



Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NO MEETING in AUGUST

(See page 6 for details about September Social)

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Let's Get Together! - *Shane Lapore*

One of the great things about our neighborhood is that Riverside Park is a fantastic place to meet up with your neighbors and friends. Every day hundreds of people make their way through and around the park, stopping to say hello to friends and to meet new people along the way. Well, RNA likes to catch up with friends and meet new people too. We make an effort each year to create events at the park that our entire neighborhood, as well as surrounding areas

can enjoy. I hope that you have had a chance to join us for the Summer Music Series Concerts or the pool's Friends and Family Day. If not, I hope that you can join us at one of our upcoming events. The August concert may have passed by the time that you read this (August 18), but the finale for this summer's concerts will be held at the gazebo on September 8. The bands that are coming are top notch and the arena can't be beat. We will also be having an outdoor social at the gazebo the following Sunday evening, September 15. We will be grilling, and you are welcome to drag

your coolers, blankets and games out to join us.

While we are talking about 'meeting up', I would like to announce that we will not be holding our regular meetings for the months of August and September. August is chock full of vacations, and the turnout for this month is historically low. Our **September 15 Social** at the gazebo will act as a very informal meeting (don't worry, we will not interrupt the picnic to hold a meeting). If you have any questions or issues that you would like to discuss with the board that day, please feel free to do so.

Our October meeting will happen, as usual, at 7 pm on the last Monday of the month, October 28th. This meeting will be held at Captain Larry's. Please feel free to show up early and enjoy their hospitality.

So I hope at this point many of you are excited to show up at one of our events or meetings. We are gearing these events to increase involvement from the neighborhood and we truly want you to be there. RNA can serve our community best when the community is involved. If you have ideas, questions or thoughts about the neighborhood, we want to hear them. If you have a willingness to volunteer, we want to meet you.

If you have an idea or want to become involved please email us at rnabaltimore@gmail.com

If you want to check out what we are up to in between newsletters, please check out our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @RNAbaltimore

Parks & Recreation - *Jackson Fisher* **Defender's Day**

Don't miss the Defender's Day Fife and Drum Parade/Concert - Riverside Park **Friday Sept. 13** approximately **6:30pm** (event starts @5:45pm at Federal Hill Park)

The Defender's Day Celebration (Sept. 13-15) is a full weekend of events celebrating the bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore. This year's events will start on Friday evening with a special flag ceremony at Federal Hill Park, a procession of down Riverside Ave, a fife and drum concert at Riverside Park, and a procession to Fort McHenry. The flag ceremony at Federal Hill Park will begin at 5:45. Saturday Sept. 14 is the big celebration at Fort McHenry with the evening ceremony and the fireworks display. Most of the events are free and open to all ages. For more information on the events of the Defender's Day weekend, the Friends of Fort McHenry have a flyer on their website. www.friendsoffortmchenry.org

RNA August/September Calendar of Events

Sunday August 18th –
Concert in the Park!
Mambo Combo
5pm

Saturday, September 7
Park Cleanup

Sunday September 8th –
Concert in the Park!
Sac au Lait
5pm

Sunday September 15th –
Riverside Social at the Gazebo
5 - 8pm

You can also
keep up with
RNA news and
events through our
TWITTER account

Upcoming Events in and Around the City - *Dave Urbanek*

Baltimore Bike Party

August 23rd

Monthly Bike Ride through Baltimore City. Ride starts at 7 pm at Pearlstone Park near the Myerhoff Symphony and winds through the city with Police escorts. This month's route ends at West Shore Park at the Inner Harbor. For more details see facebook.com/BaltimoreBikeParty

Baltimore Grand Prix

August 30th thru September 1st

The streets of Baltimore come alive with the sights and sounds of high speed automotive racing.

The Wizard of Oz Exhibit at Port Discovery

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Mummies of the World: The Exhibition at The Maryland Science Center.

