

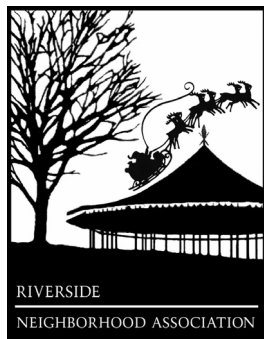
Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 12

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

Cross Street Market Revitalization – *John G. Paré Jr.*



Established in 1846, the Cross Street Market has been one of the best known historic landmarks in the South Baltimore area. The current Cross Street Market building was built in 1952 after a devastating fire, and has since enjoyed decades of popularity for residents and tourists alike. However, over the last decade or so, Cross Street Market has seen a decrease in foot traffic and there are many stalls available for rent which gives the market a dank, uninviting feel. Neighbors

have been in favor of a revitalization project for the Market for years, and it looks like the wait is finally over.

I attended a public meeting to learn about the latest developments for the next iteration of the Cross Street Market held on Monday, November 7, 2016.

Representatives from Caves Valley Partners (CVP, the firm overseeing the redevelopment) and Baltimore City were present and discussed what to expect with the renovations. Renovations of the 31,000-square-foot market will begin in the spring of 2017 and are expected to take eight to twelve months to complete at a cost of \$6.5 million.

When asked what we as a community can expect from the redevelopment, Arsh Mirmiran, a partner in CVP said, "As a former resident and a longtime developer in the area, I believe the redeveloped Cross Street Market can be a unifying centerpiece for all of South Baltimore's great neighborhoods. It will bring a balance to the heart of South Baltimore and cater to all of the various demographics who call the surrounding neighborhoods home. With its more open and airy redesign, it will also relate to the surrounding context and community in a way that the walled off Market currently does not. I am hopeful that the patience on the part of all parties involved in this deal, including the communities of South Baltimore, will result in a completed project that we can all look to

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What is RNA up to?

November/December

- Nov 3 Tree Planting with TJ Elementary
- Nov 11 FORP Urn Installation
- Nov 23 St Ignatius Day of Service @ Riverside Park
- Dec 4 Gazebo Lighting
- Dec 5 COP Walk
- Dec 12 RNA meeting & Cookie Contest

January.

- Jan 13 FORP - attend MANTS/get plants
- Jan 30 RNA meeting

Cookie Contest is on Monday, December 12. Details on page 4



A rendering of the plans for a renovated Cross Street Market. Image provided by Caves Valley Partners.

Many Thanks for a Great Halloween Bash

We were overwhelmed by the outpouring from so many great businesses and organizations on the peninsula and beyond for the Sobo Halloween Bash. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank them all, and encourage you, our neighbors, to thank them with your patronage by choosing them when in a position to shop for their services or products. The Bash would not have been a success without them.-Julie & Erin

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as a success for decades to come."

I have heard from many of our neighbors who express the desire to have a one-stop-shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery goods, flowers, specialty shops, and of course, what would a Baltimore market be without fresh seafood. Based on what I heard at the November 7 meeting, the overhaul of the Cross Street Market will provide all the desired amenities in an environment that is airy and inviting for those who need to do a weekly shop or just want a nice meal out. I look forward to spending time in the new Cross Street Market, and will pass on additional updates as they become available.

Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

Park Projects

There were several park projects and groups of volunteers in the park since the last meeting in October:

-The Brownies from Girl Scout Troop 11024 and Daisy Troop 2030 helped to plant some daffodils near the entrance garden at Covington/Randall.

-FORP installed a new planter at the Johnson/Randall entrance.

-Thomas Johnson Elementary students helped plant trees near the gazebo and along Johnson

-St Ignatius students had a pre-Thanksgiving Day of Service where they mulched trees, filled in holes with topsoil, and planted a tree.

I would like to thank all of the participants and groups for their efforts and we hope to see them out in park in the near future.

Snow Shoveling

Looking for a few strong people to help shovel the Heath St path across the park; if you are interested, please contact Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com). Shovel not required.

Leaf Raking

The leaves this year have fallen very late. If you need leaf bags, rakes, or brooms to clean up a block area, please contact RNA and we can loan tools to help in community cleanup efforts.

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See you in the New Year

Cookie Contest is Back

Please join us for our 4th Annual Holiday Cookie Contest, sponsored by Domino Sugar Baltimore, during our final neighborhood meeting of the year on Monday, December 12th at 6:30pm at Salem Lutheran Church.

How It Works:

On Monday, December 12th, bring no less than 3 dozen cookies to the church at 6:30pm, along with a \$5 entry fee and the cookie recipe (must include a



Domino Sugar product). Cookies may be presented in any type of container, not to exceed the size of a standard baking sheet. At 6:45pm, a handful of special guest judges will begin to taste cookies and will then choose 3 winners by the conclusion of the meeting. Winners will receive prize baskets provided by Domino Sugars. Winners and winning recipe will be featured in the January newsletter.

Not a baker? **COME EAT COOKIES!** Goodie bags will be available for leftover cookies to be taken home by fellow neighbors.

Rules & Guidelines:

Contest open to Riverside residents only. Only one registrant per household. By entering, all registrants give RNA permission to include their names, photos, and recipes in future publications. **HAVE FUN!**

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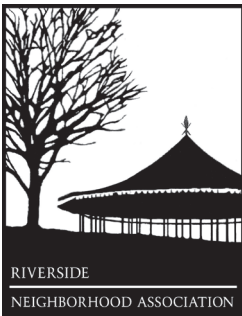
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