

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, Dec. 9

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

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Upcoming Activities

Monday, December 2 COP Walk, 7 pm

Saturday, December 7

Park Cleanup, 9 am & Gazebo Lighting, 5:30 pm

Monday, December 9

Holiday Cookie Contest, 6:30 pm & Neighborhood Meeting, 7 pm @ Salem Lutheran Church

Saturday, January 4

Park Cleanup, 9 am

Monday, January 6 COP Walk, 7 pm

Take Time to Enjoy the Holidays - Shane Laporte

For those of you who do not know, I have two young daughters. While my youngest does not quite grasp the power of the holidays yet, my oldest surely does. Because of them, heading to our families' houses for Thanksgiving and the whole run-up to Christmas has taken on a much greater sense of excitement for me the last few years. I have even grown more tolerant of my wife's penchant for playing Christmas music from October through January. When we decided to have children, we expected that this added emphasis on the holidays would happen. What was not expected was that Baltimore would be such a great place for the holidays. From events right here in Riverside, to events and Santa's village at the Inner Harbor, Baltimore is a truly festive city. We invite you all to join us for the lighting of the gazebo on **December 7th** and I hope you all get out and enjoy all that the city has to offer during the holiday season.

As you do head out to enjoy the holiday season, I urge you all to do so safely. Throughout the next two months, the traffic volume increases significantly as we all hit the road to shop for gifts and visit family and friends. The traffic peaks the day before Thanksgiving, which is traditionally the busiest travel day of the year. There will be many parties and many things on our minds, but it is our duty to the folks who share the road with us that we do not drive impaired or distracted. To that end, Susan Yum will join us at our **December 9th** meeting to discuss 'Jake's Law', and her personal story about distracted driving. Please join us that night in support of this law.

Also at the December meeting, RNA will be doing our part to spread some holiday cheer. The meeting will feature a cookie baking contest, and you can also use the meeting as a drop off location for the Explorer Toy Drive. We hope to see you all there.

Before we get swept away in our winter holidays, I want to extend a huge thank you to the organizers of the South Baltimore Halloween Bash with special thanks to Cathy Strodel and Misty Keens who led the way. This year's event was even better than the last and was a perfect family-friendly showcase for our neighborhood. While RNA added background support for this year's



event, we are pleased to announce that we will have more involvement next year, as we become official partners with the 'Bash'.

Finally, as I sign off for the year, I want to say congratulations to my fellow RNA officers and our growing number of volunteers on another fine year of hard work and dedication to making our neighborhood a great place to live. I look forward to an even better year in 2014.

Development - Ann Fiocco

Quick non-development note – There is a new stop sign on Johnson at Heath Street. This is for the safety of pedestrians as it is a heavily travelled crossing. We have put in a request to the city to improve the visibility of the sign, but please be on the lookout when driving down Johnson.

A Cautionary Development Tale... There was once a property known as 130 E. Barney Street which wanted to become 2 homes. The developer presented incomplete plans to the Association, and to the Zoning Board. This caused great concern within RNA when the Zoning Board approved the plans. There is major concern that this project will have structural issues so RNA has now reached out to the Planning Dept. to insist that an engineer sign off on these plans before

construction begins. We are now hoping this tale will have a happy ending. **Lessons learned...** If a new renovation is starting next to you, ask to see plans. If you have concerns and the developer tells you that he has decided to not go to Zoning and just sell the property...DON'T believe him. It is usually just a ploy to keep you from attending the hearing. Check with the Board directly to see if the project is still on the docket. If you still have concerns that are not being answered, contact RNA and we will help you through the process. This is not a recommendation to attack any new project next to you, but to open a dialogue with the project head as soon as possible. The better

informed you are, the smoother the process. Please remember to refer to baltimorehousing.org for all permitting and renovation questions.

Parks & Recreation - Jackson Fisher Riverside Planting Project Award

At the annual Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN) awards ceremony in October, the Riverside Neighborhood/Friends of Riverside Park received an award from the Parks and People Foundation for the 2013 Outstanding Partnership for Parks Grant Project. The award recognized the work on the plantings in front of the pool house and at the Covington/Heath entrance. Parks and People posted a few pictures of the event on their website (http://parksandpeople.org/) Special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped with these projects.