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Baltimore Summer Antiques Show

August 22, - August 25

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The Baltimore Summer Antiques Show is the largest indoor antiques show in the country, offering guests access to aisle after aisle of fine art, furniture, Asian art, American and European silver, jewelry, porcelain, glass, textiles, American folk art and more, ranging from the antiquities to the 20th century. An extensive array of merchandise offered by more than 575 prominent exhibitors, many of which are the world's foremost experts in their respective fields.



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Love Thy Neighbor - *Heather Chiara*

Getting to know your neighbors can be beneficial to both you and your neighbors. I'm not saying you need to break bread with them, but since we're all Riverside residents and we all generally desire and strive for the same objectives – a safe, crime-free, and clean community -- it might be helpful to get to know those around you. Neighbors can help you out in so many ways, and if we all work together and be neighborly, it just makes being at home that much more enjoyable.

Everyone has a bad neighbor story. The person to your right is the drummer in a horrible band. And to your left is a group of 20-somethings who party until 3:00 a.m. every other day. But it seems like once you get to know the people around you, the level of respect seems to grow exponentially when you are no longer complete strangers. (Hopefully!) If and when you make a request of your neighbor -- for example, asking them to turn the music down at 2:00 a.m. -- they're less likely to snub you. They're more inclined to comply with your request. A little respect goes a long way!

Neighbors helping neighbors is a two-way street. This all starts with a simple hello. It may progress to how are you type conversations and develop from there. Here are some examples: Maybe one day, I sign for your delivered package and hang onto it until you get home from work. On another occasion, you loan me your mixer because mine just broke and I was in the middle of making cookies. You hang onto a spare key because I notoriously lock myself out. Next time I walk in front of your house and I see some litter, I pick it up. You make a conscious effort to get your trash can out of the middle of the alley after trash day because you know I drive back there. See how this works? Not all that difficult, right? Now, some of those examples are for those who really know their neighbors and would consider them acquaintances or even friends. If that's the case, consider yourself lucky!

Trust me when I say that the neighbor you're friendly with is more inclined to help you shovel your car out of your parking space when you're running late for work and you have to get the little ones to day-care. The neighbor you refuse to make eye contact with, not so much. They will walk past you, and think to themselves, wow, that sucks! You'd be more likely to help the neighbor who attempts to be friendly and kind, as opposed to the one who goes out of their way to avoid you; am I right? We all know it's impossible to love everyone around you, but saying hello and acknowledging someone, even with a smile, is really an easy thing to do.

These sort of good neighbor deeds DO come back to you. It's a little you scratch my back, I will scratch yours. Try it. The next time you see a neighbor you haven't spoken to, say hello and smile. Eventually, you may get to know each other (you may even like each other) -- and can help each other out.

This definitely goes along with that old saying: you catch more flies with honey.

Crime - *Shannon Sullivan*

The Southern's District's acting Captain, Ian Dombroski, asks that we spread the word about a fund raising event on **Saturday, September 21**, at FIT! Gym in Towson for fallen Officer Shane Volk's two children. (Maddyson is five years old and his wife is seven months pregnant with their second child - Annabelle). Detective Volk, who was assigned to the Southern, was killed in a tragic accident on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 and was 32 years old. FIT! Gym is located at 1125 Cromwell Bridge Rd. Towson, MD 21286 and the event will include vendors, live music as well as a 5K fun run, obstacle course competition and many other events all day long to raise money for Officer Volk's family. For more information view Fit Gym's public Facebook page.

In other news, as always, remember to remove ALL items from your vehicle before parking and lock your car. Theft-from-auto continues to be the number one reported crime in our area so if you have friends or family visiting make sure they do the same. In the meantime if you have any crime/safety concerns please email me at sullivansox@yahoo.com or ask me at a meeting or crime walk. Our next COP walk is scheduled for **Monday, Oct. 7** as September's walk conflicts with Labor Day.

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Free Flicks on The Hill

LAST CHANCE!

FREE - Thursday night at 9pm on Federal Hill projected on the Visionary Art Museum.

