

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, Dec. 15**

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

## Farewell Shane

On behalf of our community, the RNA board would like to wish Shane Laporte and his family a heartfelt and sincere goodbye. While Shane is happily off to the snowier pastures of the northeast, his presence in our community will be missed. Shane has been the RNA community association president for the past year and a half. Under his guidance, the RNA has expanded its presence and activities in the peninsula, such as increasing our fundraising efforts, including obtaining a five year sponsorship commitment from Domino Sugar, restoring the summer concerts in the park, fulfilling several grants for beautifying the park, starting the annual gazebo lighting and family fun days, assisting with the Federal Hill Egg Hunt and the Sobo Halloween Bash, starting the residential parking permit process, and fielding / coaching a team to represent the neighborhood in the annual south peninsula softball games.

Best of luck, Shane!



**Thanks Shane!**

## Sweet!



Last Year's Cookie Contest was fun, festive and flavorful

## 2nd Annual Holiday Cookie Contest Mon, Dec 15th @ 6:30pm Salem Lutheran Church

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**\* See pg. 5  
for details\***

**Guest Judges: District 46 Delegates Luke Clippinger, Brian McHale, & Pete Hammen**

## Upcoming Activities

**Monday, December 15**

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

**Wednesday, December 17**

Odd Side Street Cleaning

**Wednesday, December 24**

Even Side Street Cleaning

**Saturday, January 3**

Park Cleanup, 9 am

**Monday, January 5**

Citizens on Patrol Walk 7pm

While you enjoy the contest cookies at our next neighborhood meeting, we will have a presentation from the **Department of Transportation's Nikia Mack**. She will be discussing proposed traffic calming plans for Randall and Johnson including curb bump outs at certain locations.

## 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. **One such improvement involves Heath Street** in front of TJ Elementary/Middle. The morning drop off and afternoon pick up of children is complicated and hazardous because of 2-way traffic and buses jamming onto a narrow street. There have been countless minor accidents and near misses. Everyone is extremely concerned for the safety of the children. To that end, the school and RNA have worked for years with the city to alleviate the potential danger. The only solution is to alter Heath Street to one-way westbound. Children will be safer exiting/entering vehicles and buses, and the many pedestrians will be much safer. The city is in the final stages of the paperwork, but we do not know exactly what date the change will occur. We will keep everyone posted, and I am sure the school administration will put out some announcement to parents prior to the change. We hope everyone agrees that any minor inconvenience is more than outweighed by the need to keep our children safe. Although we do not have official confirmation, it appears that Walgreens will not be moving into Riverside Wharf. We hope to get more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, all residents are welcome to contact me at [annfiocco@yahoo.com](mailto:annfiocco@yahoo.com). Please remember to refer to [baltimorehousing.org](http://baltimorehousing.org) for any permit questions or concerns.

## Recreation and Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

### Leaf Collections

Baltimore City Solid Waste will pick up 5 bags of leaves per address on the regular trash days. For large projects, call 311. The city will collect up to 20 bags of leaves from specific addresses on Mondays.

### Leaf Raking/Snow Shoveling

Too busy to rake leaves or shovel snow? Hire a neighborhood kid. RNA can help with introductions or tools if you are interested. Contact Jackson at [jkf42@yahoo.com](mailto:jkf42@yahoo.com).

### Street Tree Pruning

Street trees should be at least 7 ft off the ground; if you are getting hit by branches or ducking wet leaves, the tree needs to be pruned. If your street tree is hitting the house, it needs to be pruned. Please submit a pruning request to 311 and/or send the address to Jackson (email above).

