

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

## NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEB. 24

7 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

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### Getting Involved - *Shane Laporte*

As we sit here now, in the middle of February, hoping that the cold and the snow of the past few weeks will soon give way to spring, we already have our eye on spring and summer plans for Riverside Park. Each year RNA tackles a wide range of projects at the park; tree and garden plantings, maintenance such as playground gate repairs, cleanups, concerts and socials. These projects go a long way to improve and maintain the vibrancy and vitality of the park. Without RNA, the park would likely see a slow decline in appearance and would stop being the beautiful centerpiece of our neighborhood that it is. Even with these efforts, we can see certain areas of the park that are on that downward slope. For those of us who walk the west side of the park, we see the red house and the backstop on the softball field as obvious evidence of decline.

For some tasks, more volunteers can be the answer to better results. An example of this is park clean up days. The amount of trash and leaves that is picked up, and the amount of trees that get trimmed is a simple function of how many people gather to help out. For other tasks, the limiting factor is the amount of funds that RNA has to put back in to the park. Each year, projects are prioritized based on needs and costs. Each year, too many items cannot make the cut because of funds. This should not be the case.

We live in a thriving neighborhood, one of the most desirable in the whole city. We have thriving businesses, with added development on the way. We have one of the best schools in the city. We have a great mix of old-timers, new-timers, singles, families and everyone in between. As a whole, our residents are also relatively thriving. The appearance and activities of Riverside Park, all of Riverside Park, should be thriving as well.

One of the keys to a thriving neighborhood is involvement by the neighbors. Involvement can come in the form of donated time, but can also come in the form of donated money. All the money that RNA raises goes right back in to the neighborhood, with the vast majority of it going into improvements and activities at the park. For those of you who see things that can be improved, this is the way to make it happen. For all of you who enjoy the park and the neighborhood, this is an investment in your enjoyment.

Please consider sending donations to RNA and playing a part in making our neighborhood and our park a more vibrant place.

Donations can be sent via mail, website or at monthly meetings.

### Development - *Ann Fiocco*

Development Committee Goals: RNA seeks to promote responsible development that will enhance life for everyone on the peninsula and within our neighborhood. We want to listen to our residents and balance resident concerns/wishes with the overall best interests of improving city life for everyone. The only update this month is that demolition should begin this month on 1701 Light Street. This large property will be developed into 2 homes, one 3-story and one 2-story. There are no other updates at this time. Please remember to refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit questions or concerns.

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pay dues ONLINE!

## Upcoming Activities

### Monday, February 24

Neighborhood Meeting, 7pm @  
Salem Lutheran Church

### Saturday, March 1

Park Cleanup, 9am

### Monday, March 3

COP Walk, 7pm

### Monday, March 31

Neighborhood Meeting &  
Social, 7pm @  
Captain Larry's

RNA Community Yard Sale April 26th - See p 4. for more details

## Parks & Recreation - *Jackson Fisher*

### Riverside Trash Cans

The corner trash cans at the Randall entrances are prone to overflow during busy weekends or snow events. According to the labels on the cans, one side is for recycling and one side is for trash. Currently, the city does not provide separate trash and recycling service for the parks so both cans are emptied by the trash crew. If you come across a can that is full, please place the trash into the recycling side of the can. We are working with the city to either re-label the tops or provide recycling pick-up. I will let everyone know if policy changes; in the meantime, we may as well take advantage of the extra trash can space

### Spring Planning and Friends of Riverside Park Projects

Spring is coming. March is the typical start of the monthly park cleanups and park projects. FORP applied for a \$5,000 Partnerships in Parks grant from the Parks and People Foundation. We will find out in late March if we have received the money. This year, we are hoping to plant a garden at the Heath/Johnson entrance, work on the stonework at Randall/Covington, repair the fence at Heath/Covington, move some trees, and plant various perennials and trees throughout the park. We invite everyone (big and small) to join us on the first Saturday of the month (9-noon). We have the supplies/tools so participants only need to bring gloves. Hope to see you this spring! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jackson at jkf42@yahoo.com

