

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 26**  
**7 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)**

**At Our Next Meeting...**  
**Nominations and Elections**  
**for RNA Officers for two-**  
**year terms. Come out and**  
**vote or volunteer for one of**  
**our committee positions**



Family Movie Night sponsored by the Baltimore Police Dept and RNA.

**Early Meeting**  
**date for October**  
**RNA Social Oct. 24th**  
**Stay Tuned for Details**

**What is RNA up to?**

**September**  
 Sept 3 Garden Club/Pruning in Pool Area  
 Sept 4 Weeding  
 Sept 11 Second Sunday Concert

**Coming in October...**  
 Oct 1 Community Dumpster @ Johnson/Barney  
 Oct 1 Civic Works Day of Service (Daffodil Planting/mulching)  
 Oct 8 Community Yard Sale  
 Oct 8 Thomas Johnson Fall Festival  
 Oct 30 Halloween Bash (12-5pm)

Annual  
**SOBO HALLOWEEN BASH**  
**Sunday, October 30th**

at Riverside Park 1-6 pm

**ALL AGES!!** **Featuring Live Music, Food & Beverages and Fun for all!**

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**LAWN GAMES FOR ALL AGES**  
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## Recap of Banner Route Meeting – *John G. Paré Jr.*

On August 31 the Baltimore City Department of Transportation had its second of four community meetings to discuss changes to the Charm City Circulator. Over 350 neighbors gathered at the Baltimore Museum of Industry to voice their opposition to the proposed elimination of the Banner Route.

### What we heard from the Department of Transportation—

- The 2017 fiscal budget is facing a very large general funds shortfall needed to maintain current core city services.

- Discontinuation of the Banner Route is one approach to address budget shortfalls.

- The Banner Route was funded by a grant which ended in 2014 and therefore has no sustainable funding source.

- The companion piece of legislation to the budget to fund the Charm City Circulator calls for an increase in the parking tax from 20 to 24 percent. The City Council has not acted on that piece of legislation, and is why there is no funding for the Circulator and why the cuts have been proposed.

### What we heard from our neighbors—

- The Banner Route is not just a convenience, but a necessity—especially for senior citizens who need transportation to doctor offices, shopping, and church.

- The decision to cut the Banner Route should not be based on ridership, but rather on need and benefit.

- The Peninsula is in a state of rapid expansion, both business and residential, and the need for public transportation is increasing.

- MTA bus service is not the answer. Several neighbors described MTA, specifically the number one bus, as “horrendous.” One speaker said she almost lost her job because the bus was unreliable and on many occasions did not show up.

- Millennials want to minimize their environmental footprint by using public transportation.

- Without the Banner Route environmental and noise pollution, as well as parking, will become intolerable.

- Francis Scott Key school students use the Banner Route for field trips that would be price prohibitive otherwise.

- The Peninsula offers fantastic tourist attractions (Museum of Industry, Visionary Art Museum, and Fort McHenry), and the Banner Route is crucial for tourists to visit them.

City Councilman Eric Costello, Senator Bill

Ferguson, and Delegate Brooke Lierman—along with presidents of the Peninsula’s neighborhood associations were in attendance to support the Banner Route. Councilman Costello said, “it is critically important

that we do not lose the Banner Route...waiting for MTA to come in and provide an alternative transportation is not going to work.”

The overwhelming theme of the public comments was that eliminating the Banner route would be an extremely short sighted decision. Reliable transportation on the Peninsula is essential for continued growth, maintaining current citizens (especially seniors), attracting young people and families to the area, and a greener environment.

Baltimore has creativity, we need to think outside the box, and most importantly, we need to make our voice heard!

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Neighbors wait to check in for Banner Route meeting

## 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](http://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](mailto:RNABaltimore@gmail.com).

No rain date

Please note: Reservation payment is considered a donation and will not be refunded should the event be cancelled.