### 2014 Riverside Park Activity Recap

- 14,900 people played 620 games of softball, kickball, and football
- 1,500 people attended 5 concerts (4 summer/1 winter)
- 400 daffodil bulbs and 30 trees were planted
- 30 cubic yards of mulch were spread by 100 students
- 88 dogs were walked 180 miles
- 2,160 infants spent 720 hours in the swings
- 3500 lights were mounted on the gazebo

### Don't Be a Victim This Holiday Season

- Every time you leave your home: Lock all doors and windows, and set your alarm if you have one.
- When preparing to leave town: Leave a light on or set a timer, have a neighbor check your mail or place a hold with USPS, and let a neighbor use your parking pad if you have one.
- After a shopping trip: Take everything inside your home; keep your vehicle free of bags, boxes, and anything valuable.
- When ordering items online: Have them shipped to your workplace or a friend, relative, or neighbor who is home during the day, or leave a note on your door telling USPS, FedEx, or UPS not to leave packages and/or to deliver to a specific neighbor who you know will be home.
- If your vehicle or home is broken into (even if nothing is obviously taken) or if a package has been stolen from your doorstep, please CALL 911. The Southern District cannot act on this criminal activity if they are not officially made aware. Facebook is not considered official. Also, do not call 311- that number is for potholes, broken street lights, etc.

***BE SMART, BE SAFE, AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***

### CONTACT US:

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#### 2014-2015 OFFICERS

President:	<i>vacant</i>
Vice President:	Jen McLaughlin
Secretary:	Sandy Asirvatham
Treasurer:	Joelle Woolston

#### 2014-2015 COMMITTEES

Newsletter:	Brent Burgess
Crime:	Shannon Sullivan
Friends of Riverside Park:	Jackson Fisher
Development:	Ann Fiocco
Trash/Clean-up:	Dave Urbanek
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## Events in and Around the City

### A Christmas Carol, The Musical

*Weekends in December*

South Baltimore's favorite holiday show returns to Riverside Stage this December. This is the original tale just as Dickens wrote it, with the festive music and delightful lyrics that have captivated Baltimore audiences year after year. A Christmas treat for the entire family, brimming with elaborate scenery, authentic costumes theatrical magic and featuring a cast of 30. One of Maryland Theatre Guide's Top 5 holiday shows. (See ad on page 6)

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

### Tree Lighting

*Friday, December 12, 7 pm*

Come to the Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Center Park at Cross and Light Streets for some caroling, hot chocolate & cookies, and a visit from Santa himself!

### Movies and Santa at BMI

*Saturday, December 13, from 10am to 4pm.*

Classic, family-friendly holiday movies will be shown all day in our Meyerhoff Theatre. Bring your camera and take pictures with Santa from 10am-12pm and 1-3pm. Included with regular museum admission.

### Sock Monkey Saturday

*Saturday, December 13, 10am-2pm*

**FREE**, but bring a pair of scissors and 2 pairs (clean & colorful) socks! Instructions, stuffing, sewing needles, thread, visionary baubles and camaraderie will be provided.

### Santa at Cross Street Market

*Saturday, December 13, 10am-2pm*

Santa will make an appearance at the Cross Street Market. He will be there from 12 noon until 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.

## Recent RNA Activities

### October

- Neighborhood Meeting
- SOBO Halloween Bash

### November

- Park Cleanup
- Tree Planting
- RNA Board Meeting
- Holiday Event Planning

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## 2nd Annual Holiday Cookie Contest

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Holiday Cookie Contest, sponsored by Domino Sugar, just before our final neighborhood meeting of the year on Monday, December 15th at 6:30pm at Salem Lutheran Church.

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**How It Works:**

1. Register online at [riversideneighborhoodassociation.com](http://riversideneighborhoodassociation.com) by Friday, December 12th.
2. Bring no less than 3 dozen cookies to the church on December 15th at 6:30pm and arrange them on provided trays.
3. At 6:45pm, District 46 Delegates Luke Clippinger, Pete Hammen, and Brian McHale will taste cookies and choose 3 winners.
4. While the meeting takes place, the remaining cookies may be enjoyed by all.
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.
6. Goodie bags will be available for leftover cookies to be taken home by all.

**Rules & Guidelines:**

Contest open to Riverside residents only. Only one registrant per household. To be eligible, residents must: register by December 12th; 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 15th 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!



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