### Riverside Concert Planning

Planning has started for the summer concert season. Domino Sugars is once again providing us with sponsorship to make these concerts possible. We are looking for a few additional volunteers to help with preparation and concert day tasks. If you are interested, please contact Joelle at Riversideconcerts@gmail.com

## Crime - *Shannon Sullivan*

Baltimore City State's Attorney Greg Bernstein will be at our February meeting. He is an excellent public speaker and will have a chance to answer any questions you have regarding the City's judiciary system. So this is your chance to ask about repeat offenders, what type of cases they typically prosecute, why trying drug cases can be so difficult, etc.



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In the meantime feel free to contact me if you have any crime questions or concerns at [sullivansox@yahoo.com](mailto:sullivansox@yahoo.com). And don't forget about our next crime walk scheduled for **Monday, March 3rd** that includes specials for all participants at **Homeslyce** immediately following the walk.

### Why Dial 2-1-1? - Rachel Wagner

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## Save The Bay - *Dave Urbanek*

You see the bumper stickers and hear it on the radio: all this talk about "Saving the Bay." Sure, that sounds great, but other than sending money to various organizations, there's not much you can do, right? Wrong. Here are a few things you can do to help clean-up this amazing resource:

**Drive less.** Air pollution contributes more than 1/3 of all the nitrogen entering the Bay. You live in the City, so you're likely already driving much less than your suburban brethren, but consider walking to the store or around the Harbor rather than driving.

**Buy local foods.** Buying food that's grown on local farms minimizes transportation-related emissions. The BMI Farmers' Market is on Saturdays from May to October and the Baltimore Farmers Market & Bazaar under I-83 at Holliday and Saratoga Streets is on Sundays from April to December.

**Conserve water.** Reducing your use of water helps wastewater treatment plants function more effectively. Time your showers - they shouldn't be more than 5 minutes. And what did we learn as kids? "If it's yellow, let it mellow..."

**Plant a tree.** Besides providing oxygen, trees prevent erosion and filter pollutants from rainwater. If you already have a tree in front of your home - great! If not, go to [www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org) for a Tree Planting Request Form, or contact the Riverside Neighborhood Association and we'll help you out.

## Ever Wonder Where Those Street Names Come From? (pt. 2)

### Boyle

**Thomas Boyle (1775–1825)** was one of the most successful Baltimore privateer captains during the War of 1812. He also served briefly in the United States Navy during the war. Born in Marblehead, Massachusetts, Boyle went to sea at 10 or 11 years of age and assumed his first command at the age of 16. In 1794, he moved his base of operation to Baltimore, Maryland. Soon after the War of 1812 began, Boyle took command of the privateer *Comet* and during his first cruise—conducted in the West Indies between 11 July and 7 October 1812—captured four vessels with an aggregate value of \$400,000. On his second cruise, he sailed along the Brazilian coast, departing Baltimore on 25 November 1812. Though he made five captures, his second voyage was a financial disaster because British cruisers retook all five prizes.

### Byrd

**Harry Clifton "Curley" Byrd (1889–1970)** was an American university administrator, educator, athlete, coach, and politician. Byrd began a long association with the University of Maryland as an undergraduate in 1905, and eventually rose to the position of university president from 1936 to 1954. In the interim, he had also served as the university's athletic director and head coach for the football and baseball teams. Byrd amassed a 119–82–15 record in football from 1911 to 1934 and 88–73–4 record in baseball from 1913 to 1923. Byrd Stadium, the university's current football field, and its predecessor were both named in his honor.