# Another Great Concert Season!

The Riverside Summer Music Series came to close on September 11 on a gorgeous evening with a spectacular band. *The Soul Island Rebels* were a great end to another successful concert series, that included yummy sandwiches from the **Grrr Cheese food** truck and a well-timed appearance by the **Cool Smiles Ice Cream** truck.

Many thanks to **The Jeff Washo team** for donating the wine and **Union Craft** and **Key Brewing** for the keg donations. Key Brewing also donated a tour of their brewery as an added raffle prize - very cool! Thank you also to our neighborhood businesses who help with their behind the scenes work to make this event go smoothly, **Little Havanna's**, **Captain Larry's**, and **Duo Signs**.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible, specifically **Joyce** and **Stefanie**, who do all the preseason/booking arrangements, and **Jackson** and **Ann**, who do a lot of legwork on each and every concert day.

Finally, and most importantly, RNA wants to thank **Domino Sugars**, who makes this wonderful event possible. Not only do they sponsor the event, they provide us with Zac, who helps set up, break down, and sell beverages and they also provide a sugar/baking gift basket to ramp up our raffle sales!

If there was a band you loved (this year or in past years) and would like to see again next year, please send us an email at [RiversideConcerts@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideConcerts@gmail.com). Until next summer ...

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## Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

### Community Dumpster

Got a bunch of junk in the basement? Trash in the alley? There will be a community dumpster available on Oct 1 from 9am-2:30pm near the Johnson/Barney intersection (next to the Riverside Park basketball court) Baltimore City's Dept of Public Works will bring the dumpster in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon. All household trash is welcome. No construction debris or hazardous material (no paints/liquids) The dumpster is first come first serve and will be hauled away when full or by 3pm. Questions? Email Jackson ([jkf42@yahoo.com](mailto:jkf42@yahoo.com))

### Daffodil Planting

Please join the Friends of Riverside Park and some volunteers from Civic Works for our fall daffodil planting on Oct 1 (9am-1pm). Civic Works has an annual Day of Service throughout Baltimore City and FORP has offered to host some volunteers to beautify the park. Tools and gloves will be provided. No experience required. The group will meet at the gazebo at 9am and work on several locations along Johnson and Randall streets. Hope to see you there.

## South Baltimore Operation Pipeline Phase 2 Schedule

The Riverside Neighborhood Association asked BGE to provide detailed information about when they will be working on each block. While it is difficult precisely to predict which block will be worked on in which week, BGE has provided the chart below. This chart combined with our Facebook updates should help you know when work is scheduled to occur on your block.

Activity	Scheduled Start	Estimated Completion
Install main on <b>E. Randall St.</b>	5/23/2016	8/26/2016(A)
Install main on <b>Webster St.</b>	5/23/2016	7/15/2016 (A)
Install main on <b>Jackson St.</b>	N/A	7/15/2016 (A)
Install main on <b>Belt St.</b>	7/15/2016	8/26/2016(A)
Install main <b>Covington St.</b>	N/A	7/15/2016(A)
Install main <b>E. Barney St.</b>	7/15/2016	8/26/2016(A)
Supply gas to <b>Randall St.</b> main and <b>Webster St.</b>	8/15/2016	8/26/2016(A)
Supply gas and connect main piping: <b>Covington, Belt, Barney and Jackson streets</b>	8/22/2016	8/31/2016(A)
Renew services <b>Webster St.</b>	8/23/2016	12/1/2016
Renew services on <b>Covington St. – 1800 block</b>	9/6/2016	12/1/2016
Renew services on <b>Jackson St.</b>	8/23/2016	12/1/2016
Renew services on <b>Belt St.</b>	10/1/2016	12/1/2016
Renew services on <b>Barney St.</b>	10/1/2016	12/1/2016
Renew services on <b>E. Randall St.</b>	10/1/2016	12/1/2016
<b>Abandon existing main on above streets</b>	Dec 2016	Dec 2016
Final paving restoration on <b>Webster, Covington, Jackson, Barney, Belt, E. Randall Streets</b>	Jan 2017	Jan 2017 (paving pending weather)
Install main on <b>Byrd St.</b>	7/25/2016	8/26/2016(A)
Install main on <b>Johnston St.</b>	9/6/2016	Oct 2016
Install main on <b>Light St.</b>	9/6/2016	Oct 2016
Install main on <b>Marshall St.</b>	9/6/2016	Oct 2016
Supply gas to new main and connect piping	Oct 2016	Oct 2016
Renew services on <b>E. Randall, Johnston, Byrd, Light and Marshall streets</b>	Q1 2017	Apr 2017
<b>Decommission existing main on above streets</b>	Apr 2017	Apr 2017
Final paving restoration on <b>E. Randall, Johnston, Byrd, Light and Marshall streets</b>	May 2017	Jun 2017

