

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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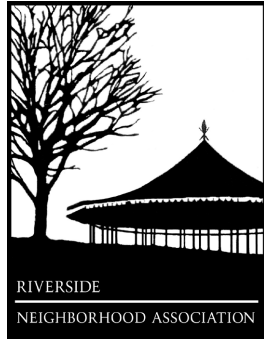
## NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 29

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

### Lots Happening in Riverside - *Shane Laporte*

Busy Month! Many of the projects that our neighborhood association works on throughout the course of a year are matters that take a long time to develop. Conversations and processes can drag out over several months or more, sometimes to the point that the answer to the question, 'What is RNA working on?' seems to stay the same for quite some time. Examples of this were the long struggles for a sidewalk by Shoppers on Heath and the seizure of 1701 Light St, as well as the current ongoing saga of permit parking. These are items of keen interest to the neighborhood, but each incremental step along the way makes for boring conversation.

This month has been different, to say the least, as we have had a couple items that are urgently interesting. While beyond RNA's borders, the late night stabbing that occurred in the area set everyone on edge. The unease was heightened by a confusing set of postings on social media that led people to believe there were multiple incidents. The unease was further heightened by two very real assaults in Otterbein. Adding to the situation was the perception that information from the police was coming out slowly. RNA and our neighboring associations met with the Captain of the Southern District to discuss this. Two key points came up in the meeting. First, because the initial event occurred so late at night,



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there were nearly no eyewitness accounts. This, along with the victim initially being unable to speak with police due to his medical condition, slowed the gathering of specific details. The second take away was that, while RNA received timely general information, the police did not have a good contact list for some of the other peninsula associations and the information did not get to all of the places that it should have. Since then, the contact list has been updated. While we all hope that incidents like this do not happen in our typically very safe neighborhood, we expect that communication will be better in the future if they do occur.

The second big news item in the past month is the City Council vacancy that was created when Bill Cole resigned to take on a new role at the Baltimore Development Corporation. News of the pending departure came in early August but the resignation was not official until the beginning of September. This is the first time that a council replacement will be appointed under a new set of protocols aimed to increase the input of the district's residents on the decision. The process will be happening quickly with the committee appointed within a week of the official resignation and a public hearing for all candidates set for September 23. While the final list of candidates is still growing, the greater South Baltimore area is well represented on both the candidate list and the selection committee. We are glad to say that RNA will have a voice in the discussions. These are conversations that can affect the whole neighborhood, so please send emails to [rnabaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:rnabaltimore@gmail.com) if there are key points that you would like to have considered.

## Upcoming Activities

**Wednesday, September 24**  
Street Sweeping - Even Sides

**Monday, September 29**  
Neighborhood Meeting, 7pm  
Salem Lutheran Church  
See p.3 for more info

**Saturday, October 4**  
Park Cleanup, 9am

**Monday, October 6**  
Citizens on Patrol Walk, 7pm  
Meet at Park Gazebo

**Saturday, October 11**  
Community Yard Sale  
See p.3 for more info

## Farewell to Summer



*Speakers of the House* perform the final concert of the year at the Gazebo on September 13.

**RNA Officer Election at next meeting**

**See p.3 for more details.**

## Parks & Recreation - Jackson Fisher

### Upcoming Riverside Park Plantings

- Oct 4 - Johnson/Heath entrance garden- We will prepare the garden area at Johnson and Heath for planting. I am planning to plant some perennials if conditions are favorable.

### Riverside Pool Feedback

We had a great summer at the pool with new and expanded activities for everyone. If you have never used this amazing resource, we hope to see you there next summer. Every year we have a recap meeting with pool management and the Director of Aquatics to evaluate what worked and what needs improvement. We would love community feedback. Is there something you loved, something you would like see at the pool, something you didn't like at the pool?? Please send comments to Ann, or go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/H8LV826](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H8LV826) and complete comprehensive survey before October 1st. We value the opinions of our residents and will take all feedback to the Aquatics meeting in October. Thank you in advance for your comments.

- Oct 11 - Bulb Planting - Civics Works is sending us some volunteers and several bags of bulbs. We will add some bulbs to the planting areas from last year along Randall and start a couple new locations along the hill on the Johnson side of the park.

- Nov 1 - Tree Planting/Candy Wrapper pick up. We will get 10-15 trees from TreeBaltimore for the fall tree planting in Riverside Park.

### Street Tree Pruning

Can't walk under your street tree? Can't fit the car under the low hanging branches? E-mail me your address, and I'll coordinate a pruning for your street tree: [jkf42@yahoo.com](mailto:jkf42@yahoo.com). Overall, the city takes care of the major prunings/removals, but for some of the little stuff, we can address it ourselves.

