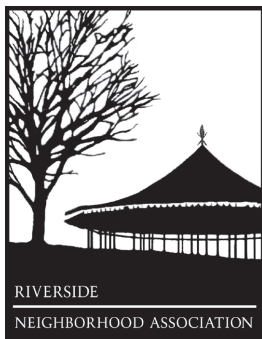


Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 26

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



VACANCY: President, Riverside Neighborhood Association

RNA is in search of an enthusiastic individual who is willing to be the main point of contact for the Association and to address emails and calls directly or delegate matters to committee heads as needed. He/she will facilitate neighborhood and board meetings, and help set Association priorities. This individual can count on being part of a team, and can also expect to consult closely with the Board on all important issues. The president must reside within RNA's boundaries.

If you are interested in this position, please notify us no later than February 2, 2014 at rnabaltimore@gmail.com. The RNA Board members will then elect a president to serve out the remainder of the two-year term.



Thank you to President Shane Laporte for his dedication to RNA.



See page 3 for the results of the Holiday Cookie Contest



Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, January 21

Street Sweeping - Odd Sides

Monday, January 26

Neighborhood Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church, 7pm

Wednesday, January 28

Street Sweeping - Even Sides

Monday, February 2

Citizens on Patrol Walk, Meet at gazebo at 7pm

Saturday, February 7

Park Cleanup, 9am

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow



Our first little snow storm of the year reminds us that all residents are responsible for clearing the sidewalks around their property within a few hours after a storm. It is a city rule and can result in a fine. Please remember that if you live in a house at the end of a block, this also includes the sidewalk along the side of your house, not just around your front stoop. Helping your neighbors who may not be able to shovel is also highly encouraged.





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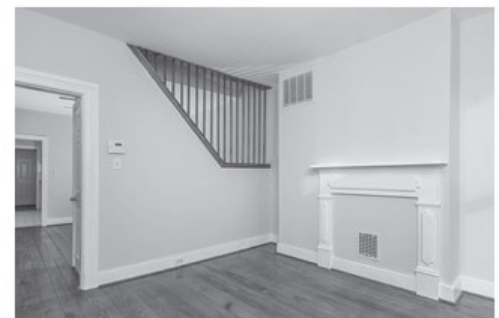
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Holiday Cookie Contest Winners – Rachel Wagner

Our fabulous judges, District 46 Delegates **Luke Clippinger**, **Pete Hammen**, and **Brian McHale**, tasted many delicious cookies, but were quick to choose three winners. Congratulations to **1st Place Megan Laporte** for Salted Caramel Dark Chocolate Cookies, **2nd Place Erin Chrest** for Lemon Pistachio Cranberry Cookies, and **3rd Place Debbie Gioia** for Gingerbread Orange Iced Trees. Each winner received a gift bag of goodies from Domino Sugar, as well as a gift card to The Wine Market or Southside Diner. Check out our website riversideneighborhoodassociation.com for the winning recipes. Thank you to the bakers for sharing their talents, to our judges for lending their palates, to the local businesses for three great prizes, and to all of our meeting guests for your support. We can't wait until next year!



Many thanks to our judges (above) and congratulations to our winning bakers (left)



Parks & Recreation - Jackson Fisher

Lost. - Black Case with Glasses - Lost along Randall or Webster Streets between Covington and Fort. Reward offered. Contact Jack (410) 371-0208.

Riverside Park Ball Field Updates

RNA has recently met with Balt City Rec and Parks about the ball field renovations for Riverside Park. We are pleased to announce that Rec and Parks has started work on the designs for the ball field area. At this point, the plans include replacing the existing lights and fences, installing new grass with improved drainage and irrigation, and replacing the existing basketball courts with a single full-sized court. Work on this project could begin as early as Fall 2015. Stay tuned this spring for updates on this project.

Did you notice the one clear path across Riverside Park in the first snowstorm of 2015?

Special thanks to Drew and Travis who shoveled the Heath Street pathway across Riverside Park. If you need snow shoveling at your house or on your parking pad, there are always neighborhood kids who are looking for some pocket money. If you don't know any neighborhood kids, contact Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com)

Outside Lights

Have an outside light? Never remember to turn it on? Swap out the regular light switch with an outdoor lighting timer. They are easy to install, work with your existing light, and fit into a standard light switch box.

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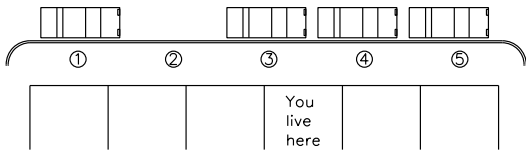


Answers To October's Parking Test

Answers to Last Month's Parking Test

The following is a typical Riverside block of 6 homes that has a capacity of 5 parking spaces. A car symbol indicates that a parking space is occupied. The location of your home is indicated.

