

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: MAY 19

7 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

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Connect With Your Neighbors - *Shane Laporte*

It amazes me that every year seems to pass more quickly than the last. The fact that Memorial Day Weekend is nearly upon us does not seem possible. Yet it is coming nonetheless. Because of the end of the month holiday, we have a shortened RNA cycle this month. To avoid a conflict with the holiday, our monthly meeting will be held on May 19th this month, rather than its customary time slot on the last Monday of the month. The holiday also shortens our time between newsletters. For this reason, as well as the fact that the rest of the writers will be covering all of this month's pertinent topics, I will, likewise, shorten my monthly discussion.

This month I will simply put forth a challenge to everyone within, or even beyond, our borders: find a way, any way, to become more tied in to your neighborhood.

This does not have to take the form of participating in the neighborhood association's many activities. We certainly welcome you to come to our meetings, and our COP walks, and our socials, and our park clean-ups and plantings. We have enjoyed seeing the neighbors come out to participate in activities such as last month's yard sale. The attendance and discussions at the monthly meetings has benefitted from more people answering the call to get involved with RNA. However, there are still many other ways to get involved.

The simplest and most productive way can be to get out and meet more neighbors. Join a group, host a barbeque, sit on your stoop, or walk around the park. These are all easy ways to meet your neighbors. You may make new friends, or simply become more acquainted with your environs. The more connections that we all have in the neighborhood, the stronger the neighborhood becomes. For example: I am more apt to keep an eye on the houses of the neighbors that I speak to on a regular basis. I have an idea of the people who come and go, and it is easier for me to tell when someone is out of place or something is amiss. As told by folks who have lived here far longer than my 11 years, this is the type of neighborhood that South Baltimore and Riverside has always been. This is the way that it should stay, but it takes making that first step.

If you are the type of person who likes to organize these types of things, I challenge you to invite a neighbor that you don't know yet. If you are not the type to organize these things, I challenge you to get invited. We all made the choice to live here separately, but we can enjoy living here together.

Park Reminders - *Ann Fiocco*

There are no new updates in development as this issue goes to press. I should have several updates at the May meeting. Please refer to baltimorehousing.org for permit and construction issues. I have decided to fill my development slot with a few reminders as we head into summer:

Attention Parents and Dog Owners and Parents who are also Dog Owners

A few items for everyone who fall under these categories...

- RNA has worked hard to plant new trees and plants in the park. It would be nice if parents would help us teach children to respect the beauty of the park. It is sad to see the volunteer hours wasted by vandals, even if it just an innocent child who isn't told by his parents that it is not ok to pull on the branches of our young trees.

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This month's meeting is on the 3rd Monday due to Memorial Day

Upcoming Activities

Monday, May 19

7pm, Neighborhood Meeting at
Salem Lutheran
(earlier due to Memorial Day)

Wednesday, May 21

Street Sweeping - Odd Sides

Wednesday, May 28

Street Sweeping - Even Sides

Monday, June 2

7pm, Citizens on Patrol Walk @
Riverside Park Gazebo

Saturday, June 7

9am, Park Cleanup

Sunday, June 8

5-8 pm, Riverside Concert Series
- Sac Au Lait Perform

City-Wide Street Cleaning:

Vehicles cannot be parked on
Odd sides every 3rd Wednesday
Even sides every 4th Wednesday

- Dogs are not allowed in the playground. It is against the law and signs are posted by the city stating as much. There are no exceptions to this law. Please respect everyone else in the playground that may be afraid and/or allergic to dogs.
 - If you bring your dog to the park and visit the playground, please do not tie your dog up on the sidewalk near either entrance to the playground. Although we recommend making separate trips to the park, if you must bring your dog, it is kinder to the dog and to others using the playground to tie them up in the shady, grassy area on the sides or back of the playground. It is not fair to other playground users to have to run the “doggy gauntlet” just to enter the area.
 - Children and parents should not be using bad language in and around the playground. There are many small children in the playground on a daily basis and everyone should respect their right to play without hearing bad language from adults and older kids.
- These items are all about respect. Everyone should be able to use the park at anytime during the day, but we are not in a bubble, and we should all respect the people around us and respect the park.

Parks & Recreation - *Jackson Fisher*

Riverside Park Cleanups

-FORP would like to thank the volunteers from Parsons Brinckerhoff for their efforts during the Mayor's 2014 Spring cleanup. The cleanup took place on April 26 during the Riverside flea market. The volunteers weeded and mulched 20 serviceberry trees, seeded and repaired several areas in the park, and planted some new perennials/trees.

-At the May cleanup, work began on the bluestone pavers by the Riverside Park sign. The 2014 Parks and People Partnership with Parks grant that Riverside received funded some additional pavers to bridge the space between the existing area and the new sidewalks. The project is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks depending on how fast the volunteers move.



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- In June, we are hoping to plant the new garden at Johnson/Heath. Be sure to follow Riverside social media to get updates on planting dates and times.

Thomas Johnson Cleanup

On May 8th, Riverside partnered with Thomas Johnson Elementary to conduct the school's Green Thumb day. The planters in front of the building got a fresh load of mulch and plants. Many of the classrooms participated in this annual day of planting.

Star Spangled Banner Trail

After a government shutdown and a severe winter, the Star Spangled Banner Trail wayside (sign) has arrived in Riverside Park. The National Park Service installed the sign on May 5 after several delays. The NPS has created the new Star Spangled Banner trail to highlight several of the sites that were involved in the War of 1812. The Riverside sign explains the significance of the cannons displayed in the park and has an artist's rendition of the view in 1812. It is located near the gazebo area by the Riverside and Randall entrance.



