

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: May 18

RNA Social at Wiley Gunter's - 823 E Fort Ave, 6:30 pm

Zipcar Comes to Riverside – *John G. Paré Jr.*

Parking is a real problem in our neighborhood. RNA is always in search of techniques to alleviate this problem and give residents as many transportation choices as possible. Along with working on more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly roads, maintaining and extending the Circulator, and

educating everyone on the most efficient ways to park your vehicles, residents now have a new option: Zipcar. Two Zipcar locations have been added to our neighborhood at the southwest corner of Covington and Randall.

What is Zipcar, you ask? Zipcar is a way for residents to have access to a variety of vehicles (for a fee) when they want them. Zipcar reports that each Zipcar location will substitute for 15 personally-owned vehicles over time. You can learn more by visiting www.zipcar.com.

While some folks might be more concerned with the loss of two parking spaces, the hope is that the addition of this new transportation method will have a net effect of reducing the number of vehicles competing for parking spaces, and therefore will help improve the parking problem in our neighborhood.

If you do not follow us on Facebook or are not in the RNA Neighbor Connect Facebook group, you may have missed some discussion answering important questions raised by residents. When asked if RNA had to approve these spots, we did not. Zipcar determines locations that they believe to be favorable for residents in need of their services, and makes all arrangements with Baltimore City. With regards to the exact placement of the spaces, RNA was able to give an opinion, but did not have

the final say. We are currently working to shift the signs to the west

a bit to allow for a full parking space or two between the Zipcars and the stop sign. Thank you for your patience while we work with Zipcar to make this change.



Many thanks to several students from St. Ignatius who helped to improve the garden at the Johnson/Heath park entrance during the Mayor's Spring Clean-up!

Upcoming Activities

Monday, May 18th

Neighborhood Meeting and Social, 6:30pm
At Wiley Gunter's

Wednesday, May 20th

Street Sweeping – Odd Sides

Wednesday, May 27th

Street Sweeping – Even Sides

Monday, June 1st

Citizens on Patrol Walk, 7pm
Meet at Gazebo

Saturday, June 6th

Park Cleanup/Garden Club
9am-noon

Sunday, June 7th

South Baltimore Little League Day at Riverside Pool – more details to follow

Sunday, June 14th

Riverside Concert Series:
Bumper Jacks, 5pm

Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

Container/Plot Gardens

It's planting season. Put in the tomatoes. Put in the peppers. Plant all the herbs. If you have questions or run into an issue, search the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service: <https://extension.umd.edu>. They have a great selection of resources to answer most of your gardening questions.

Student Plantings

I would like to take a moment to recognize the students at Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle and St. Ignatius Middle for their efforts in planting/maintaining several of the gardens in the neighborhood. Both sets of kids have worked very hard on the efforts along Heath Street between Riverside Park and Light. They have installed fences, planted perennials, and mulched the flower beds. We hope that you enjoy the gardens and remember: No Dogs Allowed.



RNA Social May 18th, 6:30pm
1st drink free for all RNA residents

Riverside Garden Club

Thank you to those people who volunteered to help remove weeds. We are always looking for interested gardeners, and we have several beds that could use a few extra hands on a regular basis. Contact Jackson at jkf42@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Riverside Pool

As of press time, the activity schedule for the pool is not confirmed. Follow the Riverside Neighborhood Association website and Facebook page for announcements and updates. RNA will also place banners above the pool entrance announcing all activities for each month. There will be Red Cross Swim Lessons, Mommy/Toddler Swim, Bootcamp, Master's Swim, Twilight Swims, and much more. Stay tuned...

Spring Yard Sale Recap – Rachel Wagner

Wow! What a day! Despite the chilly morning, the yard sale was a great success! A steady crowd moved through the park early on, neighbors were neighborly, sellers made some money, buyers went home with some great finds, and RNA raised \$595 for our park and neighborhood through table sales and the sale of donated items from generous residents! Thanks also to everyone who volunteered their time to help during set-up and break-down. We really appreciate it!!

Looking ahead to the next sale in the fall, I will be unable to run the sale at the same capacity as I have been the past two years. Coordinating the yard sale includes contacting registered sellers, advertising around town, and being the event day point person. If a task like this interests you, please contact me via Facebook or email rnabaltimore@gmail.com.



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Development – Ann Fiocco

There are no development updates at this time. Please refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit, renovation, or deck building questions.

