

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 21
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

May Speakers

Ivan Bates, Candidate for State's Attorney

To Help or Not to Help: Tips for Interacting with Your Blind Neighbors

~ *John Paré*

With the National Federation of the Blind headquarters located right here in Riverside, there is a good chance you have encountered one or more blind people walking around the neighborhood. You may sometimes wonder about the best thing to do when you see a blind person about to walk into a trash can or standing at a street corner.

Should you offer assistance? Should you hold them by the arm and guide them across the street? Is it okay to pet their guide dog? Below are a few helpful things to keep in mind that will be appreciated by most blind people.

First, it is okay to use the term "blind person." The National Federation of the Blind teaches people that it is respectable to be blind and the use of euphemisms like partially sighted and visually impaired is not necessary. Additionally, not all blind people are totally blind. Many blind people have some remaining vision. I have some remaining vision myself but not enough to be able to see curbs, steps, tricycles, and other possible obstacles. That is why I use a long white cane when walking about the neighborhood.

Second, at no point should you feel obligated to tell a blind person about an upcoming ground level obstacle. More often than not, we will be able to safely detect and avoid such obstacles through the use of our canes. However, it is very helpful to mention low-hanging branches, signs, or any other obstacles that our canes will not be able to detect. When you do see a blind person, it is helpful to say hello. That way the blind person will know you are in the area and can try to navigate around you.

Third, If the blind person is new to the area or just visiting (the NFB gets approximately 3,000 visitors per year), he or she might ask you for directions or assistance. In these cases, any assistance you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated. Generally, it is best not to give more assistance than is requested. Doing so can seem more patronizing than helpful. In other words, give the assistance that is asked for. When a blind person asks you for directions, then provide them as you would to anyone else (although it's useful to remember that indicating direction by pointing or gesturing probably won't be helpful). If a blind person does ask you to guide them across the street or along the sidewalk, you should allow the blind person to touch the back of your elbow. You should not grab, push, or pull the blind person or her cane.

Fourth, when you see a blind person using a guide dog, you should not in any way interact with the dog. If the guide dog is wearing its harness, it is working and is trained to ignore you. Please be sure to also keep other dogs away from the guide dog. The only time a guide dog can be treated like any other dog is when its harness is removed.

Finally, if you are not sure of the best thing to do when you encounter a blind person in the neighborhood and think he or she might need or want assistance, just ask. We don't bite.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

May 07 Community Safety Walk

May 21 RNA Monthly Meeting

JUNE

June 02 Riverside Garden Club

June 04 Community Safety Walk

June 10 Riverside Concert

Get Steady

June 25 RNA Monthly Meeting

JULY

July 02 Community Safety Walk

July 07 Riverside Garden Club

July 08 Riverside Concert

Chopteeth Afrofunk

July 30 RNA Monthly Meeting



Update from Salem Lutheran

~ *Pastor Lauren*

The Greeks have four words for love, each describing a different expression of the thing. There's eros: that's the romantic kinda love. Philia is the word describing love and loyalty between friends. Storge describes the special love and affection between parents and children. Finally, there's agape: the unconditional love of God, which also shows up between people when we're our best selves.

It makes me think that perhaps we would do well to think more of love these days. "Love" is no small thing for a world in conflict, a society divided, neighborhoods that sometimes live in fear instead of philia, families who inevitably encounter days when it's a little harder to find the love than other days have been, folks who feel loneliness, beloved members of our community who sometimes feel unlovable. In fact, love just might change everything. So, hear today that whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done and whatever has been done to you—you are loved.

Come feel the love at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Battery and Randall) every Sunday at 10 am and at Captain Larry's Pay It Forward Night on May 24th from 6-9. All tips will go toward Salem's ministry in the neighborhood, Peace!

Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School Presents:

LIVE WELL

A Family Health & Fitness Expo

Tuesday, May 22, 4:30pm
100 E. Heath Street



4:30 pm FUN RUN at Riverside Park
 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Open to parents & community

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Rec and Park Updates

~ Jackson Fisher

Rhythms & Reels

Now that summer is almost upon us, it's a good time to get outside and enjoy some free music and films. Baltimore City Rec and Parks has produced a guide to a variety of the free events throughout the city. Search "Baltimore City Rhythms & Reels" or go here: <https://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/rhythm-and-reels> for a complete listing of Baltimore City Rec and Parks events including our own Riverside Concert Series!



Riverside Pool

The Riverside Pool will open full time on June 23. Information on the pool hours, rates, and program is available on the Baltimore City Aquatics page which is located here: <https://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/recreation/aquatics/swim-schedule>. The regular pool season runs from June 23 to Sept 3. (7 days a week). It is unclear if the pool will be open on weekends between Memorial Day Weekend and the end of school. (5/26-6/23) If it opens, RNA will post an update on our facebook page.

Park Activities

The Riverside Garden club has been busy working on clearing leaves, pruning, and planting some of the entrance gardens. We are hoping to install some new fencing this month at the Johnson/Randall garden. Garden club activities will be posted to RNA's facebook account as the schedule has been weather dependent in the past few weeks.



Kayak in the Harbor

The harbor kayak tours have started again. Visit <http://www.kayakbaltimore.com> to schedule a tour.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING 2018!

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6920 Ten Timbers Lane - Falls Road Corridor
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1272 Battery Avenue - Federal Hill
SOLD

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RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES

SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

Presented by:

Domino
SUGAR

June 10

Get Steady

Food Truck: Farm to Charm

July 08

Chopteeth Afrofunk

Food Truck: The Green Bowl

August 12

The High & Wides

Food Truck: Smoking Swine

September 09

Wyland

Food Truck: TBD

Join us at the gazebo from 5-8pm.

Miss Twist, beer and wine sales at all concerts!

Follow Us on Social Media!

In addition to the RNA Neighbor Connect Facebook page, RNA is now on Instagram as well. Follow us at: **@rnabaltimore**

RPP

Volunteers lined up to petition 13 block faces for residential parking permit pilot area. RNA is waiting on petitions from the City. All questions should be sent to RPP@RNAParking.org, copy rnabaltimore@gmail.com. With petitions being issued in May, RNA is hopeful that the pilot could start and that signs will be in place by summer 2019, with quick outward expansion to follow.



Convington Street Cycle Track Meeting

Baltimore City Department of Transportation hosted a public meeting to discuss the proposed Covington Street Cycle Track on May 09 at The American Visionary Art Museum. Updates will be posted to the RNA Facebook Page as well as in this newsletter as they become available.



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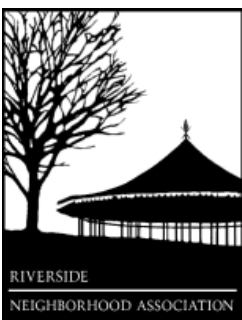
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2018 Riverside Neighborhood Association Dues Payment Slip

\$5 per person

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Please note: You can now pay dues and make donations on RNA's website: riversideneighborhoodassociation.com.