

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 24
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

Guest Speaker: Arshia Sethi from Thread

Next Chapter in Baltimore's Search for Transportation Solutions *~ John Pare*

One thing most of us agree on is that Baltimore needs reliable, affordable transportation options. Many were disappointed to hear of the struggles Baltimore Bikeshare was having in operating its system. Just as we started noticing the empty bike racks, we starting noticing electric scooters on the streets and parked around our neighborhood.

These battery-operated, Razor-style scooters are provided by two companies as part of a 6-month pilot program. The company Bird provides just scooters, who many have taken to calling "birds," (as in I'll catch a bird downtown) and Lime who provides both scooters and bikes.

The most noticeable characteristic of these scooters and bikes is that they are dockless. You use an app to locate, pay, and use these scooters and bikes, and when finished just leave them and walk away. Which means unlike Bikeshare bikes, the dockless bikes and scooters can be left anywhere in the city.

Those who are big fans of dockless scooters and bikes love the convenience, the affordability, and the flexibility they provide.

Those who are not fans point to the "nuisance factor" of having scooters laying around, sometimes in the middle of a sidewalk, and safety concerns as they see the scooters zipping about on the sidewalks and through traffic. In addition, they are not optimistic that the dockless scooters and bikes will escape the theft and vandalism that plagued Baltimore Bikeshare.

The Baltimore Department of Transportation (DOT) is closely monitoring the effectiveness of this dockless option during this pilot period. The evaluation will impact the future of our most recent transit option—whether the program will continue, will there be changes, and what regulations need to be put in place.

We need inventive transportation options to help with the congestion on our streets, decrease the need to rely on cars, minimize environmental impact, help with our parking shortage, and make our neighborhood more livable. Will dockless scooters and bikes be part of the solution? That remains to be seen, but we look forward to hearing your thoughts at one of our upcoming neighborhood association meetings.

If you bought a Baltimore Bikeshare membership, it is not too late to get a refund. Call Baltimore DOT at 410-396-6802 by September 30 for refund information.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Sept 24 RNA Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

Oct 01 Community Safety Walk

Oct 06 Riverside Garden Club

Oct 27 SOBO Halloween Bash

Oct 29 RNA Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

Nov 03 Riverside Garden Club

Nov 05 Community Safety Walk

DOORS OPEN BALTIMORE 2018

~ *Stefanie Ogar McKenzie*

Fifth annual Doors Open Baltimore citywide festival will be held on October 6-7, 2018 from 10AM - 4PM!

The Baltimore Architecture Foundation, in partnership with AIA Baltimore, will host Doors Open Baltimore as a part of Free Fall Baltimore, a series of free cultural events throughout the month of October, as well as the culminating event of Baltimore Architecture Month. Doors Open Baltimore grants free access for the public to explore Baltimore's diverse architecture and neighborhoods while meeting the extraordinary people who design, preserve and execute amazing work in the city.

Doors Open Baltimore has achieved huge levels of success since its first year and has expanded into a two-day event for the second year in a row. Saturday, October 6, will be a full day of self-guided exploration of over 60 amazing Charm City spaces and places. Sunday, October 7, will involve a full line-up of special events, talks, and guided tours, which will require free registration.

The following are some of the participating sites located within or near the RNA neighborhood: South Baltimore Learning Center, School 33 Art Center, and Sagamore Spirit Distillery. Visit www.doorsopenbaltimore.org to view the full site list.

Doors Open volunteers—who will assist with greeting visitors, counting participants, and crowd control during the event—are also needed if you are available and interested please contact Doors Open Baltimore.

THREAD VOLUNTEERS ~ *Arshia Sethi*

Thread is weaving a new social fabric in Baltimore. Thread disrupts the pattern of social isolation by enrolling 9th grade students who rank in the lowest 25 percent of their class academically and who face additional challenges outside of the classroom. Students and volunteers form Thread families building reciprocal and transformative relationships. Students consistently defy the odds: 87% of our students have graduated from high school within six years, and 83% of our students have completed a college degree or certificate program.

Thread can't do this without your help! Volunteer to work with students, lead a team, or work as a resource team member based on your skills and expertise. Thread's work is nationally recognized for its unique approach, connecting people across lines of race, class, and zip code. Be part of the Thread movement! Sign up for our next info session here or email volunteer@thread.org.