Fall is Tree Time

Now that the weather is cooling down, it's street tree planting time. If you have a request into the City's Forestry Dept for street tree work, this is the time of year when most of that activity takes place. The city cuts new pits, removes stumps, and plants new trees primarily during the winter months. If you have an empty pit, stump, or would like a new tree, send me a message (jkf42@yahoo.com) and I will put together a combined neighborhood list.



Our award for "Outstanding Partnership for Parks"







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JUST LISTED

1423 Beason St

Beautifully designed Locust Point home! Hardwood floors throughout, decorative fireplaces in living room & dining, tall ceilings, stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry & unique concrete counters in gourmet kitchen leading to rear patio. New windows in February 2013 & new HVAC in 2012! Transom windows & skylights flood home with natural light. Master suite with walk in closet & bathroom with separate tub & multi head shower. Custom wet bar in top level office/BR space that leads to roof deck with multiple city views!





1814 S Charles St

A Building Character renovation with extra charm on quiet Federal Hill block! Fully renovated in 2010. Semi detached with windows along side wall flood home with natural light! Hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, exposed brick, granite counters, recessed lighting & detailed tray ceilings! Full basement with BR/office & storage room. Full BR & BA on main level. Hard to find fenced rear yard perfect for entertaining & parking pad fitting up to 3 cars! Easy access to I-95, community parks & stadiums!





460 Larkspur Lane

Stunning white Colonial home in exclusive Berrywood Ridge! Private cul-de-sac location! Enter through unique 2 story foyer to office/den & pristine dining room. Large screened in porch & deck through gourmet kitchen complete with stainless steel appliances, quartz counters, breakfast nook and custom cabinetry. 2 gas fireplaces, hardwood floors & fully finished basement with living room, office & bedroom space. Master suite offers walk in closet & private bathroom with Garden tub & separate shower. Beautifully landscaped yard fenced in for privacy complete with swing set. Neighborhood playground next door!

Crime - Shannon Sullivan

Food, Drinks and COP

Homeslyce has generously offered to provide all COP participants ½ price sandwiches and \$2 off draught beers after our monthly Citizens on Patrol walks. So come out and support your neighborhood, the police and a local business. Our next walk is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at 7pm. We meet at the Riverside Park gazebo and we always walk with a police officer. Check RNA's Facebook page (you do not need to have a Facebook account) for updates. Thanks again Homeslyce!

311 vs 911

I know this was in the newsletter last month. but judging by the response I received, it sounds like a good idea to keep this information in permanently. So, for those of you who know, don't forget to tell others and for everyone else here is a good City Living 101 tip - do not use 311 if you want the police to respond. If DPW didn't pick-up your trash or if there is a pot hole in the road then call 311. If you need the police, even if it does not constitute an emergency, then dial 911. The 911 operator will prioritize the call before sending it to the dispatcher so don't worry about calling if you see suspicious behavior or for something you might consider minor. The police use 911 call volume, location and type of call to deploy resources, track crime trends and for other purposes such as their nuisance abatement program.

And as always, remember to remove all items from your car before locking it and remind any visitors to do the same. And, if you have concerns or would like input on crime/police related activity please remember that you can contact me at anytime by emailing sullivansox@yahoo.com or come speak to me after the meeting.



Bagged Leaf Collection Returns

Bagged leaf collection season began Monday, October 28, 2013 and continues through Monday, January 6, 2014. The Bureau of Solid Waste will collect bagged leaves every Monday throughout the season.

Schedule a Monday Collection...

Solid Waste crews will collect 20 bags of leaves from each address every Monday. Residents must call 311 before Sunday at 10 pm for the following Monday collection to schedule a pickup. Residents may make multiple appointments for up to two months prior to the pick up date.

...Or have Leaves Collected on Your Trash Collection Day

The Bureau of Solid Waste will also continue to collect bagged leaves on the regularly scheduled trash collection day. Solid Waste crews will collect 5 bags of leaves from each address every week. Residents need to put leaves in clear or labeled bags and place them at their regular mixed refuse collection location and not in the public right-of-way. With Monday collections and regular mixed refuse collections, the Bureau of Solid Waste will collect, in total, 25 bags of leaves per week per resident.

If residents need leaf rakes, they can contact Jackson Fisher (jkf42@yahoo.com); he has a few in the red house that he can loan out.



