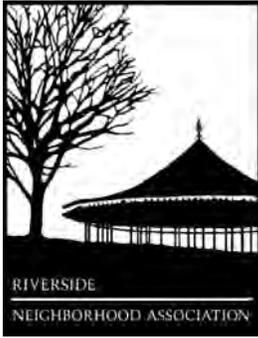


Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: JULY 28

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



Let's Keep Our Neighborhood Beautiful - *Shane Laporte*

There are many reasons to love Baltimore in the summertime; days on the water, days at the park, days at Camden Yards, days pulling weeds. Ok, pulling weeds is absolutely not a reason to love Baltimore in the summer time. It is, however, a good way to show that you love Baltimore by keeping it looking good.

At RNA, we spend a lot of time focused on the park and invite all of you to come out and help with park clean up days. However, it is important to remember that keeping your sidewalk and street clean are equally important. Just like shoveling snow in the winter, it is each resident's responsibility to weed his or her sidewalk. In fact, you can incur fines from the city if you neglect to do so. Fortunately for us in

Riverside, most residents are motivated by the idea that keeping your sidewalk looking nice is a good way to show your respect for your neighbors and the neighborhood.

For those interested in doing more, there are many blocks and groups that organize community cleanings on a regular basis. Joining in is a great way to meet new people and improve the local curb appeal at the same time. Of course, once you finish with your sidewalk, please come and join us at the park

We saw many of you recently as we had our second concert of the summer series on July 13. The music by The Bumper Jacksons, and the neighborhood turnout were just as great as the first show. There are two concerts remaining, one each in August and September. We hope to see you there!

Development - *Ann Fiocco*

Development Committee Goals: RNA seeks to promote responsible development that will enhance life for everyone on the peninsula and within our neighborhood. We want to listen to our residents and balance resident concerns/wishes with the overall best interests of improving city life for everyone.

Medstar Prompt Care opened in the Riverside Wharf building on July 7. The Walgreens is currently undergoing a national restructuring which has delayed their opening date. We will keep you posted as we receive updates. If you have any questions or concerns, all residents are welcome to contact me at annfiocco yahoo.com. Please remember to refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit questions or concerns.

Parks & Recreation - *Jackson Fisher*

Did you know?

-For the past 5 years, Friends of Riverside Park has pruned the lower branches on the park trees. In July, we filled a full sized dumpster (40 yds) to the brim with branches and dead limbs. The lower branches tend to obstruct sight lines and decrease the park safety at night. Overall, we try to keep the branch height at 7-8 feet throughout the park.

-The bird researchers at Cornell University just released an Android version of their Merlin Bird ID app. It allows you to easily identify the various birds in the park through a step by step process. It has a great library of bird photos,

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Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, July 23

Street Sweeping - Even Sides

Sunday, July 27

Family Fun Day, 1-4pm
Riverside Park Pool
(see p.3 for details)-

Monday, July 28

Neighborhood Meeting, 7pm
Salem Lutheran Church

Friday, August 1

Twilight Swim, 8-11pm
Riverside Park Pool

Saturday, August 2

Park Cleanup, 9am

Monday, August 4

Citizens on Patrol Walk, 7pm
Meet at Park Gazebo

Riverside Concert



The Bumper Jacksons rock the Gazebo



Ann and Jackson serve beer donated by Union Craft Brewing

songs, and migratory information. Riverside Park is a great place to see an assortment of birds; the urban location tends to concentrate birds in areas of green space.

-The beer and raffle sales at the concerts go directly to support the planting and maintenance efforts in the park. Each garden in the park has about \$500 in plant material and \$1000 in fencing material and stone. Each year, we plant \$400 in new plant material and spread \$300 in mulch throughout the gardens. We currently maintain five garden areas and are looking to expand to a sixth entrance garden (Johnson/Heath) this fall. We work very closely with Rec and Parks to provide manpower to perform tasks that are not done at other locations in the park system. Through your efforts and support, we are able to provide a park experience that is unlike many in the city.

-August is the best time to go to the Riverside Park pool. It's hot and the crowds drop off. For \$2, it is a fast and cheap way to cool off in the sizzling heat. The pool is open this year until Labor Day (no early closing or budget problems). As always, Nikki and her staff are doing a fantastic job with the new programs and expanded programming. We are always looking for feedback and suggestions; you can stop by the desk and talk to Nikki or email Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com).

-There is a beast on Belt St. Currently, the biggest sunflower I have seen in the neighborhood is located on the Belt St alley. It stands at 9 feet 6 inches and appears to have several more growing days in it. Sunflowers like lots of heat and plenty of water; this year has been an excellent year for their growth and development.

-There are two cleanups in August: Riverside Park Cleanup 8/2 8am-noon ; Back to School Weeding at TJ Elementary 8/16 and 8/17 8am (weed the planters in front of the school)



The Beast of Belt Street

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Expanded Pool Programs – Rachel Wagner

The Masters Swim Program began Monday, June 23rd, and will take place every Monday and Wednesday from 7-8pm. This "Adult Swim Team" affiliated with Charm City Aquatics Masters Club is a lap swimming workout program

with 3 separate lanes for swimmers based on level of ability. The workout lasts 60 minutes in the deep end of the pool covering 40-80 laps. Participants must be 18 years or older. Contact coach mike.mcgarity@gmail.com with questions.