### Recent RNA Activities

#### December

- COP Walk
- Gazebo Lighting
- Holiday Cookie Contest
- Neighborhood Meeting

#### January

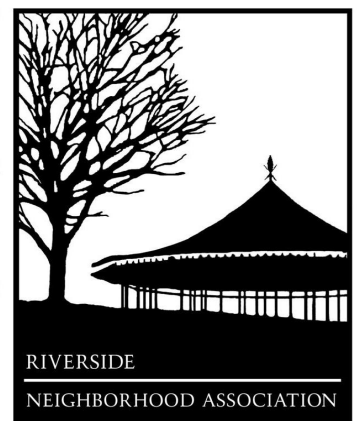
- Casino Meeting
- Neighborhood Meeting

#### February

- COP Walk
- RNA Board Meeting

# COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, April 26th  
9am-1pm @ Riverside Park  
*Rain Date: Sunday, April 27th*



- ◆ Sellers: Visit [riversideneighborhoodassociation.com](http://riversideneighborhoodassociation.com) to register and prepay by April 12th; OR mail your \$10/table nonrefundable prepayment to RNA Yard Sale, 841 E. Fort Ave., Suite 219, Baltimore, MD 21230.
- ◆ Limited tables will be available the day of for \$15 each.
- ◆ Want to give stuff away? Donate your items to the RNA table by 9:30 that morning. RNA will sell your stuff and keep the proceeds!

Byrd resigned as university president in order to enter politics in 1954. He ran an unsuccessful campaign as the Democratic candidate for Maryland Governor against Theodore McKeldin. Byrd later received appointments to state offices with responsibilities in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

**Clement**

An adventurous group of colonists left England on two small ships, *The Ark and The Dove*, November 23, 1633, the feast day of **St. Clement**, fourth Pope and patron saint of mariners. After a four-month journey across the wintry seas of the Atlantic Ocean, they sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and northward to the Potomac River, landing on a small island they named for St. Clement. It was here, on March 25, 1634, that they “took possession” of the land and celebrated a Roman Catholic Mass of thanksgiving, the first in the English-speaking colonies. This was the beginning of the Maryland colony. Founded on the ideals of religious toleration and separation of church and state, this infant colony initiated these basic freedoms that would become the cornerstones of our American Constitution.

**Upcoming Guest Speakers:**

The midterm elections are just around the corner. The following candidates will be joining us at these upcoming neighborhood meetings:

**February 24th:**

- Brooke Lierman*, Candidate for State Delegate
- Gregg Bernstein*, Incumbent running for re-election as State’s Attorney

**April 28th:**

- Bill Ferguson*, Incumbent running for re-election as State Senator
- Liam Davis*, Candidate for State Delegate

May 19th (earlier meeting date due to Memorial Day):

- Peter Hammen & Luke Clippinger*, both Incumbents running for re-election as State Delegates



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## Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

Greetings and peace! I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. We have been very blessed at Salem this past month with a variety of new faces from the neighborhood! I'd like to think that part of this uptick is due to our new, beautiful banner on the Battery Avenue side of the church.

I know many of you in the community enjoy a good **basket bingo**. I'm pleased to announce that we are doing one on **Saturday, March 8th at 3:30pm** at the **Ferndale Fire Hall**, not far from our neighborhood. This allows us to provide ample parking for folks and also more space than our fellowship hall carries as we anticipate it being a large gathering. We will be raffling off Vera Bradley bags and Longaberger baskets full of awesome items. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door and can be reserved over the phone (410-576-1044, leave a message for Susan Lear) or by e-mail (churchoffice@salemsouthbaltimore.org). Also, if you are interested in contributing to the event, either as a patron or via business affiliation, please make any checks out to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, designating it for "Basket Bingo."

In addition to our 10am Sunday worship, we continue to do our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings on Wednesdays at 7:30 at Captain Larry's. And with Lent coming up, we will be having our **Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm on Wednesday, March 5th**. You can always stay updated on what's going on via our website (salemsouthbaltimore.org), Facebook page (Facebook.com/SalemBaltimore), and Twitter page (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore). We hope to see you at Salem. Be well and be blessed!

*Pastor Jacob Simpson*

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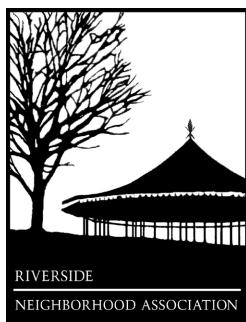
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