

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 25, 2019
 7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

RIVERSIDE RPP PROGRAM REACHES MILESTONE

~ Jeff Brown

On Friday, February 1st, RNA concluded a significant step in its pursuit to implement a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program by completing the petitioning process in the proposed pilot area. By the petition deadline, all thirteen block faces (one side of a block) had reached the required 60% approval percentage required from residents on a per block-face basis. All but four block faces had 70% approval or above, more than half were over 80% approval. Generally, when residents could be reached (which was the challenge given the weather and time of year) residents were in favor of implementing RPP by a margin of 4-1 or more. With this out of the way, we move to another critical phase of the RPP process, signature verification. Now and through May, employees from the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PACB) will be calling residents who signed to verify the authenticity of their signatures. As with the early part of the process, the goal is to verify at least 60% of signatures on all block faces. To that end, pilot block residents are asked to be on the look-out for these calls from PACB. This will be a challenge in this age of robo-calling where many people understandably don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Residents may wish to consider adding PACB's number, **(443) 573-2800**, to their contacts so that they can identify the call. Otherwise, PACB will definitely leave a voicemail with a callback number, so please make sure to check your message and follow up with them.

Following a successful verification effort, the next setup is to schedule a public meeting with at least 30 days' notice by mail to all residences in the pilot area and the surrounding two-block area. The meeting will present the details of the plan and the results of the petitioning process, and will give residents a final chance to ask questions and provide feedback.

Following the meeting, signs are ordered, produced, installed and permits are made available to residents of the pilot area. Given all that needs to occur, it is expected that new RPP Area #48 could be established and running sometime between September and the end of the year.

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RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- Feb 21 BPD Southern Meeting
- Feb 25 Community Meeting

MARCH

- Mar 02 Garden Club
- Mar 04 Community Safety Walk
- Mar 21 BPD Southern Meeting
- Mar 25 Community Social @ Captain Larry's

APRIL

- Apr 01 Community Safety Walk
- Apr 06 Garden Club
- Apr 18 BPD Southern Meeting
- Apr 29 Neighborhood Meeting & RNA Elections

THE POST OFFICE HAS MOVED! (RIVERSIDE RPP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

SOUTH BALTIMORE POST OFFICE SETS MOVING DATE

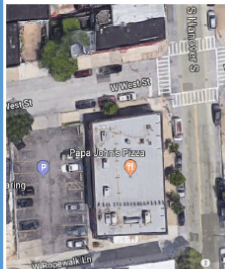


The South Baltimore USPS will be moving on February 4, 2019 from the corner of W. Ostend and Race Street to the corner of S. Hanover and W. West Street.

WHEN
February 4, 2019

WHERE
From: 1220 Race St.
To: 1200 S. Hanover St.

PARKING OPTIONS
Ample parking directly adjacent to new location



Once up and running, adjacent blocks may petition to be added to the area. With fast and efficient participation from residents, blocks may be added in as little as two weeks' time. Specifically, this means that if signatures and verification proceed quickly, residents of new blocks can very quickly receive Area #48 permits, though actual signage on the new streets may not be installed until some weeks later.

Getting petitions signed for a block face is much easier when RNA has a volunteer who lives on the block. Residents are much more likely to respond to a door knock or a phone call from a neighbor that they know, so this tends to move things along more quickly. To that end, RNA will eventually be seeking new volunteers from blocks adjoining or near to Area #48. If you're interested in speeding your block's entry into the program, please let us know via email at RPP@RNAParking.org.

Finally, RNA would like to thank the following individuals who helped to secure signatures in the pilot area, most of whom don't live on the pilot blocks: **Karen Bovie, Erin Chrest, John Crockett, Jen McLaughlin, John Pare, Mary Wargo.**

BCPD Harrison Meet & Greet

The Baltimore Police Department Commissioner-Designate Michael Harrison is attending community meet and greets in each of the nine police districts during the month of February. This is the citizens' opportunity to share their public safety concerns with the new Police Commissioner. If you are concerned about public safety in our community, there is no more important meeting you can attend or opportunity you will have to voice your concerns.

At the Southern District's meeting on February 13th, Harrison listened to the concerns raised by peninsula residents, and many others throughout the Southern District and Baltimore City. If you missed the Southern District's meeting on February 13th, please try to attend a meeting in another district.



