

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 25

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

Spring, Summer, RNA and You! – *John G. Paré Jr.*

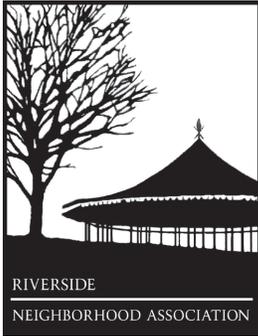
Now that spring has finally sprung, I find it so much more pleasurable to get out of my house and enjoy all that makes our neighborhood special. I enjoy walks in the park, listening to kids playing and talking with our neighbors. Soon the park sidewalks will be filled with buyers and sellers during our community yard sale (April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and the garden club will be planting, pruning, and working to make our park the beautiful centerpiece of our community that it is. Before long, as the temperatures rise, we will

be able to enjoy midnight swims and our fantastic summer concert series.

The Riverside Neighborhood Association is responsible for these and so many other fun community activities from sponsoring our softball team to publishing and delivering our monthly newsletter. All of these activities that set our neighborhood apart have one thing in common—they all are conceived, organized, coordinated, and run by volunteers. This is where you come in...we need more volunteers! You might be surprised exactly how few the people who volunteer and who are committed to making our neighborhood a better place actually is. RNA volunteers, although small in number, work tirelessly to make our neighborhood a more livable and happy place. The saying, "many hands make light work" comes to mind. With more volunteers, no single person is burdened with too much. But more importantly, you get a chance to get involved, make a difference, and be part of the fun. Ongoing volunteer opportunities include monthly sorting and delivering of our newsletter, participating in the Riverside Garden Club, and monthly Citizen on Patrol (COP) walks. We also need volunteers for RNA sponsored events like the community yard sale and the summer concert series. Please email rnabaltimore@gmail.com with your volunteer availability or any ideas you have for supporting our community.

If you are on the fence about whether becoming a RNA volunteer is for you, a good first step would be to come to our monthly meetings (next one, April 25, 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church).

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**Special Meeting
date for May
RNA Social May 23rd
Location TBD**

What is RNA up to?

March

- Garden Club added new plants to Covington and Johnson Street gardens.
- Major Hance of the Southern spoke at our March meeting.
- Hanover St. Bridge Multimodal Corridor Study Meeting.
- Yard Sale Committee completed planning and promotion for Sale.

April

- COP Walk with BPD Commissioner Davis
- Concert Committee completed booking of bands, food trucks and permits.
- Board met with R&P Aquatics for summer programming.
- Board meeting with new developer of property on Key Highway.
- Mayor's Clean Up 4/23 with RNA Garden Club
- RNA Meeting planned with Complete Streets and BGE presentations.

May

- Garden Club coordinated Green Thumb Day at TJ May 5
- Lawrence Street Planning Study May 5
- Garden Club Doggie Bag Installation on May 7
- May Social



RNA President John Paré and Baltimore City Police Commissioner Kevin Davis on the April, 2016 COP walk.

At Our Next Meeting...

BG&E will present their upcoming line replacement. This affects most residents within our boundaries.

DOT will present their Complete Streets Study.

You will hear about initiatives RNA is involved with, see where your talents can best help, and maybe even come up with some new ideas. There is always a lot of information at our meetings from crime and development reports to guest speakers. Our next meeting will cover our usual business plus special presentations from Complete Streets and BG&E.

I hope to see you at our next meeting and hope you will be able to find some time to volunteer. I think if you do, you will find it extremely valuable to your neighbors and particularly rewarding for you.

Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

Concert Volunteers

The bands are booked, the permits are pulled, and the food trucks are prepping. Riverside Park's Summer concert series is just around the corner. RNA is looking for some help on the day of the concerts and in the days just prior to the events. Concerts are scheduled for the second Sunday in June through September. We need help picking up kegs/supplies, set up (beer/wine stand/kids area/ad tables/food truck location), selling raffle tickets/beer, and assisting the band (food delivery/directions). If you would like to help, please contact Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com) or Joelle (RiversideConcerts@gmail.com)

Container Gardens

The days of frost are behind us so go ahead and plant those tomatoes. April is typically a month with a variety of weather that gives us a taste of the summer warmth but periods of the old cold. As the calendar moves to May, it's full speed ahead with all types of seasonal plantings. Herbs, veggies, and flowers are all great container plants. Most of the seasonal plants grow quickly and so new potting soil is the best way to ensure that you have all of the nutrients that are required for good plant growth. Water regularly but remember that plants need air, water, and nutrients. Too much water is a bad thing. Good luck and happy planting!