Upcoming Events in and Around the City

Amahl and the Night Visitors

Weekends in December

Gian-Carlo Menotti's beloved American opera tells the simple story of a crippled shepherd boy who encounters three kings following a star in the midwinter night. Sung in English, this musical masterpiece beautifully expresses a child's wonder at the miracle of Christmas. The perfect holiday entertainment for the whole family!

Presented by Musical Artists Theatre, performances are Friday 12/6 at 7:30, Saturday 12/7 at 7, Sunday 12/8 at 3, Friday 12/20 at 7:30, Saturday 12/21 at 3. The theater is located in Salem Lutheran Church, adjacent to Riverside Park at 1530 Battery Avenue in South Baltimore, 21230. For more information, call 410-837-0971 or visit info@MusicalArtistsTheatre.com or find us on Facebook/MusicalArtistsTheatre.

All seats only \$5 if you mention the RNA Newsletter!

Moonlight Madness on Federal Hill

December 13, 8 pm to Midnight

Visit the many locally owned shops and galleries throughout Federal Hill that are staying open late and offering specials, discounts, and refreshments. You can find wonderful and imaginative gifts for everyone on your list. Carolers will be strolling the streets to serenade shoppers.

Not to be missed, the crowd favorite Moonlight Madness passport! Get it stamped at 5 local businesses while shopping on December 13th, turn it in by midnight at Main Street (42)

E.Cross Street), and be entered to win a goody bag of Federal Hill items. Federal Hill Main Street is open until midnight with refreshments and free gift wrapping.

The evening starts off with a fun for all ages **Tree Lighting** at **7pm**. The return of this neighborhood tradition is brought to you by Federal Hill Neighborhood Association and Federal Hill Main Street. Join us at 7 pm to the Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Center Park at Cross and Light for some caroling, hot chocolate & cookies, and

a visit from Santa himself! Kids are invited to make a decoration for the tree. These can be dropped off in advance at Main Street, or bring them with you and we'll put it on the tree during the lighting ceremony

Recent RNA Activities

September

- Park Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- RNA Board Meeting
- Neighborhood Social
- Concert in the Park
- Meeting with Rec & Parks Aquatics

October

- Park Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- Community Yard Sale
- Mayor's Fall Clean-up
- Neighborhood Meeting & Social



Santa Visits Cross Street Market

Saturday, December 14, 12-4 pm

Santa will make an appearance at the Cross Street Market. He will be there from 12 - 4pm, ready for pictures (bring your own camera). There will be crafts and activities for the kids, as well, to make it an afternoon of holiday fun for the family.

Help Wanted: RNA Secretary

RNA would like to extend many thanks to Heather Chiaro, who has resigned the RNA secretary post as she prepares to move out of state. We will miss both her secretarial skills and her willingness to make our Costco runs. Best wishes, Heather!

If you are interested in joining RNA as our next secretary, we are looking for a willing Riverside resident to record minutes at monthly neighborhood meetings and quarterly board meetings. If this interests you, please chat with us at our next event, or contact us at rnabaltimore@gmail.com.



Jake's Law Zip Code Challenge - Rachel Wagner

Just two years ago, Riverside residents Susan Yum and Spike Owen lost their five-year-old son, Jake, in a car accident. It was three days after Christmas when a driver, talking on his cell phone, slammed into the rear of their vehicle and changed their lives forever. After a trial, that driver was fined a mere \$1,000. Susan, Spike, their family, friends, and various supporters have come together to form The Change for Jake Foundation, a nonprofit advocacy group that aims to increase awareness and create legislation to stop distracted driving.

Susan and Spike are challenging Baltimore-area neighborhoods to support Jake's Law by participating in the Zip Code Challenge. The group's first fundraising effort involves the sale of t-shirts for \$15 that are zip-code specific. Riverside's orange tee boasts, "21230 Supports Jake's Law." Whether you purchase a

t-shirt, make a donation, with EM LUTHERAN CHURCH



Dinners, Decorations Children's Crafts **Baked Goods Basket Raffles** Visit from Santa!

