

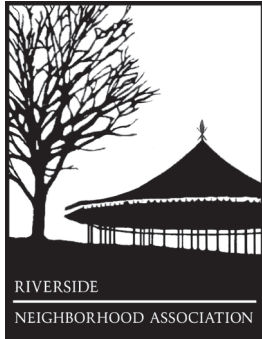
Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 27

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

Operation Pipeline, Phase 2 Update – John G. Paré Jr.



At the July 25 RNA meeting, representatives from BGE gave a community update on Phase 2 of Operation Pipeline. As you all know, the work is underway and many of you have experienced the disruptions caused by the project including increased noise and road closures.

Parking restrictions ranked high on the list of community concerns, especially when “no parking” signs are posted on streets where no work is being performed. BGE stated that the intent is to have “no parking” signs placed on streets where work

is actively being done in one or more of the above steps. The signs are first posted at step 1 and remain (for the most part) through step 4. It is the goal to not have signs on more than 2 consecutive blocks; however, it may be necessary depending on the project scope boundaries. The signs will also be posted in steps 6 and 8. BGE said in an attempt to reduce the number of towed cars, work crews have worked in different areas than planned because cars were blocking the scheduled work areas.

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Don't forget to vote.

Elections for RNA Officers are in September

At the meeting, BGE outlined the steps required for the project—

1. Call for Miss Utility Markings
2. Perform Test Holes to Validate Markings
3. Perform Saw Cutting Operations
4. Perform Open Trench Operations for Main Pipeline Installation
5. Introduce Natural Gas to New Main Piping
6. Install New Service Pipelines, Plumbing and Tie-In to New Main
7. Abandon Existing Main Pipeline
8. Perform Final Paving Restoration

At Our Next Meeting...

We will have a presentation from new owner of 1901 Light Street, the former Guardian Storage.

What is RNA up to?

July

- Garden Club tree pruning
- BGE meeting and updates
- Hanover Street Bridge Study
- Lawrence Street Study
- July concert
- Riverside Pool twilight swim
- Riverside Pool Friends and Family Day

August

- COP Walk
- Riverside Pool Teen Night
- Rec and Park meeting
- Concert in the Park
- Riverside Pool Twilight Swim
- Riverside Pool Back to School Day
- Riverside Pool Family Movie Night
- Garden Clubt

Family Movie Night at Riverside Pool

Hosted by the Baltimore City Police Department

Friday, August 26th

7:30pm

\$2

Free hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks, snowcones, and popcorn to go with our movie **Zootopia**



Despite the brutal heat, we had a great turn out for our third concert in the park. The event featured music by The High and Wides and food truck The Green Bowl



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Only One More Concert Left

The second and third concerts, both of which were held at the Riverside Park pavillion, are over and done - we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. Thank you to Ellen Cherry for the July show and the High & Wides for the August concert. Many thanks to **Shaun Wilson**, our sound guy, who always makes things sound great, even in the intense August heat. Thank you to our spectacular sponsor, **Domino Sugars**, who also provided a sugar/baking gift basket to ramp up our raffle sales! Thank you also to **Greek on the Street**, **The Green Bowl**, and **Ms. Twist**. The food trucks provided food for the bands at the July and August concerts, while Ms. Twist has promised 10% of her proceeds from each concert.

Please join us from 5-8 on the Second Sunday of September, after the first Ravens game of the year, to enjoy our final free concert of the season with the Soul Island Rebels. We will have our kegs donated by **Union Craft** and **Key Brewing** plus **The Washo team** is donating the wine. Ms Twist will be there as well as the Grrr Cheese food truck!

We want to thank **Little Havana** and **Captain Larry's**, for all their behind the scenes work that makes the beverage sales possible. Thank you to **Duo Signs** for the banners, both for the concert and at the pool.

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Call Anytime!

RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

Presented by:

**Domino
Sugars**

July 10
August 14
September 11

Join us at the Riverside Park gazebo from 5-8pm. Food truck and beer sales at all concerts!

City has Plans to Eliminate the Banner Route Voice your Concern!

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation announced on July 20, 2016 plans to eliminate the Banner Route in its entirety to take effect in January, 2017. Sound familiar? Due to budget issues, the Banner Route was on the chopping block last year but was saved by all of your advocacy efforts. There are alternatives to the current proposal and the Banner Route should be maintained at its current service levels.

The Riverside Neighborhood Association, along with the other community associations on the Peninsula (Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association, Key Highway Community Association, Locust Point Civic Association, and South Baltimore Neighborhood Association) have written a letter to Mayor Rawlings-Blake objecting to the elimination of the Banner Route.

What can you do?

Attend a Meeting: The Baltimore City Department of Transportation will hold four public meetings to discuss the proposed changes to the Charm City Circulator. The one closest to our neighborhood will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Industry (1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21230).

Send your Comments: The Baltimore City Department of Transportation is accepting comments on the proposed changes now through midnight on October 31, 2016. Mail or email comments to the Department of Transportation,

417 E. Fayette Street, Room 559, Baltimore, MD 21202 or to info@charmcirculator.com (with CCC Proposed Changes as the subject).

