

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 29
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

RNA Conducts Largest Public Safety Walk in Recent Memory

~ *John Pare*

The Riverside Neighborhood Association conducted its monthly public safety walk on Monday, October 1. However, October's walk was quite different than most others. While this was our regularly scheduled walk, the event had greater meaning as a result of the recent murder of neighborhood resident Timothy Moriconi on September 27 near his home on the 1200 block of Riverside Avenue. Hundreds gathered in the park gazebo and filled the streets in remembrance of Mr. Moriconi and to hear various city leaders address the crowd on what to do about the violence in our city.

Mayor Catherine Pugh, City Council President Jack Young, City Councilman Eric Costello, Interim Police Commissioner Gary Tuggle, and State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby were all present at the walk. The mayor said that residents "want to see police in their community," and that the city "will continue to ask for more help, and more police officers, and get them on the streets as quickly as we can." After hearing from city officials at the gazebo, the group walked up Riverside Avenue to the home of Mr. Moriconi where there was a moment of silence and prayers were offered. The group then walked to Digital Harbor High School where city officials were available for questions and answers.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Oct 27 SOBO Halloween Bash

Oct 29 RNA Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

Nov 03 Riverside Garden Club

Nov 05 Community Safety Walk

Nov 15 Community Relations

DECEMBER

Dec 01 Riverside Garden Club

Dec 03 Community Safety Walk

Dec 17 Community Meeting

Dec 20 Community Relations

While the mayor's words are true, we, the residents of the community, can make a difference as well. Public safety walks are a permanent fixture in the RNA calendar on the first Monday of every month. I call upon all residents of Riverside to be more active in the community, participate in the monthly walks, and ensure the safety of our neighborhood.

As of the writing of this article two suspects have been arrested. Deandre Devon Sleet was arrested and charged with first and second degree murder, robbery, and multiple handgun violations, and Kiara Treasure Wesley was arrested and charged with a handgun violation in connection with the case.

In related news, RNA is still seeking a team of individuals to serve as Public Safety Chairs. Email rnabaltimore@gmail.com if you are interested.



Riverside Park Updates

~ Jackson Fisher

Riverside Park Sign - History Board

It's back!! Thanks to DUO Signage + Graphics for helping RNA with the history board for the Riverside Park sign. The history board has a description of the park history and old images. This board is slightly larger and clearer than the previous version which had been in place for 10+ years. RNA is working with DUO to get a new map board printed to attach on the back side of the history board. Check it out the next time you're strolling by the Covington/Randall park entrance!

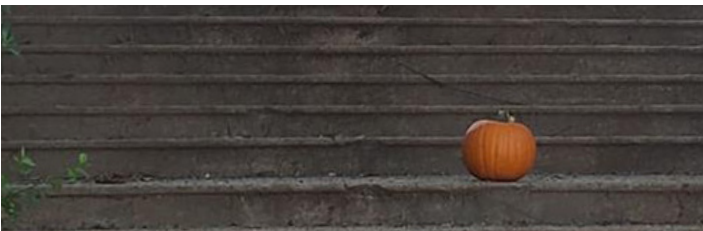


Bird Bath

Thank you to Chesapeake Realty Partners for donating a fantastic new bird bath to the park. The bird bath is cast limestone and features several lion heads and a pineapple. The bath is about 4 feet high and weighs close to 900 lbs! The bird bath was installed inside the circular garden at the front entrance of the Riverside Park pool. RNA would like to thank Todd Webster from Baltimore Beach for bringing his tractor to help with the install and John "Woody" Wood of DUO Signage + Graphics for helping to assemble it.

Fall Tree Up

The Garden Club will be participating in the SOBO Green Fall Tree Up on Saturday November 3rd. See Fall Tree Up ad for details. There will be a community dumpster at Johnson and Barney as part of this effort.



7th Annual
SOBO HALLOWEEN BASH
 Saturday, October 27, 2018

at Riverside Park **1-5 pm**



New this year!
 We're collecting
 diapers (all sizes,
 packs or loose) and
 wipes for Sharebaby!

FREE admission & activities

COSTUME CONTEST WITH AMAZING PRIZES

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#SoBoHalloweenBash



Fall Tree Up

Sat Nov 3, 2018

Help beautify South Baltimore at
 three events, all from 9am-12pm

FEDERAL HILL SOUTH
 Street tree planting & care; Gittings St. & Battery Ave. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/fall2018treup>

LATROBE PARK
 Trail and forest maintenance; behind Francis Scott Key School in the back corner by trail; RSVP to eworthing2000@yahoo.com

RIVERSIDE PARK
 Garden Club event; red house by ball field, or look for white truck, no RSVP required, jkf42@yahoo.com



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Outdoor Lights ~ Rebecca Celotto

Now that it is getting dark earlier, it's a good time to remember to turn on exterior lights both on the sidewalk and in the alleys. There are several options to help automate the process and keep the outside areas lit.

Light sensing switches can turn lights on at dusk and off at dawn. The sensors are either parts of the light fixture or can be retrofitted. Local hardware stores have some sensor options as low as \$10.