Riverside Summer Music Series presented by Domino Sugar – Joelle Woolston

Join us at 5pm on the Second Sunday of the month for the free neighborhood concerts at Riverside Park! **Union Craft** will be providing the beer for each concert. See ad on page 5.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Food Truck</u>
6/14	Bumper Jacksons	Smoking Swine
7/12	School of Rock	Bistro Lunchbox
8/9	Joy Classic + Heavy Lights	Green Bowl
9/13	Rumba Club	Fowl Play

Recent RNA Activities

April

- Green Thumb Day at Thomas Johnson
- Mayor’s Spring Cleanup
- Neighborhood Yard Sale
- RNA Monthly Meeting
- Citizens on Patrol Walk
- Concert Planning
- Riverside Garden Club Meeting

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Streets of Riverside

by Damian O'Connor

The City of Baltimore annexed the peninsula known as Whetstone Point in 1811 and hired a surveyor, Thomas Poppleton, to lay out the new area. He completed the job in 1823 and set out the grid that would become Locust Point and Riverside. For street names, the City commission, local civic leaders and Poppleton chose several heroes from the War of 1812 and also honored some of the men who died in the fighting at Ft. McHenry and North Point. Those who died are listed on the Battle Monument in downtown Baltimore (North Calvert Street, between Fayette and Lexington Streets).

The streets that surround Riverside Park were named for heroes of the Defense of Baltimore. **Aquila Randall** was thought to be the first soldier killed in the battle of North Point. **Cmdr. Joshua Barney** fought the British in the Chesapeake and was wounded in the battle of Bladensburg. **Major Richard Heath** was a field commander at the battle of North Point. **Lt. John Adams Webster** commanded a small battery on the Patapsco. He spotted British barges attempting a night attack on Ft. McHenry and fired his cannons at the enemy. Jackson Street is named for the hero of the Battle of New Orleans and, later President, **Andrew Jackson**.

The Maryland Governor at the time, **Levin Winder** helped fund the defense of the City. **Captain Thomas Boyle** was a privateer during the war and inflicted many losses on British shipping. **General Leonard Covington** died in battle near the Canadian border. The Fort Covington Battery and the area known as Fort or Port Covington is named in his honor. Johnson Street honors the mayor of Baltimore at the time, **Edward Johnson**.

Wells Street is named for **Daniel Wells**, who along with **Daniel McComas** were reported to have shot and mortally wounded the British commander, General Ross, at North Point. Both were killed in the fighting. The teenage soldiers inspired the citizens of Baltimore to re-inter their bodies and erect an obelisk in their memory (Monument and Aisquith Streets). McComas and Wells Streets once ran parallel to Fort Avenue but now each is in its own neighborhood of the City.



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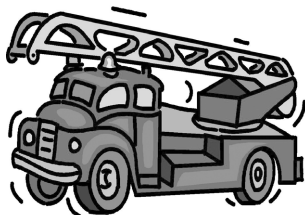
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Big Truck Day at BMI

Sat. May 23, 10am-2pm

Kids of all ages can climb aboard work trucks, emergency vehicles, and more in the BMI parking lot. Games and activities will be held in the outdoor pavilion. Presented by the Baltimore City Department of Public Works. **Free.**



Father's Day Craft

Sat. June 13, 10am-4pm

Kids can visit our craft table and make a handmade gift for Dad or Granddad. Included with paid admission.



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July 12	School of Rock
August 9	Joy Classic + Heavy Lights
September 13	Rumba Club

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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. Personally, I myself am in neither. I write this at the conclusion of one of the most difficult weeks in our city's history. Not only do I serve here in Baltimore, but I was born here and grew up here. Even in moving away for college and seminary, Baltimore has always been home. Despite my sadness at these past events, I do want to lift up my gratitude to neighbors who banded together this past week. Salem joined several congregations in getting food and water donations for the people of Sandtown while their access to such items was cut off due to police activity and property destruction. The response you all showed was tremendous and I thank you (and I am sure the residents do too).

Now we begin the rebuilding effort. And what does that take? Again, we might not feel the impact downtown (aside from the curfew-based loss of revenue) but many in our city are still hurting. Our congregation is committed through our work with BUILD and others to do our part in the fight for justice. In listening to the voices of our city's youth, I have heard time and time again their complaints about dilapidated schools, lack of resources at recreational centers, and food deserts. There's no way we can solve all problems, but we can do our part to be small solutions. If you're interested in working with us, let me know (pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.org). And of course, you are always welcome to worship with us at 10am.

As we believe in our church that God calls new life out of death, I want to conclude by sharing that this past Sunday after worship, we laid out the earthboxes for our urban garden. The food harvested will go to a family or two so that they can have fresh fruits and vegetables. I don't know what the future holds for Baltimore. But between new life in the garden, the joy seen at Captain Larry's this week as the crowds rolled in to support, and the love that was shared in Salem's worship this past Sunday, I know that whatever we believe, we will have new life in this city.

Blessings and peace, *Pastor Jake*

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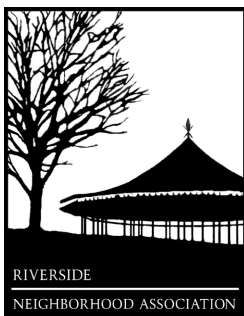


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