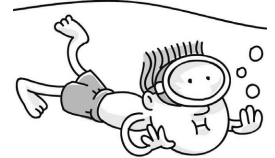
Gates open at 6:00 p.m. rain or shine. No glass bottle, no pets, no grills. No refunds will be given; fireworks are managed by the City of Baltimore, not by BMI.

Walk-in tickets may be purchased at the event for \$5 per person (children under 2 free)

**Parks & Recreation - Jackson Fisher**

**Rec and Parks Aquatics Meeting – Thursday July 11** from 6 – 7:30pm at Riverside Park Pool

Baltimore City Rec and Parks is in the process of a comprehensive review of the City's aquatics facilities/programming in order to develop a 5-10 year improvement plan. They are hosting a meeting and discussion on June 11 at Riverside Park to get community feedback. Currently, there is a panel of various city departments, community groups, and pool users who are working on a set of ideas for improvements. At this meeting, the panel's ideas will be presented and community input would be appreciated. If you have suggestions for improvements to facilities, programming (swimming lessons, adult swims, recreation classes, etc.) or pool users/usage, this meeting is the chance to voice your opinion.



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**Riverside Park Summer Music Series**

*Sweet!*

The Riverside Summer Music Series is back. This year the concerts are sponsored by Domino Sugars and the Riverside Neighborhood Association. The concerts take place Sunday evenings (June 23, July 21, August 18, September 8) at the gazebo in Riverside Park and are a fun time for neighbors, family, and friends to get together, picnic, and listen to good music.

If you would like to make a donation of baked goods for the bake sale table, please contact [RiversideConcerts@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideConcerts@gmail.com). So bring a picnic, some quarters for the bake sale, and enjoy the music! Hope to see you there!



### Greetings and peace, Riverside Neighbors.

Greetings and peace to you! I hope you are staying cool (and hydrated) in the midst of the rising heat. We apologize for having to cancel June's ice cream social. It was a decision that was made in advance of the predicted storm and we feel it was the right one as we would have missed the turnout of so many folks from the neighborhood we've come to know. We are planning another one at a date to be determined in July, so stay tuned for that. There is always an excitement to see familiar people, as well as new faces as we are happy to serve our neighborhood.

As Salem turns our attention to the summer, we look forward to the many programs we have planned. We have decided to do a weekly study on different religions for our *Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings* at Captain Larry's on **Wednesdays** at 7:30 (which will not meet on the 12th and 19th as Pastor Jake will be out of town). All are welcome, especially folks who practice a faith outside of the Judeo-Christian tradition who are willing to lend some insight into your beliefs.

We are also gearing up for our **Vacation Bible School**, co-run with the good people of Christ Inner Harbor, which runs in the evening hours of Monday, **August 12th through Friday, August 16th**. There will be a program for parents as well, or you can feel free to take the nights off if you prefer to. More details to follow in the coming weeks. We have also set a date for our town hall discussion on **Sexual Violence Against Women: August 24th**. You can visit the event website (<http://preventgbv-es2.eventbrite.com/>) to register. We hope to have participation from our community in addressing this issue.

I'm still walking around the neighborhood, especially as the weather gets warm. Please feel free to stop me anytime you want to chat. I've been blessed to meet many of you (and your lovely dogs!). I hope to see you around sometime and we at Salem hope to see you on **Sunday, 10 am** for a welcoming and inclusive worship service.

May God bless you always!

*Pastor Jacob Simpson*



#### Market Update



Inventory is low & buyers are actively looking for homes. Interest rates remain historically low. If you have been waiting to list your home, please call me today to schedule an in home consultation.

#### New Listings:

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# RIVERSIDE PARK SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

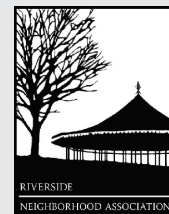
June 23 *School of Rock* 6:00pm

July 21 *Captain Jack* 5:00pm

August 18 *Mambo Combo* 5:00pm

September 8 *Sac au Lait* 5:00pm

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## Benefits of Street Trees *Dave Urbanek*

There is a very simple explanation for what separates a really great street from one that is just, well, ho-hum: trees. A street of smaller homes lined with beautiful, mature trees will feel safer and more appealing than one of multi-million dollar homes with bleak, empty sidewalks. There's clear evidence all around our neighborhood, which is a perfect test-case as all variables are controlled for. With most homes being the same, one can still truly get a completely different feeling from one block to the next due to the presence or absence of trees.

The City's Street Tree Request Form can be found at the following link: <http://treebaltimore.org/programs/#street> (click on "Street Tree Request Form" at the bottom). If you have an empty tree pit in front of your home or live on a block without any trees, please fill-out and submit this form to make Riverside a greener, more attractive neighborhood. If you do not have access to the internet, hard copies of the form will be available at all neighborhood meetings (the last Monday of each month at Salem Lutheran Church). Thank you!

