

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

## NEXT MEETING: July 27

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

### No Changes for Banner Route, at Least for Now – *John G. Paré Jr.*

On the heels of the July 6 announcement by Mayor Rawlings-Blake that the Charm City Circulator (CCC) Banner Route would not be terminated on July 20, as had been previously announced, nearly 100 neighbors attended a Department of Transportation public meeting at Francis Scott

Key Elementary/Middle School on July 13 to express their views on proposed changes for the Banner Route.

#### So what do we know?

1. No changes to the Banner Route are currently in effect. This is fantastic news and a result of our efforts as a community. Special thanks to our elected officials Senator Bill Ferguson; Delegates Luke Clippinger, Pete Hammen, and Brooke Lierman; and Councilman Eric Costello for all of their advocacy on this issue. I also want to thank Greg Sileo, president of the Locust Point Civic Association for his leadership. Every voice matters, and I thank every neighbor that supported maintaining the Banner Route, especially those who expressed their views at the meetings regarding changes. It is important, and it makes a difference.

2. The operations of the CCC Banner Route are being evaluated. Although DOT Director William Johnson told those who attended the July 6 meeting that the service we currently enjoy would be drastically reduced (Monday through Friday from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm for regular service and would run hourly at other times and on the weekends), attendees at the July 13 meeting were told that no plan has been determined and that there would be more evaluation and public hearings to determine the best course of action for the Banner Route. Our involvement in the evaluation and recommendations must be an important factor in the decision-making process.

3. Without our continued efforts, detrimental operational changes are possible. For example, one of the changes suggested by the DOT at the July 6 meeting would create wait times of an hour or more. This is unacceptable. The popularity of the Banner Route is primarily due to its reliable, frequent service. As we heard at the two public meetings, employees depend on the route to get to work, senior citizens for transportation to doctors and pharmacies, and students to get to school, just to name a few. These stakeholders use and depend on the route and should be consulted before any changes are finalized.

In summary, it is clear that people who live on the peninsula, work on the peninsula, and visit the peninsula depend on the Banner Route. It will be up to us to ensure that this critical transportation option remains part of Baltimore City's infrastructure.

### Upcoming Activities

**Wednesday, June 24**

Street Sweeping - Even Sides

**Friday, July 24**

Riverside Pool Twilight Swim, 8pm  
See pg 3 for details

**Monday, July 27**

Neighborhood Meeting  
at Salem Lutheran, 7pm

**Saturday, August 1**

Riverside Garden Club, 9am

**Monday, August 3**

Citizens on Patrol Walk, 7pm  
Meet at Gazebo

**Sunday, August 9**

Riverside Concert Series:  
Joy Classic & Heavy Lights, 5pm



Residents share their thoughts on the Banner Route on July 13 at the BMI

### Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher* Riverside Garden Club

The next event for the Riverside Garden Club is on Aug 1st 9am-noon. We are planning to add some mulch to a few of the beds, prune some of the overgrown/low hanging branches, and fix some of the fencing. The Garden Club is open to all ages and abilities. We typically meet on the first Saturday of the month. Look for the green truck in the park. Hope to see you there.

## Development – Ann Fiocco

There is quite a bit of home renovating happening in the area. If you are renovating, talk to your neighbors and let them know what you are planning and the approximate duration of construction. If you live next door to a renovation, reach out to the builder/owner to discuss plans and lay out some realistic expectations. When we live attached to other homes there will be noise and inconvenience but open dialogues will go a long way to make the process better for both parties. Always try reaching out to the other party before jumping into the adversarial approach of reporting them to the city. Please refer to [baltimorehousing.org](http://baltimorehousing.org) for any permit, renovation, or deck building questions.

## Crime Update – Shannon Sullivan

Recently, Major Ian Dombroski of the Southern District shared:

"On Wednesday June 24th, Southern District officers led by Sgt. Marc Camarote conducted narcotics enforcement in the Riverside Community in response to recent complaints. They executed a search and seizure warrant at 1708 Light Street room 16. Heroin was recovered from the dwelling and the following suspects were arrested: Jamie Detress 42 years old and Sherry Sears 41 years old, both from 600 block of Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park, Md.

Officers also conducted surveillance nearby and observed a suspected narcotics transaction in the area of Belt and Heath Streets involving a vehicle. Officers followed the vehicle containing three suspected drug suppliers. They stopped and arrested the three men in the 1500 block of Boyle Street. Recovered items from the vehicle and from the three men included the following: 21 vials and bags cocaine, 15 items of suboxine and oxycontin, 22 bags marijuana, 92 gel caps heroin, \$4894 cash, and 87 unused scratch off lottery tickets. Arrested: Courtney Brown 25 years old from 1600 block of S Hanover Street; Aswad Regis 24 years old from 2300 block Druid Park Drive; and Michael William-Smith 19 years old from 1500 block of Light Street.