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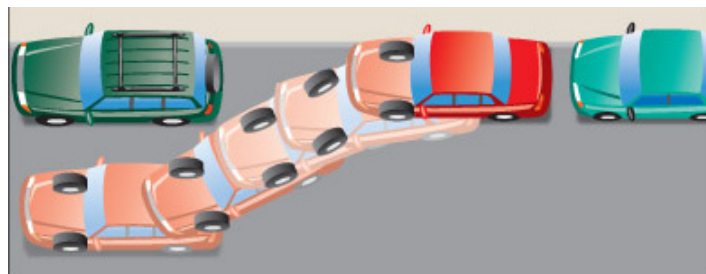
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Eugenia F. Dickerson

RNA Parking Update

RNA received petitions for the pilot area. We are working to gather signatures. Residents in the ten block face pilot area should expect to be contacted sometime this month.





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I'm pleased to support our local Riverside Neighborhood Association.

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SUMMER CONCERT WRAP-UP

~ *Daniel Hertenstein*

Another summer and another summer concert series. If you are asking yourself, "There were concerts?" it's probably because we had TWO rainouts and one almost rainout. For those who were able to enjoy this year's concerts, thank you so much for coming out!

Whether they were able to play or were prevented by the rain, the concert committee would like to thank Get Steady, Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band, The High & Wides, and Wyland for agreeing to take part in this wonderful community event that brings children and adults alike together to spend time as neighbors and friends. We would also like to thank our food trucks Farm to Charm, The Green Bowl, Smoking Swine, Pizza di Joey, and Miss Twist. Once again, whether they were able to provide food or were prevented by the rain, we appreciate them taking part in the concert series.

Of course, a huge thank you to Shaun Wilson for executing flawless sound engineering in some difficult circumstances. Shaun is an invaluable part of the concert team.

Thank you to Domino Sugar for sponsoring our concert series, providing the concert committee with sweet tees, and supplying the raffle with the ever desired prize baskets. A big thank you to all of our other sponsors: Jeff Washo Group, Duo Design and Graphics, Key Brewing, and Little Havanna. You are all great and generous members of the Riverside community.

Let's all hope for a drier (though not too dry) summer next year, and see if we can get back to 4/4 concerts!

Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School #84

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RIVERSIDE HOMES FOR SALE & FOR RENT

1837 Jackson Street - Construction finished on the 3rd bedroom on upper lever! Come check out the transformation on this 8 year old 2100 SF home with 2 car garage & roof deck w wet bar. Great house ready for its new owner! Priced at \$439,900 MLS BA10316006

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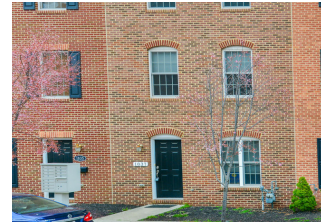
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RIVERSIDE PARK PROJECT UPDATES

~ Jackson Fisher

The exercise equipment project for Riverside Park is closer to reality. After staff turnover and various delays, the project to install two exercise stations in Riverside Park appears to be moving forward. Rec and Parks has hired a contractor to install the equipment. The equipment has been purchased and delivered to the contractor. RNA was not given a specific installation date but we are hopeful that this occurs in the next few weeks.

The new Riverside Park sign board is scheduled to arrive in mid-September. The new board will be an update of the history sign that was mounted to the Riverside Park sign at the Covington/Randall entrance. Look for the sign to appear at the entrance in the next couple of weeks.

In late August, RNA received the new bird bath for the park. Thanks to a generous donation from Chesapeake Realty, there will be a new bird bath in the circular garden near the pool entrance. Our progress has been hampered by the constant rains but we are hope to have the foundation and bird bath installed in the next few weeks.



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

at Riverside Park **1-5 pm**

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

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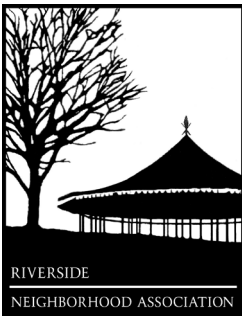
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