Bootcamp is now 5 days a week, and there are a variety of pricing options. Classes are held Monday through Thursday 7-8pm and Saturday 11am-12pm. The 3-tier pricing structure is as follows:

* Non-season pass holders- \$7/class.

** Season pass holders- \$5/class if paying for one class at a time.

*** Season pass holders- \$3/class if paying for a week of classes. Payment must be made prior to Monday's class.

Family Fun Day at Riverside Park Pool

Sunday, July 27th 1-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun & games, and food provided by RNA!

Free with pool admission!



Recent RNA Activities

June

- Park Cleanup
- Citizens on Patrol Walk
- Summer Concert Series
- Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Pool Program Discussions with Aquatics Dept
- Neighborhood Meeting and Social

July

- Park Cleanup
- Summer Concert Series



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Riverside Summer Music Series Recap - Joelle Woolston

The second concert was great - we had about 350 people and the Bumper Jacksons were spectacular! While the evening was a little hotter and stickier than the last one, it only made the ice cream from Miss Twist and the beer from Union Craft taste that much better!

There are many people and organizations who helped to make it such a great event. Many thanks to:

-**Domino Sugar**, for sponsoring the entire summer music series and for the t-shirt and other giveaways.

-**Murphy Washo Gunsiorowski & Associates**, for the cups with the RNA logo. Remember to bring them to the next concert!

-**Bluegrass**, for their donation of dinner for the band and sound guys.

-**Union Craft**, for the keg donation.

-**Busia's Kitchen**

-**Miss Twist** for her donation of 10% of her profits

-**Little Havana** and **Captain Larry's**

Next time you patronize these establishments, please thank them for helping out the neighborhood!

Two more concerts are left in the season, on the second Sunday in August and September:

Aug 10 featuring *Naked Blue*, food truck: Bistro Lunch Box

Sept 14 featuring *Speakers of the House*, food truck: Da Rua

See you there!



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Singularity! Sit under the stars on Federal Hill and watch movies on a 30-foot wide screen. And don't forget, the museum is open & free between 5pm and 9pm on flicks nights!

Showings are **FREE** - Thursday nights at 9pm throughout the summer.

- July 17: Hugo
- July 24: King of Hearts
- July 31: WarGames
- Aug 7: Time Bandits
- Aug 14: The Time Machine
- Aug 21: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan
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Crime - *Shannon Sullivan*

Almost every weekend from now until Labor Day, the Riverside Park gazebo is rented through Parks and Rec. Most of the rentals are private parties of 250 people or less, so they apply for the general permit/picnic area rental fee. The problems, which occur every year, are the cars that end up parking at the gazebo, which is not allowed, and very loud, often profanity-laced, music. Residents say they call the police on the music but nothing happens. To remedy this situation I provided the Command staff at the Southern Police District Station with a copy of the wording in the general rental permit that the gazebo renter signed, which states: "The only approved equipment allowed during permitted events are small personal radios, tape or compact disc players, or iPod. These devices must be kept at a level of sound that cannot be heard from more than 50 feet from the permitted area and cannot exceed the maximum sound levels specified under the Baltimore City Code – Noise Ordinance Title 9. Sound must end at 9 pm." Continue to call 911 if you see problems related to rentals at the park. Now that the police have the proper information, they should be able to act accordingly. If you are not satisfied with their response, please let me know.

Please remember to lock your windows and doors at all times. If you are away on vacation, have a trusted neighbor take in your mail so it's not obvious that your house is unoccupied. The following info was sent to me on July 8th from Major Dombroski of the Southern District: "We are also beginning to see a burglary trend where burglar(s) are taking advantage of unlocked doors or windows. If you could remind the neighborhood to lock their homes, it will

help prevent this from worsening until we are able to capture the burglar. We have had 5 in Riverside and Federal Hill since 6/29. They are occurring both day and night." So be alert and call 911. If anyone has questions please contact me directly.

Also, don't forget our monthly crime walks. They are a critical component to neighborhood awareness and safety. We always walk with a police officer and we meet the first Monday of every month at the Riverside Park Gazebo at 7pm. If it is raining, 90 degrees or above or 32 degrees or below, the walk is canceled. For updates, please check RNA's public Facebook page. Our walks end at Homeslyce, where all Citizens on Patrol participants are given discounts on food and drinks immediately following the walk.

For any crime related questions or concerns, please contact me - sullivansox@yahoo.com.

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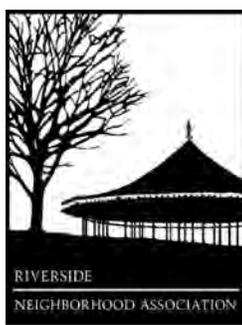


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