

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 30
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

Riverside Pool Updates

~ Jackson Fisher

Summer heat means it's time for the pool. Unfortunately, summer 2018 didn't get off to a refreshing start at the Riverside Pool. Normally, the Baltimore City Aquatics division opens two city park pools on weekends after Memorial Day. This year, Riverside pool was not scheduled to open until after school ended, but inspection issues at Patterson's pool led the Aquatics department to try to open Riverside early. In the filling process, a gate valve failed and water from the pool filled the pool house basement to a depth of seven feet. Once the fire department pumped out the basement, it was evident that there was significant damage to the electrical systems for the building and pool. BGE and outside contractors were brought in to restore the main power for the building and the individual circuits and electrical components for the pool. Repairs are ongoing and hopefully, by late July, the pool will be able to open. There have been many questions about the pool and its past, current, and future state, so it is a good time to briefly discuss these topics and hopefully answer some of the questions.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

July 30 RNA Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

Aug 06 Community Safety Walk

Aug 12 Riverside Concert

The High & Wides

Aug 27 RNA Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sept 09 Riverside Concert

Wyland

Sept 24 RNA Monthly Meeting

No Community Safety Walk in September - Enjoy Labor Day!

Garden Club for August and September are TBD pending delivery of materials.

Currently, BCRP-Aquatics operates four types of facilities: park pools, neighborhood pools, indoor pools and splash pads. Riverside Pool is one of the city's 6 public park pools. The Baltimore City Park pools are the located outdoors in public parks and are the largest and oldest of the aquatics facilities. Our pool usually offers a variety of programs including summer camp swim time, summer school lunch program, mom/baby swim time, teen night, adult twilight swim, master swim, movie nights, family day, Little League day, and Fluid Movement practice time. Currently, there are no swimming lessons or exercise classes. During a typical summer season, the pool would be open 7 days a week (times vary, so check BCRP-Aquatics website for official hours). The admission is \$2 and season passes are \$30.

The history of the Riverside Park pool follows the civil rights struggles that were/are present in many of the public swimming facilities across the nation. In Baltimore, the park pools were established in the 1920s-1930s during a time when segregated and single gender swimming facilities were standard. Six of the seven Baltimore park pools (including Riverside) were designated as "white only" swimming facilities. In 1956, after a lawsuit by the NAACP, Riverside and the other Baltimore City park pools were officially desegregated. Change did not come easily or quickly for Riverside pool. Over a few weeks in the summer of 1962, a group of black youths attempted to integrate Riverside Pool and were greeted by an angry white mob. Eventually, a riot ensued, requiring a police response. One of the youths was our US Congressman Elijah Cummings. (If you would like to hear him tell the story, search "Stories from the Stoop Riverside Pool") There have been several articles written on the subject; they can be found using "Baltimore City Pool Riot" as search terms.

While the flooding of our pool house is unfortunate and frustrating,

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Tiki Found at Domino Sugars

~ Jackie McGee

You may have seen the flyers around the neighborhood in search of a missing dog named Tiki.

Missing for 12 days, Tiki spent the hottest days for this summer running the streets and tracks. She was spotted throughout the neighborhood until finally being found at Domino Sugars by Peter O'Malley, VP of Corporate Relations. Tiki was unsure at first and as her owner fed her asking "want to go see Grandpa?" through the fence she suddenly recognized Courtney and came barreling through the hole in the fence! Tiki lost approximately 7-8 pounds, but no other injuries during her adventure.

Thanks to Mindy O'Malley and Peter O'Malley at Domino Sugars. Thanks to Jamey Haley, Randee Askin, Delanie and Dan, Madeline Bayard & Dave Stock, Aubrey Mahall, Natacha & Adam on Race for providing first photo sighting, Maria Hicks, Bob Swenson, Karen Sweigart, Debra the Uber driver, Josh and his dog Rebel, and everyone who pitched in time and spread the word and the fliers! This is Smalltimore functioning at its best!