Riverside Garden Club Upcoming Events

-Mayor Cleanup (April 23, 9am- Noon) We will work on clearing the leaves from some of the entrance flower beds, move some topsoil, and work on the erosion issues by the Johnson/Heath stairs. Look for the green truck or stop by the RNA table at the yard sale for more info.

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday April 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Riverside Park

Sell: Rent tables for \$10 each. Visit RiversideNeighborhoodAssociation.com to register and pay online or send your name, email address, phone number, and payment to Riverside Neighborhood Association, 200 E. Wells St., Baltimore, MD 21230 by April 16. Limited tables may be available the day of for \$15 each—but don't wait, tables usually sell out.

Buy: Swing by the park and score some new-to-you goods while enjoying Riverside Park.

Donate: Want to get rid of things without the hassle of selling? Drop them off to the RNA table by 9:30 a.m. on April 23. Proceeds from your donations will benefit RNA.

For more information or to volunteer, send an email to RNABaltimore@gmail.com.



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Road and Parking Update – *Dave Urbaneck*

There are a lot of planned roadway improvements, both within RNA's boundaries as well as the surrounding neighborhoods on the peninsula. Hopefully most – if not all – of these will come to fruition in the near future. Here is a quick run-down of proposed plans and upcoming events:

Traffic Calming around Riverside Park

At the request of RNA, the city Department of Transportation (DOT) has been pursuing a traffic calming project along the Randall Street and Johnson Street corridors for the past three years. Specifically, the project will provide "curb extensions" at several existing and proposed crosswalk locations to calm traffic and increase pedestrian safety. Work is currently slated to begin this summer and be completed by November.

Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

RNA residents voted in 2012 to pursue permit parking. A committee was immediately formed and the process began with the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC). Believe it or not, the process has been slowly progressing since then. We are currently scheduled to receive petitions from PABC this summer, at which time the Parking Committee members will go door-to-door in the "pilot area" (northwest corner of the RNA boundaries) for resident signatures.

Hanover Street Bridge Multimodal Corridor Study

I attended a kick-off meeting on May 30 as part of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) for this planning study. The project limits are from Reedbird Avenue in Cherry Hill to Wells Street in SBNA. The study will focus on the future of the bridge itself, as well as connectivity for all modes of travel. The \$1.8 million study will last two years.

Lawrence Street Planning Study

The DOT is initiating a roadway and intersection improvement study for Lawrence Street, including the intersections of Fort at Lawrence and Key Highway at Lawrence. The study will look at minor signal modifications, roadway sections, and lane configuration on Lawrence and adjacent roadways. A community meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. All interested neighbors are encouraged to attend.



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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. I want to begin by thanking everyone who came out for our Holy Week services. A lot of my colleagues make jokes about C & E Christians (Christmas and Easter) but I think we're blessed when anyone walks through our doors for whatever reason. It takes a lot to go to an unfamiliar place. We at Salem realize that, which is why we are grateful whenever you come by. For those of you who did stop in, if I did not get the chance to catch up with you, please feel free to e-mail me (pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.com) and let's make a time to talk about what you are looking for in a faith community.

Whether or not you do attend church, you can assist us with a project we are undertaking that can make a difference in people's lives. On Sunday, May 1, after our 10am worship, we are going to be making kits for Lutheran World Relief to send overseas to families in need. We need materials for these kits and you are welcome to participate

in helping us collect and/or assemble them. Items needed to make one kit include: dark colored bath towels (20x40 to 52x27), two or three bath-size bars of soap (8 or 9oz, any brand), one adult size toothbrush in its original packaging, one sturdy comb (no picks or fine combs, remove packaging), one metal nail clippers (attached file optional, remove packaging). If you are willing to donate these items, please e-mail me (pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.com) and I will either make sure the church is open for you to drop them off or I will come and pick them up myself. And if you want to come to the assembly party, please do so!

We'll be hosting a table at the RNA yard sale. Upcoming events include: Orioles game fundraisers at Iron Works Bar and Grill, a return of Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings, and Vespers beginning in late May. Check our website (salemsouthbaltimore.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore) and Twitter (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore) for more information. And in the meantime, be well and be blessed!

All the best, *Pastor Jake*

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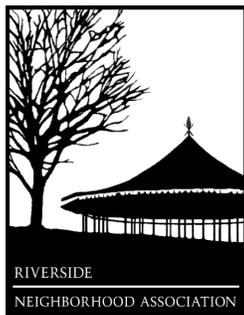
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