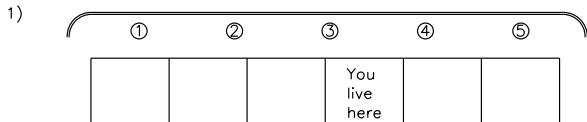
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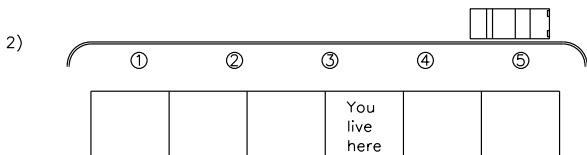
(The correct answer is "2" as it is the only available space)

You are to identify correctly, based on parking etiquette, at which parking space you are to occupy. Good luck! (Answers below)

Easy Section

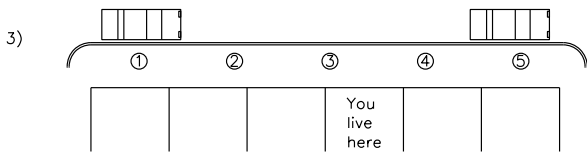


Answer: although it is tempting to park in front of your house (spaces 3 or 4), the correct answer is 5 as it is at the end of the block and will set the stage for all your neighbors to properly park behind you.

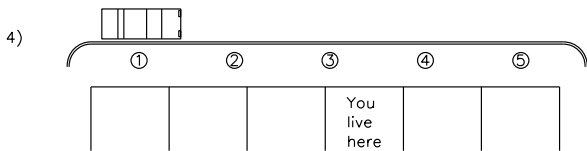


Answer: although 1 is acceptable, the correct answer is 4.

Kind of Tricky Section

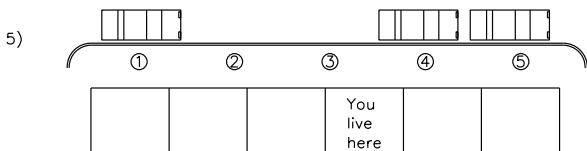


Answer: 2 or 4 are both acceptable, but 4 is preferred as you can more easily pull up immediately behind the car in space 5, leaving more room behind you for your neighbors.

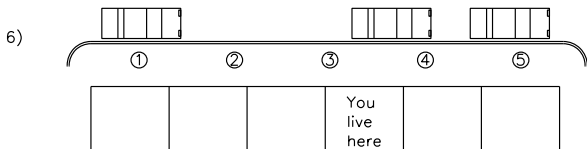


Answer: 5 is tempting, but the car in space 1 has set the tone requiring that you park in space 2.

Very Tricky Indeed Section



Answer: as with question 3 above, you are more likely to park closer to car 4 than car 1, leaving space 3 the correct answer.



Answer: very tricky as the second car is poorly parked between spaces 3 and 4. You should park in space 2 and if you see the owner of the poorly parked car, give a friendly mention that he/she should move up when they get a chance.

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Development - Anne Fiocco

(Due to delivery issues in December, I am repeating some of the info from that newsletter) 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. A liquor license is to be transferred from Locust Point to the property formerly known as Rallo's. The property owner is in talks with different restaurants, and we will update the neighborhood when a deal has been struck with the new operator. It's always exciting to think of some new, good food entering the neighborhood to add to the great places that already exist. If you have any questions or concerns, all residents are welcome to contact me at annfiocco@yahoo.com. Please remember to refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit questions or concerns.

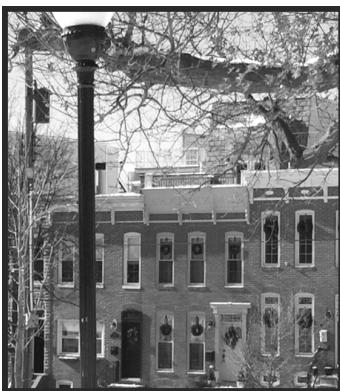
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September/October

- Park Cleanup
- Citizens on Patrol Walk
- Tree Planting
- Gazebo Lighting
- Neighborhood Meeting
- Holiday Cookie Contest

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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I pray this letter finds you in good health and good spirits (and hopefully in warm places). I have a lot of ground to cover but I want to first extend my appreciation for everyone who either came out to our Winter Wonderland event in December or participated in it through the production of "A Christmas Carol" by purchasing raffle tickets or bidding on silent auction items. Thanks to your generosity, it was our most financially successful Winter Wonderland yet as we raised over \$5,000. We had a great time meeting all of you and also meeting your little ones in our first ever kid's station (which will definitely be returning next year). Congrats to all the winners and there's always next year for those of you who did not win anything. I'm the Pastor of the church and I've never won once!

Our next big event is the return of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 17 from 4-7pm. We'll have all new chefs but the same great menu and there will be kids options as well. It's always a fun escape from a night of cooking and the dreariness of mid-winter weather. We hope to see you there. Our Ash Wednesday service will be the following evening at 7pm, but if you'd like, I'll be outside of Shoppers during the day to impose ashes, so feel free to stop by and say hey. Our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings will return at Captain Larry's Bar and Grill (601 E Fort Ave) Wednesdays at 7:30pm on January 21st. We'll be mixing in movie discussions with recent topics and I'm excited to get back.

Until I can get outside more often, I'm going to make it a habit of being at Starbucks every Monday afternoon for office hours. I usually post times on Salem's Facebook (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore) and Twitter (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore) Pages, so if you'd ever like to stop by to talk and/or pray, feel free to do so. I hope to see you around the neighborhood and at our Sunday worship at 10am. May you be well, warm, and blessed this month.

All the best,
Pastor Jake


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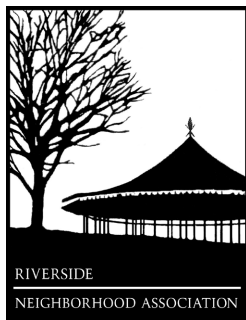


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