

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

MARCH SOCIAL: Monday, March 25, 2019
6:30 pm at Captian Larry's (Corner of Fort and Jackson)

Grant Request For The Riverside Area

~ John Pare

With the imminent approach of spring and hum of new beginnings in the air, I'm reminded of the words of famed American poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau, "I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders." Through the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership's highly competitive grant program, funded through slot machine gambling revenue, the seeds of our local neighborhoods can be nurtured and grow into great wonders for the community. Below are the important grant applications that the Riverside Neighborhood Association is supporting.

Park Pollinator Areas

The National Wildlife Federation Mid-Atlantic Regional Center plans to use grant funding to establish pollinator areas in the Riverside neighborhood, and to create educational programming around them to teach residents and visitors about the importance of pollinators in an ecosystem. This project would ensure that the park remains healthy and beautiful for future generations.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 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

MAY

- May 04 Garden Club
- May 06 Community Safety Walk
- May 16 BPD Southern Meeting
- May 27 Community Meeting

GiveFit-Ella Bailey Recreation Center Fitness Program

This grant would fund the expansion of free group fitness classes in the Ella Bailey Recreation Center's second floor gym using GiveFit's web-based streaming video platform. The benefit potential this grant holds for the health and well-being of Riverside residents made supporting this application a top priority.

Baltimore Compost Collective and the Institute for Local Self Reliance

The funds from this grant would be used to expand the collection and composting of food scraps in the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership area. Composting food scraps is good for the environment, as is reducing the amount of trash going to the incinerator and local landfills. A healthy environment for our residents is a primary goal of the Riverside Neighborhood Association.

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GET SOCIAL RNA!

Starting at 6:30pm, RNA residents may enjoy their first drink free! Bring a new-to-RNA friend or neighbor to the social, and enjoy a second drink on us!

Back by popular demand!!!! We will raffle off tickets to tour Domino Sugar! Drawing at 7:30pm. Must be present to win!

Spread the word, and we'll see you Monday, March 25!

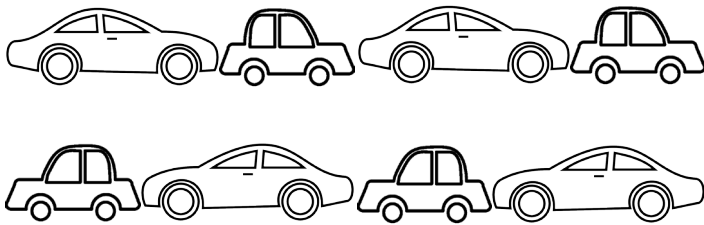
RPP Signature Verification Update

~ *Jeff Brown*

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) reports that all pilot area residents who signed the RPP petition have been called at least once. Many are verified, and for some they've left messages. However, they've also run into some voicemail boxes that were full and some "not in service" numbers (possibly from trouble reading the number on the petitions).

Meanwhile, this is a reminder to all that calls from PABC should show on the caller ID as (443) 573-2800. If you're returning their call you can use that number, or call Shamir Cole at (443) 573-2838.

If you signed the petition but have not heard from PABC then please feel free to contact them proactively. Thank you!



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Riverside Third Space

The Salem Lutheran Church applied for a grant to renovate the church building's social spaces into the "Riverside Third Space." This renovation would provide for the enhanced use of the space by Riverside residents, and the greater South Baltimore community at large.

Riverside Park Pool Beautification

Finally, the Riverside Neighborhood Association applied for one of the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership grants. The RNA would use the funds to purchase new furniture and accessories for the pool at Riverside Park. A portion of the funding would also be used to make general aesthetic improvements to the pool area. The improvements to the pool would benefit Riverside residents, the South Baltimore community, and the city as a whole by creating a safe and attractive environment for everyone to enjoy throughout the summer.

Riverside Park Updates

~ *Jackson Fisher*

It's been planning season for park activities. The concert committee is busy working on preparations for the concerts. Several grant applications have been submitted for pool, recreation center, and planting activities. Movie nights in the park have been scheduled. Picnic in the Park is starting to come together. As the weather warms up, it looks like there will be no shortage of activities, both service and social, in Riverside Park this year. Look for a calendar of events in the next few weeks as we confirm dates and times on all of the different events. We will post them through the newsletter and social media accounts.

BCRP Park Renovation Update

Reminder: Baltimore City Recreation and Parks will attend our April meeting (4/29) to provide an update on the park field renovations, present drawings for the field house renovation, and answer questions.



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Community Safety Update

~ Jeff Dewberry

Hello! I'm Jeff Dewberry, and have filled the big shoes left by outgoing crime/safety chair Shannon Sullivan. I have a background in security and look forward to help make the Riverside area a safer place.

One way we could do this is through your purchase of a security camera and registration with Baltimore Police's CitiWatch Camera program. Multiple crimes around the Riverside area have been solved through citizens' cameras. This does not mean that Baltimore Police can remotely access your camera, instead they will know if a crime took place in a location where your camera may have captured. They will then reach out to you personally to follow up and request footage. Here are some FAQs from the program below. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at RNA email address.

How Does it Work?

- The CitiWatch Community Partnership asks residents and business owners to register their privately owned camera systems with the City, giving police fast access to valuable evidence and letting business owners and community members contribute to the apprehension and prosecution of criminals.
- Already own a camera – If you own a security camera, become part of the CitiWatch Community Partnership by using our simple online registration form, available at citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov.
- Registration – Participation is completely voluntary, and camera owners can choose to stop participating at any time. All information is only made available to Baltimore Police and authorized personnel.

Do I need to install or configure anything?

- No. All we need is the information requested on the online registration form.

Will the City have access to my camera feeds?

- No. The CitiWatch Community Partnership registry contains only basic information about the location, type, and owner of a camera. Feeds will only be accessed by the Baltimore City Police with the permission of the camera owner, and only in the event of a crime.

Participants will only be contacted if the police believe their camera footage can be useful in the apprehension or prosecution of a suspected criminal. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email Help.CitiWatch@baltimorecity.gov.



SAVE THE DATE

RNA Presents:
PICNIC IN THE PARK

MAY 19 2019 / 4:30 - 7 PM

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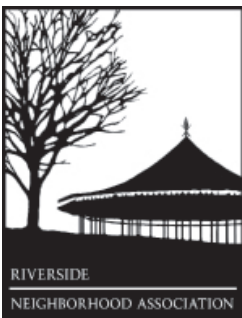
*As a South Baltimore resident, I would be
 happy to meet at a location convenient to you.*

Call Anytime!



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 \$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

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Name(s): _____

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