- **Aug 22: The NeverEnding Story (1984)**



Recent RNA Activities

June

- Park Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- Meeting for new Casino
- Meeting with Rec & Parks Aquatics staff about Pool programming and events

July

- Park Clean-Up
- COP Walk
- RNA Board Meeting
- Meeting for new Casino
- Concert in the Park
- Grant application for park beautification
- Correspondence with City for RPP

Federal Hill's biggest festival of the season, STREET BEAT, is on **Sunday, September 8th, 11am until 7pm**. Come enjoy live music on three stages, food & drink and arts & crafts. There will be plenty of family fun to be had on Kids' Kross Street.



STREET BEAT FESTIVAL

This **FREE** event will take place on Charles and Cross Streets. Volunteers are welcome.

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Despite the rain, Capt. Jack rocks the Gazebo on June 21

Riverside Park Summer Music Series

Sweet!

Thanks to sponsorship by Domino Sugars, the Riverside Park Summer Music Series continues with one more concert:

Sac au Lait
September 8.

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Greetings and peace, Riverside Neighbors.

Greetings and peace! I hope that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. I must begin by sharing my joy at what has happened this past month. Salem recently hosted a group of young people from Holy Spirit Lutheran in Eldersburg to help them get a taste of what urban ministry is like. On Aug. 5th, we helped Ann and Scott clean up Riverside park. It was a wonderful experience for the kids to see folks in our neighborhood working at preserving green space in our city and I know it was a plus to those who often labor in the park to make it so beautiful. I want to thank Ann and Scott (and Jackson in absentia) for being such gracious hosts and giving the youth the opportunity to make a difference for our neighborhood (and hopefully consider ways that they can do so in their own).

I also want to thank everyone who participated in our Vacation Bible School, which we co-lead with the good people of Christ Lutheran Inner Harbor. It was a big success and we are so appreciative of your efforts. The program could not have been possible without the presence of the children and we hope they had a good time (they sure seemed to). A special thanks must also be sent publicly to the good folks of Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, who provided the outdoor space. Their work in our neighborhood is a great gift to all of us in Riverside and I want to make sure they are recognized. Thanks also to Captain Larry's for hosting us that Wednesday night and **every Wednesday** for our *Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings* (7:30pm).

Since I have taken up so much space with thankfulness, I want to lift up that our big Mission Plan, a new undertaking of ministry that our church has spent seven months in study and discernment over, will be revealed at our 10am service on September 8th. This will be a new vision for our folks, how we do ministry and especially how we serve you, the good people of Riverside. If you have ever been interested in coming to Salem, please consider that date to see where we feel God is calling us and how you can be a part of it.

Pastor Jacob Simpson



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Development - *Ann Fiocco*

Nothing new to report at press time but there are several projects in the early stages. We will have updates at the next meeting. Please refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit or renovation questions or concerns.

The Riverside Pool

The city has extended the pool season through Labor Day. All activities remain in place for the remainder of the summer.

Park Clean Up

Look for Jackson and Ann in the park **Saturday, Sept. 7th** – between 9am-12noon – We will be doing some weeding, tree trimming, trash pick up, etc. Any time you can give will be appreciated.

September Meeting to be held at the Gazebo

In lieu of our normal monthly meeting in September at Salem Lutheran Church we are planning to hold an association social at the Riverside Park Gazebo on **September 15** from **5-8pm**.

Come out and meet your neighbors, receive some RNA updates, and enjoy food and drink. Hope to see you then! Look to Riverside website, Facebook and Twitter for more details. Please RSVP by Sept. 9.



Helping hands from Holy Spirit Lutheran in Eldersburg assist Pastor Jake and others in the park on Aug. 5



Dues are Due

RNA is now officially a Non-Profit Public Charity and is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to us are now deductible, and we are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. This also means we must start 2013 dues collection. Now that we are non-profit, you cannot vote on any issue without paying dues. They are a very-affordable \$5 a year and can be paid at a neighborhood meeting or by using the tear-off slip below.

2013 Riverside Neighborhood Association Dues Payment Slip

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