Don't be Silent: Last Year when Mayor Rawlings-Blake announced that she had found funding for the Banner Route, SouthBMore.com reported that she "heard the calls from the community and jokingly told the crowd that they can stop calling her now." It is important for our representatives to hear from us. Community action is what will make a difference. Voice your concern!

John G. Paré, Jr.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, October 8, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AT RIVERSIDE PARK

- **Sell:** You can 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 October 1. Limited tables may be available the day of for \$15 each—but don't wait, tables usually sell out fast.
- **Buy:** Swing by the park and score some new-to-you goods.
- **Donate:** Want to get rid of things without the hassle of selling? Drop them off to the RNA table by 9:30 a.m. that morning. Proceeds from your donations will benefit RNA.
- **Volunteer:** Want to help? You can volunteer to help with set up or breakdown the day of the event. If you are interested, send an email to RNABaltimore@gmail.com.



**School Starts
August 29.
Watch for
children.**

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It has been frustrating for neighbors when BGE has closed all of the northbound or southbound streets into and out from a particular area. BGE said it will put greater effort into traffic patterns that will permit residents to get to and from their homes.

Residents voiced concerns over two water main breaks which impacted their water service. A representative from the Department of Public Works was also at the meeting and said if you should have a problem with flooding, no water, or reduced pressure, you should call 311 to report the issue, and keep calling until the issue is resolved.

Gas service work will begin in August and initial outreach letters have been sent. Follow up letters will also be sent, along with door hangers. The letters provide the information needed to setup appointments for the plumbing and vent line consultation needed for the gas service work. Please note that customers are required to provide BGE with unobstructed access to its equipment. This includes all piping up to and including the gas meter.

Things to keep in mind—

- Check the Riverside Neighborhood Association's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rnabaltimore) for updates on road closures and work plans.
- Should you have questions or concerns, you can contact the Operation Pipeline Team at operationpipeline@bge.com or call 410-470-7700.
- As always, if you smell gas or suspect a gas leak, immediately go to a safe place and contact BGE at 1-800-685-0123.

Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher* ZeroFox Cleanup Event

Local cybersecurity firm, ZeroFox, stopped by on July 16th to help mulch some of the small trees in the park. About a dozen employees and friends helped mulch most of the small trees throughout the park. The mulching made a big difference in the appearance of the park and helped to protect the trees from the mower crews. I would like to thank ZeroFox for their efforts and hope to see them out in the park for future events.

Tree Keeper Classes

The TreeKeepers certification class series is back! If you love the way trees beautify our city neighborhoods, filter storm water, prevent erosion, clean the air we breathe, provide shade and cool the urban environment, then you should become a Baltimore TreeKeeper and join a community of tree advocates and stewards! Baltimore TreeKeepers help promote a healthy urban tree canopy by educating residents and increasing their role in the care of the City's trees. Through hands-on training and in-class lectures, citizens can become tree advocates and share the responsibility to plant and care for trees throughout the City. All classes will be held at Parks & People Foundation, 2100 Liberty Heights Ave 21217 More information can be found on the Baltimore Tree Trust or TreeBaltimore websites or contact the administrator, Amanda Cunningham, at amanda@baltimoretreetrust.org.

TreeKeepers Classes Fall 2016

Trees & Baltimore 101: Wed., Sept 7th 6 PM – 8:30 PM

Science of Trees 102: Sat., Sept 17th 9 AM – 12 PM

Tree Planting 201: Sat., Oct 1st 9 AM – 12 PM

Tree Pruning 202: Sat., Dec 3rd 9 AM – 12 PM

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Friendly Folks from ZeroFox

Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that this finds you in good health and good spirits. I want to begin by thanking everyone who came out to our Vacation Bible School during the weekend of August 12-14. It was such a good time! We had what was by far our best attendance ever. The kids were wonderful and we were so blessed to meet many of their parents/guardians. I hope and pray that all of you enjoyed the program and we look forward to having you again at Salem. And even if your kids could not make it, they (and you) welcome any Sunday at 10am for what is a very family friendly service.

I'm very excited to announce that starting on Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm, we'll be back at Captain Larry's every Wednesday night for our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings. Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings are a great opportunity to meet folks from our peninsula and have fun discussions over good food and good drink. We'll discuss anything from topics in the news to popular movies. We're always respectful and we always give space for folks to communicate as they feel appropriate. Only rule is that you respect each other. We hope to see you this fall.

On Saturday, September 10 at 7pm, we'll be having our second annual Revival service. This is different than our traditional Sunday morning worship. The music is livelier and more spiritual and we'll be doing an anointing to prepare ourselves to go out and do God's work in the world. We are blessed to welcome our recently elected Synod Bishop Bill Gohl to the pulpit. If you're looking for a worship service out of the ordinary and Sunday mornings are difficult for you, plan to stop by. You'll have a lot of fun and get to sleep in on Sunday.

As always, you can keep up with everything Salem by checking out our website (salemsouthbaltimore.com), Facebook (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore), or Twitter (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore). We hope to see you some time at Salem!

In Christ, *Pastor Jake*

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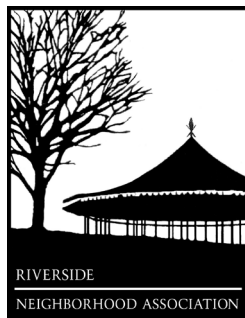


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