Another option is a timer switch. Timer switches replace a standard light switch and have calendar and clock options. These switches turn on and off based on the date and time. Timer switches are more expensive and require some basic electrical skill but they are good for many years.

Finally, there are some smart switches and smart bulbs that work through home wifi service or alarms systems.

Regardless, of whether the lights come on automatically or manually, it's important for overall safety and security to turn the lights on. If you see a neighbor who is not turning on their lights, give them a gentle nudge to start.

If you notice that your street lights need to be replaced, please start a work order either by calling 311 or using their website at <https://311.baltimorecity.gov/>

Further information about specific fixtures and resources are available on the RNA website and social media pages.




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1800 Block Covington

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1711 Covington Street (Pictured) - overlooking Historic Riverside Park with 2 bedrooms + office space, 2 full baths, 2 roof decks & parking pad!
Listed for \$319,900 - 1009251380

FEDERAL HILL

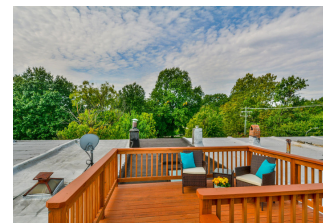
1279 William Street - Character features throughout this 3 bedr 3 & 1/2 bathroom 2100 SF home. Extensive mill work, built ins, HW floors w inlay, huge kitchen, 3rd flr family room w french doors leading to two large decks including roof deck with panoramic 360 degree views! 2 Car Parking Pad.
Listed for \$419,900 - 1002227202

FOR RENT

419 E Fort Ave - 3 bedroom, 2 full + 1/2 renovated baths, renovated kitchen, hardwood floors, parking pad & roof deck!
\$2600/month - 12-36 month lease desired - 1005314508

1744 Webster Street - UNDER CONTRACT IN 22 DAYS!

1837 Jackson Street - SOLD



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Trick or treating occurs throughout the neighborhood on October 31st. Traditionally neighbors sit on their stoops to socialize and handout treats. So grab your treat bowl, head to your stoop, and meet your neighbors!

Riverside,
are your lights on?

Research has shown that **lighting is an effective deterrent** to criminal activity. It's simple. Just turn your lights ON every night from dusk to dawn, then encourage your entire block to do the same.

Benefits of leaving your front and/or back lights on:

- Helps create a **safer & more secure** neighborhood.
- Reduces** the opportunity for criminal activity & inappropriate behavior.
- Enhances** the appearance of our neighborhood at night.

But it costs too much to leave my lights on!

It costs us **less than \$5 per month** to keep your lights on throughout the night. That is not a bad investment in personal security.

Need help remembering to turn it on?

Try one of the following:

- Set a daily alarm.
- Install a programmable timer switch.
- Install a dusk-to-dawn bulb or fixture.
- Install a LED Smart bulb and control it from your phone.

Don't have a front light fixture? Need a recommendation for a back motion light or security camera? RNA has recommendations or can help you get in contact with a licensed contractor.
Email rnabaltimore@gmail.com

Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Update

~ Jeff Brown

As has previously been reported, volunteers have been going door-to-door in the RRP pilot area to seek residents' signatures on the city-issued petitions. Unfortunately, an error was recently found on the petitions. Specifically, RNA's RPP application to the Parking Authority of the City of Baltimore (PACB) had indicated that every home would be eligible for one visitor pass. The permits that were issued stated that two permits could be issued.

It's unfortunate that this wasn't caught earlier in the process. RNA was concerned that proceeding with the petitions as issued wouldn't reflect the original intent of the community as previously expressed in monthly meetings and via the Parking Committee. PACB was also concerned that a very simple legal challenge to the program could cause it to be overturned. Considering both factors, it was decided that re-issuing the petitions was the wisest course.

Meanwhile, since the original petitions had been issued, some residents had expressed concern that the stadium event restrictions allowed for two-hour parking in RNA, whereas the surrounding neighborhoods (RPP Areas #19 and 30) were simply "No Parking". We also learned that one of these areas previously had 2-hour stadium event parking, but eventually changed to "No Parking" after realizing that there were enforcement difficulties with the two-hour window. Taking those things into account, and considering that petitions had to be re-issued anyhow, it was decided to change RNA's stadium event parking policy to "No Parking". We expect it will be a more effective policy, and it maintains consistency with the surrounding RPP areas.

Fortunately, PACB was able to issue new petitions within one week of finding the problem, so our efforts will not be significantly delayed. Petitions are being distributed to volunteers now and canvassing for signatures will begin anew. For those who has already signed we apologize for the inconvenience, but hope you understand the reasons for the decision. Anyone with questions may contact Jeff Brown, RNA Parking Committee Chairman, at RPP@RNAParking.org.

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Printed newsletters will be available at local businesses throughout the neighborhood.

Please register for the digital newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/btc6IT>.

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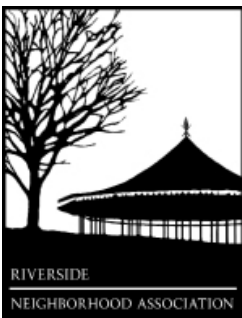
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