The remaining district meetings are in the flyer to the right

MEET & GREET

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh invites you to meet Acting Police Commissioner Michael S. Harrison

| DATE TIME | DISTRICT | LOCATION |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| * Mon. February 11 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | NORTHWEST | Forest Park High School |
| Tues. February 12 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | CENTRAL | Dorothy I Height Elementary School |
| * Wed. February 13 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | SOUTHERN | Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle |
| Thur. February 14 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | EASTERN | Fort Worthington Elementary/Middle |
| Fri. February 15 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | WESTERN | Frederick Douglass High School |
| Tues. February 19 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | SOUTHWEST | Wildwood Elementary/Middle School |
| * Wed. February 20 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | SOUTHEAST | Patterson Park Public Charter School |
| Thur. February 21 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | NORTHERN | Poly-Western High School |
| Fri. February 22 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | NORTHEAST | Mergenthaler Voc. Tech High |

* Spanish interpretation available
ASL interpretation available at all meetings

Doors open at 6 p.m.
If you would like to ask Acting Commissioner Harrison a question, sign-up will be available from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

For more information, call 410-396-4735 or email mayor.eventsvp@baltimorecity.gov

Riverside Park Updates

~ Jackson Fisher

Summer Movies in the Park

For the past few years, Riverside has hosted a couple of movies in the park. Typically, the movies have been at the beginning of the summer and at the end of the summer. Most of the film staging and setup is handled by Rec and Park's Rhythm and Reels staff. I have been looking for a volunteer to help as a host to coordinate the two events. Overall, it is a straightforward process but it is a set of events that could benefit from someone's individual attention. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jackson (jkf42@yahoo.com) for more information.

Ella Bailey Rec Center

Ella Bailey Rec Center, attached to Thomas Johnson Elementary, is one of BCRP's citywide rec centers. It offers programs primarily oriented to school age children in the area. The rec center consists of a downstairs rec room with games and activities, a gym, outdoor space, and a large upstairs multipurpose room. The rec center has had some staff turnover in recent years but it remains a fantastic location that could benefit from some additional programming (classes, clubs, activities) If you have ideas for programming or would like to start up an activity, let RNA know and we will work to facilitate some discussions with BCRP.

Riverside Park Improvement Updates

Please join us in April at the RNA meeting for an update from Rec and Parks on the field improvements to Riverside Park. At the meeting, the BCRP designers will present the overall plan for the field renovations and an update on the design for the red field house. Members of the capital division will discuss the timeframe and answer questions on the project. The adult exercise equipment project is currently underway and will continue as the weather allows. This project should move quickly and is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

BELOW: RNA Volunteers at the MANTS Conference in January. Thanks Jackson Fisher, Steve Coughlin, Scott Walters and Ann Fiocco! The plants seen below, currently stored behind the Red House, will be planted throughout Riverside Park in the coming months. Please join the volunteers on the noted Garden Club days (see front page) to help out!



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DIGITAL HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

BLOOD DRIVE
MARCH 12
9 AM - 3 PM.

COME OUT AND DONATE BLOOD
IN THE DHHS AUDITORIUM.

Share life
 Give blood



March 12



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

South Baltimore Little League Season Starting in April!

South Baltimore Little League located at 1101 E. Fort Ave. 2019 The season is starting in April. SBLL has been a community staple for many years, so join your neighbors and stop by to watch a game!

There are two more weekends of walk in registrations if you have a child interested in playing:

- 2/22 from 6 pm to 8 pm
- 2/23 from 10 am to 2 pm (LAST ONE)



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2017-2018 Committees
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 Friends of Riverside Park:
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 Development: Ann Fiocco
 Trash/Clean-up: Vacant
 Historian: Paul Stysley
 Forestry/Street Trees: Jackson Fisher
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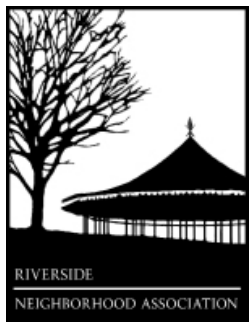
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**Please call for a
 FREE CONSULTATION!**

*As a South Baltimore resident, I would be
 happy to meet at a location convenient to you.*
Call Anytime!

**PARK
 BENCH
 PUB**

Daily Specials.
\$8 Burgers Tuesday.
Bingo Wednesday.
Trivia Thursday.
Football Sunday.

***Walk down and see
 what's new!***



2019 Riverside Neighborhood Association Dues Payment Slip

\$5 per person

**Riverside Neighborhood Association
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 Baltimore, MD 21230**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email/Phone: _____

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