Fri. 12/13 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm Sat. 12/14 Baked Chicken Dinner 3-7 pm \$10 Adults, \$5 Children under 6 Sat. 12/14 Open Grill & Soups 12-7 pm Sun. 12/15 Hot Beef Dinner 12-5 pm \$12 Adults, \$6 Children under 6 Sun. 12/15 Open Grill 12-5 pm

Salem Lutheran Church 1530 Battery Ave. & E. Randall St. Near Riverside Park 410-576-0487 w.salemsouthbaltim

Jake Owen

or both, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to their cause. We look forward to seeing these

orange tees around the neighborhood. Not only will it be known that you support Jake's Law, but you will be a walking billboard for the fight against distracted driving. To purchase a tee, make a donation, or read more about Jake's Law, go to www.jakeslaw.org.



Fri 12/6 at 7:30 Sat 12/7 at 7pm Sun 12/8 at 3pm Fri 12/20 at 7:30 Sat 12/21 at 3pm

A crippled shepherd boy meets three kings following a midwinter star. Gian-Carlo Menotti's musical masterpiece beautifully expresses a child's wonder at the miracle of Christmas.

The perfect holiday entertainment for the whole family!

Salem Lutheran Church 1530 Battery Ave (on Riverside Park) 410-837-0971

All Seats \$5 (with this ad)





Calling All Bakers: RNA's First-Ever Holiday Cookie Contest!! Sponsored by

Who: Riverside Residents

When: Before the next RNA meeting- Monday, December 9, 6:30pm

Where: Salem Lutheran Church



- 1. By December 1st, register at riversideneighborhoodassociation.com; OR mail your name, address, phone number, recipe, and \$5 fee (payable to RNA) to RNA Cookie Contest, 841 E. Fort Ave., Suite 219, Baltimore, MD 21230.
- 2. Bring no less than 3 dozen cookies to the church on December 9th at 6:30pm and arrange them on provided trays.
- 3. The first 24 willing tasters (non-bakers) will sample and score the cookies from 6:45-7:15.
- 4. While the meeting takes place, the remaining cookies may be enjoyed by all, and the results will be tabulated.
- 5. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting. Winners must be present to receive prize baskets provided by Domino Sugars. Winners and winning recipe will be featured in the January newsletter.

• Rules & Guidelines:

Contest open to Riverside residents only. Only one registrant per household. To be eligible, residents must: register by December 1; use at least one Domino Sugar product, specified in submitted recipe; produce a minimum of 3 dozen cookies. Brownies, bars, and • candies are not acceptable. Cookies or payments that arrive later than 6:45pm on December 9 may not be considered for judging. • By entering, all registrants give RNA permission to include their names, photos, and recipes in future publications. HAVE FUN!

Ever Wonder Where Those Names Come From? - Dave Urbanek

Street Names: Part 1

I'm certainly no history buff, but the origins of names and sayings has always intrigued me. So, I figured I'd kill two birds with one stone by learning about the history of the street names around Riverside while providing some content for the newsletter. Much of this information is from Wikipedia, as well as City Paper and starspangled200.org. Note that the information I found was not directly linked to the street name, per se, so I made some assumptions that the link exists. This is Part 1 in a multi-part (alphabetical) series – enjoy!



Barney

Joshua Barney (1759-1818) was born in Baltimore County and began his career at sea at a young age, sailing on merchant ships. He then served for the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. At the start of the War of 1812, he commanded the first privateer Clipper, the Rossie, to sail out of Baltimore and captured nearly 18 British vessels at the value of one and a half million dollars. His brother was Major John Barney of the Maryland State Militia.

Belt

The Baltimore Belt Line was constructed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O) in the 1890s to connect the railroad's newly constructed line to Philadelphia (with trackage rights to New York City) with the rest of the railroad at Baltimore, Maryland. It included the Howard Street Tunnel, the Mount Royal Station and the first mainline railroad electrification in the United States. The line is currently operated by CSX Transportation as part of its Baltimore Terminal Subdivision.

Bloomsbury

This is a tough one; I'm going to guess it was named after a neighborhood in London. This is from "Old and New London: Volume 4" by Edward Walford, published in 1878: Bloomsbury lies on the north side of Holborn, stretching away as far as the Euston Road, and is bounded to the east and west respectively by Gray's Inn Road and Tottenham Court Road. It was originally called Lomsbury, or Lomesbury, and the manor and village are said to have occupied the site of Bloomsbury Square and the surrounding streets.