In addition to simply looking great, there are numerous benefits of street trees, many of which are listed below (from [www.treesforstreets.org](http://www.treesforstreets.org)):

**Positive Attitude:** When the number of street trees increases so does the people's preference for trees in their surrounding environments. 33% of people would use outdoor areas more if trees were planted. More people are likely to visit parks and open spaces when the surrounding streets are green and pleasurable.

**Healthier Lives:** By filtering polluted air, reducing chemical smog formation, shading out harmful solar radiation and providing an attractive, calming setting for recreation, trees can have a positive effect on the incidence of asthma, skin cancer and many stress-related illnesses. A study on recuperation of patients after surgery found that those with a tree view from their hospital window recovered quicker from surgery, needed less medication and went home quicker than those with a brick wall view.

**Reduced Crime:** The presence of greenery decreases behaviors such as vandalism, aggression and violence. The greener a building's surroundings the fewer total crimes.

**Local Climate:** The shelter and shade from trees can save up to 10% of the energy needed to heat and cool nearby buildings. Trees reduce the effects of air pollution and make outdoor spaces more comfortable. The leaves and twigs of trees slow down the rate at which rainwater hits the ground and this helps to reduce the likelihood of localized flash flooding.

**Economy:** People are attracted to live, work and invest in green surroundings, so a commitment to the trees on our streets is a very cost effective way of underpinning the local and regional economy.

**Property Value:** Average house prices are between 5% and 18% higher where property is associated with mature trees.

**Sustainable Communities:** The involvement of people in the practical care of local trees can help to build a stronger sense of ownership and civic pride.

**Legacy for the Future:** Many of the most significant trees on our streets were planted over 100 years ago; this living legacy is wonderful but we need an extensive program of replacement planting to provide the tree-lined streets of the future.


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**Because we never tire of printing it, and because some people need more reminders, we present the ever popular Doggy Etiquette. The pool is open, there will be added activity in the park, and our concerts in the park will resume. So...as a reminder to everyone, especially those who do not have full control over their dog, we have recycled our favorite doggy article...**

### **Doggy Etiquette**

The law states that dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet. However, as we have recently received several complaints of dogs running up to people walking through the park with no controls or discipline from their owners, I feel that too many people are not respecting the rights and personal space of others. The following guidelines are simple rules of doggy etiquette that I occasionally place in the Riverside Newsletter. I thought it was the perfect time to remind the dedicated dog walkers in the park:

- Rain, snow, sun, knee deep in mud...pick up after your dog. Think of the park as your own yard, because it is. Oh yes, and it is the law!
- Your dog should be firmly under your control for the safety of the dog, and everyone else in the park.
- Your dog should never approach a dog on a leash unless invited by that dog's owner.
- Your dog should never approach people walking through the park without their invitation.
- Doggy playtime should be centered in the middle of grassy areas and not near pedestrian paths.
- Dogs who play too aggressively (growling, biting, etc.) can be frightening to passersby. The dogs should be separated and/or play should be moved to the lower field.
- If your dog breaches etiquette, a simple reprimand to the dog and a sincere apology to the other person will usually diffuse the situation. (Saying "he won't hurt you" only makes people angry)
- Your home's proximity to the park is not a license to open your front door and let your dog go to the park without you. That immediately violates all of the above.

The only way for everyone to enjoy the park is to respect the personal space of others. You wouldn't run up to a stranger in the park and jump on them (hopefully), and neither should your dog. We are fortunate to have a large, wonderful park in which to exercise our dogs, and following these simple suggestions will help to continue everyone's enjoyment of the park.

*Ann Fiocco*, Board Member, Riverside Neighborhood Association and Mother of Fergus

### **Dues are Due**

RNA is now officially a Non-Profit Public Charity and is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to us are now deductible, and we are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. This also means we must start 2013 dues collection. Now that we are non-profit, you cannot vote on any issue without paying dues. They are a very-affordable \$5 a year and can be paid at a neighborhood meeting or by using the tear-off slip below.

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### **2013 Riverside Neighborhood Association Dues Payment Slip**

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### **BEC Can Reduce Your Energy Bills**

The Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC) is a non-profit program created by the city's Office of Sustainability to help Baltimore meet its goal of a 15% reduction in energy consumption by 2015. They will be canvassing the neighborhood to share information and resources. BEC has free Energy Savers Kits full of tools and information that can help everyone reduce their energy consumption. If you want a kit or want to learn more, look for them at events throughout the community or contact Abby Moore at amoore@baltimoreenergychallenge.org or 443-687-9232 with any questions!