Crime - Shannon Sullivan

Please join us at our monthly Citizens on Patrol (COP) crime walk, Monday, June 2nd at 7pm. We meet at the Riverside Park gazebo and end at Homeslyce where all COP participants receive discounted drinks and sandwiches. Please check RNA's Facebook page for walk status if the weather is poor.

As always, don't forget to remove all items from your car before you lock it! And in the meantime, if anyone has any crime related questions or concerns please contact me at sullivansox@yahoo.com or Officer Vaught, aka Butterbean, at Kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org.

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Concert Updates – Joelle Woolston

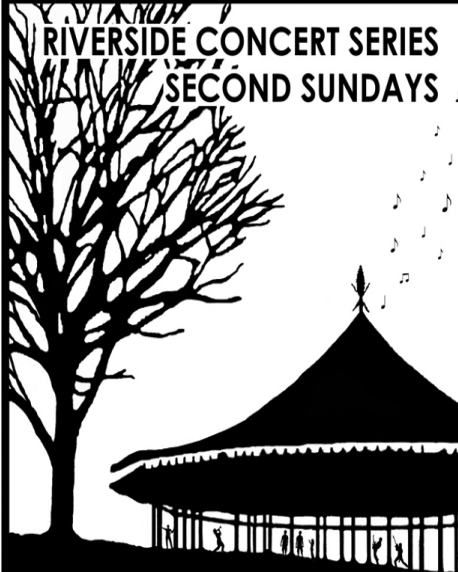
We are working to add some new features to the **Riverside Summer Music Series**, mainly a food truck and beer sales at each concert. We have verbal commitments from four different food trucks, one for each concert. We have also been working with the city to finalize the permits and are optimistic that the beer sales will be a go by the first concert. For the June 8 concert, which features *Sac au Lait* (sacaulait.com), we are expecting The Smoking Swine food truck. Keep an eye on RNA's social media for updates!



Yard Sale Recap – Rachel Wagner

The community yard sale on April 26th was a great success! The sun was shining bright, we had almost double the number of tables as in the fall, and nearly \$600 was raised for RNA. We would like to thank all buyers and sellers, along with those who donated items to the RNA table for us to sell. When asked what people liked most about the yard sale, the most popular response was socializing with neighbors. We're glad neighbors had the chance to be neighborly, and make a few bucks in the process. Keep an eye out for our next community yard sale to be held in the fall.

RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES SECOND SUNDAYS



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Sunday, June 8, 2014 • 8:00 a.m.

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On race day be sure to have your picture taken with our Braille Literacy Champion, two-time **Ravens** Pro Bowler and Ring of Honor recipient, Michael McCrary!

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New Sidewalk is Complete



The RNA has worked closely with Regency Centers (Shoppers) over the last year and they have not only installed a brand new, and much needed sidewalk, but have generously donated \$500 to our association. Thank you to Regency for being a good neighbor to RNA.



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FUN at the BMI

Sunday, May 18 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Old Time Jam Session

Making Music: The Banjo in Baltimore & Beyond.
Bring the whole family and enjoy refreshments from food, dessert, and beer trucks.

\$12 per person, \$10 BMI Member

Saturday, May 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Big Truck Day

In partnership with the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, kids of all ages will be able to inspect and enjoy work trucks, emergency vehicles, and more! Held rain or shine in the BMI parking lot. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 31 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BMI Farmers' Market Opening Day

Join us for our sixth annual market, held in and around our waterfront Pavilion! A convenient place to purchase fresh local foods and buy artisan items not available in stores.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

The following candidates will be joining us at these upcoming neighborhood meetings:

May 19th (earlier meeting date due to Memorial Day):

Peter Hammen
& **Luke Clippinger**, both
Incumbents running for re-election as State Delegates



Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School

Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast

Friday, June 6, 2014 from 7:00 – 11:00pm

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Recent RNA Activities

April

- COP Walk
- Park Cleanup
- Summer Concert Planning
- Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Coordination with Local Institutions
- Community Yard Sale Planning
- Neighborhood Meeting

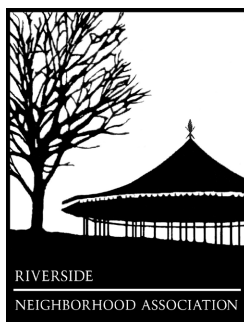
RNA Membership

Become a member of the Riverside Neighborhood Association and help support the community. The \$5 per person membership fee helps to support RNA's efforts in the community, which include park maintenance, the Summer Concert Series, socials, and this newsletter. Each paid membership runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year, and you must be a paid member to cast votes for elections or other topics. Because RNA is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity, all donations, including membership dues, are tax deductible.

The **FREE** Federal Hill Jazz & Blues Wine & Art Festival is known for its great music, and this year is no exception. The festival so many look forward to will take place **Sunday, June 8**, from 11 am to 7 pm. This FREE event brings fun for all ages to the heart of Federal Hill -- on South Charles Street, between Hamburg and West, and Cross Street next to Cross Street Market.

Arts & crafts vendors will offer a variety of wares, and, of course, you'll find lots of great food & drink. For the families and children, visit Kids' Kross Street featuring moon bounces, toddler play area, crafts, face painting, storytelling, performances, and more.





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