And What About "Federal Hill"?:

The name Federal Hill didn't come about until 1788, when Baltimore threw a huge shindig in honor of Maryland's ratification of the U.S. Constitution. In honor of the event, Commodore Joshua Barney, a naval hero of the Revolutionary War, had a 15-foot boat built and rigged as a warship. He named the ship the Federalist, set it on wheels, and paraded it through the streets of the city before having it placed atop the hill, where it was joined by 4,000 partygoers. It was quite a celebration; those in attendance gorged themselves on 500 pounds of ham, 1,000 pounds of beef, 15 1/2 barrels of beer, 240 gallons of hard cider, and 9 1/2 gallons of peach brandy. As often happens

in such situations, Commodore Barney and the other smashed sailors got antsy around midnight and decided it was a good time to take a trip. They slid the tiny Federalist down the hill and sailed it out of the Inner Harbor to Annapolis. They probably enjoyed a good case of bed spins; we still enjoy the view from the hill named for the boat.



Mayor's Fall Clean-up



Volunteers planting bulbs for Mayor's Citywide Cleanup on October 26th

Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

Greetings and peace! I hope and pray this letter finds you in good health and good spirits, especially as we approach the holiday season. We at Salem have so much great stuff coming up and we would love for you to be a part of it! First and foremost: on December 1st at 4pm, we are doing our second annual "Giving Thanks Service." Held the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the service is a reminder that we have been given so much in our

lives and it is good to return gratitude for it. A special offering will be taken for Lutheran Disaster Response, a well-regarded organization that is "first to come, last to leave" at many domestic weather-induced crisis, including Hurricane Katrina and this past September's flooding in Colorado. A potluck dinner will be held after the service (please bring a dish if you plan to attend). For those who like to sleep in (yours truly included), we hope you take advantage of the 4pm start time.

We are also trying some new worship opportunities for the holiday season. Our new First Tuesday service was a big hit it's first time, especially with the music, and we will be doing it again on 12/3 at 7pm. Different from a typical Sunday, it is a service of peaceful meditation centered around the Word and the beautiful music of our organist Marie. In addition to that, we will also be trying morning and evening Advent vespers, morning for the pre-work crowd and evening for the post-work folks. The evening vespers will have a space for healing, as we realize the holidays are an emotionally difficult time for many. Vespers are quick, meditative programs that allows you some brief space of peace amidst the holidays. Aside from an 11am start time on the 15th, our Sunday services continue at 10am with a beautiful Advent theme. And our family Christmas Eve service, very popular last year, returns again at 7pm on the 24th. As you can see, there are plenty of worship opportunities for the religious and non-religious alike.

Salem's Winter Wonderland returns this December, running on Friday the 13th (4-7pm, spaghetti dinner), Saturday the 15th (12-7pm, roast beef lunch and dinner) and Sunday the 16th (12-5pm, open grill lunch). There will be plenty of food, festivities and fun, with the convenient appearance of Santa Claus for the children. Items will be for sale at various locations too. Your money and presence help to fund the various ministries we do at Salem, such as dinners for the men at the Baltimore Station, programs for children and hopefully in the future, a food pantry. We are so thankful for those who have come in the past and we hope you come again!

We're still doing Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings Wednesdays, 7:30pm at Captain Larry's through November 20th. After a December hiatus, they will return on January 8th. We always hope to see more people and, if you're not sure about it, talk to John Householder, one of Captain Larry's owners. He's one of our most active participants and he's as irreligious as they come! It is truly at time for the neighborhood, regardless of where you are at in faith (or lack thereof). Also, please check out our new and revamped website: www.salemsouthbaltimore.ora details on this and all the wonderful things we are doing at Salem!

Happy holidays,

Pastor Jacob Simpson



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WISHING EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Randall Street Christian Church corner of Randall & Belt Streets

a nondenominational church everyone welcome Join us Sundays 11 am

RNA Membership

Become a member of the Riverside Neighborhood Association and help support the community. The \$5 per person membership fee helps to support RNA's efforts in the community, which include park maintenance, the Summer Concert Series, socials, and this newsletter. Each paid membership runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year, and you must be a paid member to cast votes for elections or other topics. Because RNA is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity, all donations, including membership dues, are tax deductible.

2013 Riverside Neighborhood Association Dues Payment Slip

\$5 per person

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