CSX Property Environmental Assessment

~ Jackson Fisher

In May, City Rec and Parks provided the results from the environmental assessment report on the CSX property which will become part of Riverside Park. The property has been an active industrial site for train operations for many years. Several hazardous chemicals that are commonly associated with these types of sites including organic compounds related to coal/oil/gas and arsenic. The report detailed that samples taken from the site did include these chemicals as well as one sample that included chromium. A recommendation from the Maryland Dept of the Environment is to install a two-foot thick layer of clean soil over the entire property to ensure the public will not come in contact with the contaminants. David Leety, the Director of Environmental Assessment and Remediation Services for Arc Environmental and a Riverside resident, reviewed the report for RNA. David informed RNA this is a common and widely accepted remedy for soil contamination issues of this type. RNA will post David's summary online and will make it available to anyone who is interested. If you are interested in the summary, please email Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com).

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Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Water Ballet, A Fluid Movement Production

~ *Stefanie Ogar McKenzie*

This summer Fluid Movement takes on the master of suspense, the king of thrills, the zealot of horror: Alfred Hitchcock himself. From murderous "mothers" to avian affections, there's something for everyone!

A number of Riverside and South Baltimore residents are participating in the production and have been rehearsing weekly at various city pools. Come out and join the family friendly fun. Performances take place as follows:

Druid Hill Park Pool
 Saturday July 28 at 5 pm and 7 pm
 Saturday July 29 at 5 pm and 7 pm

Patterson Park Pool
 August 3 at 9 pm*
 August 4 at 7 pm and 9 pm*
 August 5 at 5 pm and 7pm.

*9 pm shows are lighted night shows!



Fluid Movement members at BCRP Big Splash Event.

Visit FLUIDMOVEMENT.ORG for more information, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities!

Fluid Movement is a Baltimore-based performance art troupe that juxtaposes complex subject matter with delightful and unexpected mediums. They create art that is accessible, and often educational, for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Performances are created for urban spaces, in Baltimore and beyond. A sincere understanding and appreciation for city life and city dwellers is encouraged through the work.

Summer 2018!

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RNA Summer Concert Series Kickoff

~ *Daniel Hertenstein*

Sunday July 8th was the first concert of this summer's concert series (after last month's unfortunate rain-out), and we had a sizable crowd, a big band, and great food. Many of the people in the community showed up and the organizing committee is very thankful for everyone's community spirit. It's always wonderful to see so many kids running around having a great time. Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band provided quality music and entertainment, and The Green Bowl and Ms. Twist provided quality food and treats.

We look forward to seeing even more people at next month's concert (that's a challenge to anyone reading this who didn't come this month) when The High & Wides provide the music and Smoking Swine provides the food (in addition to the ever present staple of the concert series that is Ms. Twist). Thanks again to all of our sponsors; the concert series wouldn't exist without them!



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Many thanks to Riverside resident and Baltimore City Youth Commissioner Alex Owen for organizing July's park clean-up, and to all volunteers who assisted!



RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

Presented by: **Domino SUGAR**



June 10
Get Steady

July 08
Chopteeth Afrofunk

August 12
The High & Wides

September 09
Wyland

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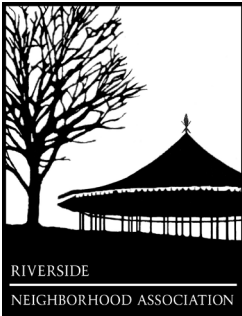
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RIVERSIDE POOL UPDATES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

it should not be unexpected. The condition of the pool and pool structures reflect years of slow neglect. Since 2000, there have been a few cosmetic upgrades to the building but no significant work on the pool. Budget concerns and other priorities have led BCRP to focus its efforts in other areas. In the future, the pool and its supporting infrastructure are in need of some significant upgrades. Upgrades to the pool are not cheap and the estimates to modernize the pool area are around \$2.5 million. RNA has had discussions with our local and state delegations to determine options for funding. A variety of options have been considered including local, state, and private-public partnerships. At this point, there is not a clear path forward, but RNA is continuing to seek out partners to help to fund a major pool renovation. Renovating Riverside pool would have a dramatic and instant impact that would extend beyond the boundaries of the neighborhood association. Hopefully, the pool opens soon and everyone gets a chance to cool off in the summer heat.



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\$5 per person

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