Note: Scheduled start and completion dates are estimates and may change due to operating conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. It is the intent of the BGE Project Team to complete the overall project by May 2017. We will work to compress the schedule when we can safely do so. We will communicate changes and progress on a monthly basis. (A) - represents actual completion date. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to complete this important natural gas system safety and reliability modernization project. Project contacts: OperationPipeline@BGE.com or 410.470.7700.

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### Let your voice be heard—

Provide your opinion on priorities and tradeoffs. Take the Department of Transportation's survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/charmcitycirculator](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/charmcitycirculator)  
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@charmcitycirculator.com](mailto:info@charmcitycirculator.com) (with CCC Proposed Changes as the subject).

**Thomas Johnson** Elementary Middle School #84

8<sup>th</sup> Annual

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## Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I want to begin by thanking everyone who stopped by our kids crafts table this summer during the concert in the park series. It was such a blessing to host the kids and give them something to do. We were glad to fill a niche for families (and hopefully gave time for parents and guardians to take breaks to enjoy the music). Our goal is to do something similar for next summer's concerts in the park.

Salem has a lot going on in October. We will once again be present at the Riverside yard sale on Saturday, October 8 from 9am-1pm. It's always a blessing to meet folks from the neighborhood and we're looking forward to seeing you. Our Oktoberfest will return at a different time: Thursday evening, October 20th, 5-8pm at Captain Larry's. We liked how the Pay It Forward model worked for us in August and we wanted to try it again. On Saturday, October 22nd, at 5pm, we will have a special Saturday worship for kids and families. This is part of our monthly Saturday evening services that began in September with our Revival and continues in November with our Giving

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#### 2015-2016 COMMITTEES

Newsletter: Brent Burgess  
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Jackson Fisher  
Development: Ann Fiocco  
Trash/Clean-up: Dave Urbanek  
Historian: Paul Stysley  
Forestry/Street Trees: Jackson Fisher  
Communications: Rachel Wagner

Thanks Service on Saturday, November 19 at 5pm. If you've wanted to try worshipping at Salem but find it too difficult to get there on Sundays with children, this might be a good service for you. Lastly, on Sunday, October 23rd from 1-5pm, we'll be having a Designer Bag Bingo at the Elks Lodge in Severn to benefit our ministries. Michael Koors, Coach and Vera Bradley are just some of the big names that will be offered. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved by calling 410-576-0487 or e-mailing churchoffice@salemsouthbaltimore.com. Please leave your name, a contact phone number, and the amount of tickets you would like to reserve.

We are still worshipping every Sunday morning at 10am and are at Captain Larry's every Wednesday night at 7pm for our Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings. Our church is a wonderful one, rooted in the neighborhood and with a strong sense of sharing faith, hope, and God's love with all whom we encounter.

In Christ, *Pastor Jake*



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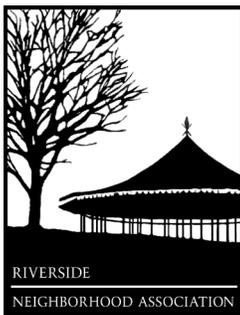
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