### Street Tree Planting

If you would like a street tree, fall is a good time to submit your request to Baltimore City Forestry. The city cuts new tree pits and plants new trees in mid-November through December timeframe. To request a street tree, complete the application found here: [bit.ly/requestatree](http://bit.ly/requestatree). Then, e-mail your completed request to [jahmilla.wilson@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jahmilla.wilson@baltimorecity.gov).

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# Paddlin' Pooches



Riverside swimmers enjoy the pool on Sept. 1 with their four-legged friends for Labor Day Dog Swim



## Auditions for A CHRISTMAS CAROL, THE MUSICAL

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 21, 4 - 6 p.m. & Monday, Sept., 22, 6 - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Riverside Stage, Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Ave.

This acclaimed musical production of the Charles Dickens classic is a South Baltimore tradition and sells out every performance. Families are especially encouraged to try out. Visit [www.MusicalArtistsTheatre.com](http://www.MusicalArtistsTheatre.com) for detailed audition information. Performances are Dec 12-21. Please contact us if you are interested in auditioning but can't make these dates. Call 410-837-0971 or email [info@MusicalArtistsTheatre.com](mailto:info@MusicalArtistsTheatre.com).

## RNA Officer Election Monday, September 29th

### Here's what you need to know:

- The election will take place at our monthly meeting on Monday, September 29th at 7pm at Salem Lutheran Church.
- Only dues-paying residents may vote. See page 5 of newsletter to find out how to pay your dues.
- Any resident who lives within our boundaries can run for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary.
- In addition to electing our officers, we will hold a vote on increasing the terms of officers to two years instead of one.
- **Want to get involved, but are not interested in being an elected officer?** Please email us at [rnbaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:rnbaltimore@gmail.com) or chat with us at the next neighborhood meeting. We're always looking for more volunteers!



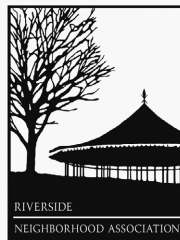
# COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

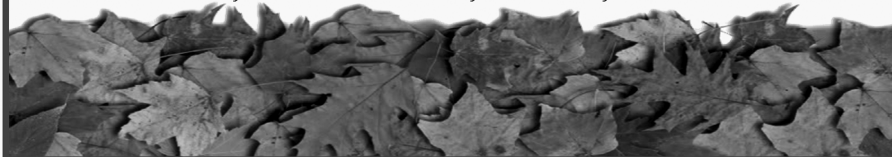
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**RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 12**



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## Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. We've been really blessed at Salem with fall right around the corner as we: give thanks for our successful Vacation Bible School, prepare to welcome new members, and have been gifted with a \$25,000 grant to do mission work in our neighborhood. We're so excited at what God has called us to and we look forward to finding new ways to do ministry in Riverside. God is taking our church to a new and awesome direction and we would love to have you along with where that is going.

We have two major events coming up in October. The first is the return of our Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 5 at noon with a reception to follow. Bring out all of your furry friends (I'll bless fish and snakes too, just make sure they're in water or in a cage!). Also, our second annual Oktoberfest is happening this year and it will be at Captain Larry's Bar and Grill (601 E Fort Ave) on Saturday, October 25 from noon until six pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Come in to enjoy some festive fall food and drinks and mingle with the good folks from Salem. It'll help benefit the wonderful ministry that we do AND benefit the awesome folks who run Captain Larry's so it's win-win all around.

We've re-vamped our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings to focus on films. The discussions have been to both the religious and the philosophical (one finds that the two frequently go hand-in-hand). We've covered blockbuster movies such as Star Wars and The Matrix and even little known ones like Kundun and Dogma. It's been a lot of fun and we'd love to have your participation. They are every Wednesday at 7:30pm at Captain Larry's. The

topics are posted in advance on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/SalemBaltimore), Twitter page (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore) and in our e-letter (e-mail Pastor Jake at pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.org to join).

At Salem, every Sunday at 10am is Visitor Sunday or "Bring a Friend" Sunday. We're always excited to welcome new people to Worship and we hope to see you some day. May God be with you and bless you always.

All the best,  
*Pastor Jake*


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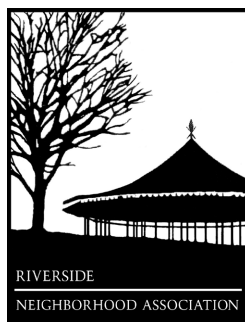
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