Officers would like to thank the concerned members of the Riverside neighborhood who provided the valuable tips that led to these arrests and seizures. As always, the tipsters will remain anonymous."

As evidenced by Major Dombroski's email, community engagement and awareness led to these arrests. Calling 911 when you see suspicious activity and participating in our monthly crime walks (August 3rd at 7pm, meet at the Riverside Park gazebo) makes a difference. If you have any questions related to the crimes mentioned above or other criminal activity please email me at [sullivansox@yahoo.com](mailto:sullivansox@yahoo.com) or talk to me at our next meeting or crime walk.

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## Did you know there is a city ordinance regarding grilling at your home and on your deck?

**308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices.** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of any combustible construction or property line.

Please remember grills should not be left unattended. You want to melt that cheese on your burger, not melt your neighbor's deck or siding.



**Riverside Pool Twilight Swims**

**Friday, July 24th 8-11pm**  
**Saturday, August 15th 8-11pm**  
*(Last Twilight Swim)*

Adults only - \$5/person,  
 \$7 if you bring a cooler. No glass allowed.  
 Join RNA for a fun evening swimming  
 under the stars.



June 26th Twilight Swim

**Riverside Pool Friends and Family Day**

**Sunday, July 26th 1-3pm**

RNA and Pool Staff will be serving up  
 hotdogs, snacks, snowcones, and games for  
 all ages.



**AVAILABLE HOMES FOR SALE**

**1433 Olive St** (Federal Hill) **\$429,000**  
 Newly renovated! 4 bed/4 bath, 2 decks with  
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**1138 Riverside Ave** (Federal Hill) - **\$299,500**  
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## Riverside Park Summer Music Series

The summer music series is off to a fantastic start. The first two concerts are done, we have two more left in the season, on the second Sunday in August and September..

There are many people and organizations who helped to make it such a great event. Many thanks to:

-**Domino Sugars**, for once again sponsoring the entire summer music series, donating \$5000 to our neighborhood group specifically for the concert series.

-**Murphy Washo Gunsiorowski & Associates**, for the cups and wine donations. Make sure you bring your cups back to the next concert!

-The many neighborhood volunteers who help make this possible.

-**The Smoking Swine, Baba's Mediterranean Kitchen, and Bistro Lunchbox**, for their donations of food for the the bands

-**Union Craft** and **Little Havanna's** for the keg donation.

-**Miss Twist** for her donation of 10% of her profits from concert sales!

Next time you visit these establishments, please remember to let them know how cool it is that they're helping make our little concerts even better.



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**Summer Jams in July**  
*School of Rock* showed a lot of range, playing tunes from the *Jackson 5* to *Pink Floyd* at the gazebo on July 12th.



**Summer Concert at West Shore Park**

Bring a blanket and enjoy a fun, family-friendly evening, featuring live music by the Kelly Bell Band, food trucks, beer, wine and mixed drinks, a Playworks kids play area, and the Walter Sondheim Interactive Fountain.

**Friday, July 24th**

**West Shore Park (501 Light Street)**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE!**

**Recent RNA Activities**

**JUNE**

- Neighborhood Meeting
- Street and Park Tree Pruning
- Twilight Swim Promotion
- Riverside Concert Series
- Banner Route Meetings
- Fall Yard Sale Planning

**RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES**  
**SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM**

August 9 Joy Classic + Heavy Lights  
 September 13 Rumba Club

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# Free Flicks on The Hill

Grab a blanket, picnic under the stars, and watch a great film selection inspired by AVAM's current exhibition, *The Visionary Experience: Saint Francis to Finster*. Sit under the stars on Federal Hill and watch movies on a 30-foot wide screen. And don't forget, the museum is open & free between 5pm and 9pm on flicks nights! Showings are **FREE - Thursday nights at 9pm** throughout the summer.



- **July 23: Labyrinth**
- **July 30: Big Fish – Members Choice!**
- **August 6: Awakenings**
- **August 13: Searching for Bobby Fischer**
- **August 20: Beasts of the Southern Wild**
- **August 27: The Wizard of Oz**



## Proud to be part of our community.

I'm pleased to support our local Riverside Neighborhood Association.

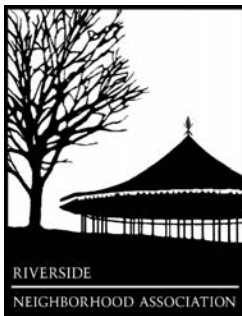
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