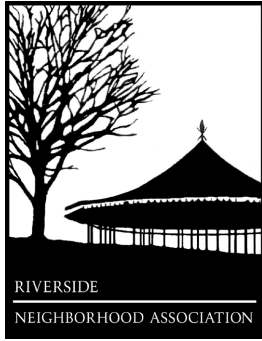


# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

## NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 23

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



### A letter from RNA President – *John G. Paré Jr.*

I am thrilled to be the new president of our Riverside Neighborhood Association, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I live and work right here in Riverside. My home is on Webster Street, and I work at the National Federation of the Blind headquarters (on the southwest corner of Riverside Park). I may have met many of you on one of my many trips through the park on my way to and from work.

I love living in Baltimore and having easy access to public transportation, a variety of restaurants and shops, and cultural and sporting venues. By living in this neighborhood, I also enjoy many features of living in a small town, like knowing all of my neighbors by name and having each other's phone numbers in case of emergency, the charm of a beautiful park, safe and clean streets, and small business owners who know me by name.

I have worked at the National Federation of the Blind for eleven years. As the Executive Director for Advocacy and Policy, I am responsible for the world's largest audio newspaper service for the blind, public relations, and governmental affairs. I have served as the NFB's liaison to the RNA and have worked to support the Association's initiatives, including improving Leone-Riverside Park. Our park is one of our greatest treasures, and I appreciate the emphasis we place on maintaining and enhancing the area.

The Riverside Neighborhood Association is a prime example of how neighbors can work together to influence development, reduce crime, and promote a clean and friendly environment. I know that there are still challenges to overcome, such as the shortage of parking spaces, and I look forward to working with all of you to improve that situation and to make our neighborhood the best in Baltimore City!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Introducing RNA President,  
John Paré

### Parks & Recreation - *Jackson Fisher*

**Riverside Park Monthly Cleanup** - After our winter break, we will resume the normal **first Saturday of the month** cleanup schedule for Riverside Park in **March**. We have plants to plant, gardens to prepare, fences to install, and trash to pick up so there will be no shortage of activities throughout the spring season. I am planning to start by planting some perennial plants in the new garden area by Johnson and Heath. All ages and abilities are welcome; look for the green truck in the park. We will provide the tools and plants. We just need a few helping hands. Riverside Park cleanups are typically from 9am-noonish on the first Saturday of the month. If you have any questions or would like to be included on the email list, please contact me at jkf42@yahoo.com.

### Spring Yard Sale & Volunteer Opportunity – *Rachel Wagner*

A yard sale is in the works for late April/early May! Once this winter weather moves along, and the spring cleaning bug bites, be sure to set aside unwanted items to sell or donate at RNA's next yard sale. Please stay tuned to Facebook and our website for more information in the near future!

We are looking for a responsible, organized individual who enjoys multi-tasking to assume the role of Yard Sale Coordinator beginning in the fall. This person would work with me throughout the planning of the spring sale to help prepare for full responsibility in the fall. If you are interested, please reach out to me via Facebook or email [rnabaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:rnabaltimore@gmail.com).

### Summer Concerts – *Joelle Woolston*

The Riverside Park Summer Music Series will remain on the second Sundays: **June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13**. Keep your eye on our social media and future newsletters for updates. As always, if you would like to help out in any way, please contact us at [RiversideConcerts@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideConcerts@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Activities

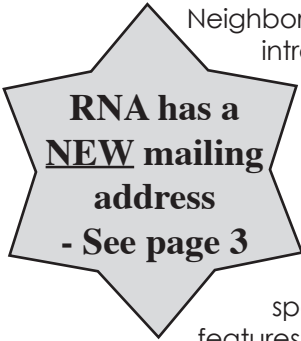
**Wednesday, February 18**  
Street Sweeping - Odd Sides

**Monday, February 23**  
Neighborhood Meeting at  
Salem Lutheran Church, 7pm

**Wednesday, February 25**  
Street Sweeping - Even Sides

**Monday, March 2**  
Citizens on Patrol Walk, Meet at  
gazebo at 7pm

**Saturday, March 7**  
Park Cleanup, 9am





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**RNA has a new mailing address!**

For several years, RNA had an agreement with a local business; we “paid” for the rental on our previous address by printing an ad for them in the newsletter. That agreement recently expired and we were unable to renew it. Fortunately, our new president stepped in! He asked (his employer) and the National Federation of the Blind agreed. Therefore, our new mailing address is:

**Riverside Neighborhood Association  
200 East Wells Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230**

**Recent RNA Activities**

**January**

- Neighborhood Meeting
- RNA President Search & Selection
- Park Improvement Planning
- Summer Concert Planning
- Yard Sale Planning
- Discussions with Dept of Transportation re: traffic calming

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## Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

Greetings and peace! I hope and pray that this finds you in good health and good spirits. I want to begin by thanking everyone who turned out for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. It was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed the food. Our next major event will be our Vera Bradley Bag/Longaberger Basket Bingo on **Saturday, March 14 at 2pm** at the Ferndale Fire Hall (4 S Broadview Boulevard, Glen Burnie). Although we regret not being able to do it in the neighborhood, we have it in a place that allows for parking as we turn out over 100 guests. You all are still invited and we do hope you come. Proceeds from our fundraisers go to benefit our ministry here at Salem and we are grateful for every dollar raised.

One mistake I think I have made in the past is that I have consistently written about the things our congregation is doing that the neighborhood might be interested in without an appeal to the reader for worship. There's always a lot I like to cover but I also respect the space limit required by RNA, which graciously allows me to write here. However, our 10am Sunday worship is central to what we do at Salem and if you ever have any interest in participating in a faith community, I would love to talk to you more. And we have folks of many demographics who would also be willing to talk about their experience. Are you part of a family with children? A married couple or in a committed, long term relationship? A single young adult? A lifelong Riverside resident? Identify as LGBTQIA+? I'd be glad to meet with you and/or to put someone in touch with you who shares your background.

I continue to be at Starbucks most Monday afternoons if you'd ever like to meet, though I look forward to being able to walk the neighborhood when it gets warm. Our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings are still Wednesday nights at Captain Larry's (601 E Fort Ave). Be sure to check our Facebook page for details (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore). We hope to see you sometime at Salem!

Blessings and peace, *Pastor Jake*

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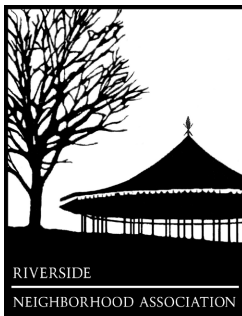
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