

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 30

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

Building Community – John G. Paré Jr.

I love living in our Riverside neighborhood. I love the beauty and safety of the park and neighborhood as I walk to work

or shop, and I am looking forward to enjoying the summer concert series and getting to know our neighbors better at the Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA) meetings and socials. Our neighborhood has so much to offer, but this is not by happenstance. We enjoy a beautiful park because of the work of the Friends of Riverside Park, chaired by Jackson Fisher. Our neighborhood is safer than ever because of the diligence of our Citizens on Patrol. They lead neighborhood walks and post crime alerts on our webpage, and RNA Crime Chair Shannon Sullivan provides briefings at our monthly meetings. All of the wonderful community events, like the Gazebo lighting, spring and fall yards sales, and the summer concert series do not

Smell the Roses



Thank you to the developers of the GE site for the generous donation of 10 mature rose bushes for planting in the park.

They carefully removed the shrubs from their site and delivered them to the park. RNA is grateful to the Bozzuto Group, War Horse LLC, and Solstice Partners for helping us in our continued efforts to beautify the park. (They are far too heavy for Jackson and Ann to plant alone, so we will be looking for some volunteers to lend a strong hand!)

Important Traffic Advisory:

The block of Heath Street in front of Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School will become one-way westbound within the next 30 days. Please be patient as this change is implemented as this is for the safety of our neighborhood children.

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Upcoming Activities

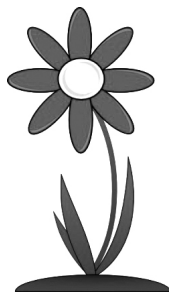
Wednesday, March 25
Street Sweeping - Even Sides

Monday, March 30
Neighborhood Meeting at
Salem Lutheran Church, 7pm

Saturday, April 4
Park Cleanup, 9am

Monday, April 6
Citizens on Patrol Walk, Meet at
gazebo at 7pm

Saturday, April 25
RNA Yard Sale, 9am-1pm



The new garden in Riverside Park at the Johnson and Heath entrance is starting to take shape!

Community Yard Sale • Riverside Park
April 25th • 9am-1pm • Details on p. 3

happen by magic; it takes hour and hours of planning, organizing, scheduling, and hands-on work to bring these events to fruition. The common thread in everything that makes Riverside such a special place to live is the efforts of volunteers.

Everyone who volunteers their time and talents to benefit our neighborhood is creating a wonderful community for us all. If you are not already, consider becoming an active participant in designing the best neighborhood imaginable. It can be hard to juggle everything life throws our way, from work stresses to family challenges. It is not always easy to squeeze more into an already busy life. Although volunteering in our community probably won't easily fit into your schedule, it will most definitely be worthwhile, not just for you and your family, but for our entire community.

It has been said that "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." You can make a difference by becoming a community volunteer. What kind of community do you want to live in? A plethora of volunteer opportunities are currently available. Attend monthly RNA meetings to learn more, or email us at rnabaltimore@gmail.com, and let us know your areas of interest. By getting involved, you will not only learn more about what is happening in our neighborhood and enjoy socializing with your neighbors, you will be voting on the kind of community in which you want to live.

Parks & Recreation – *Jackson Fisher* **Backyard Garden**

Don't plant your tomatoes yet. It's cool plant season: lettuces, onions, herbs, and greens. Asparagus will come shortly, and strawberries in June. In the meantime, be patient and wait another three weeks until planting the warm season plants (tomatoes/peppers/corn).

Riverside Park Updates

- The Johnson/Heath entrance is starting to take shape. We planted several of the plants that we acquired in January from the MANTS conference. We are hoping to install a permanent fence and fill in the remaining area with perennials by the end of April.
- Balt City Rec and Parks is working on the design for the athletic field renovations. We are hoping for a fall renovation of the fields and basketball courts. I will provide an update in the next month or so about the progress.
- Summer concerts will be on the 2nd Sundays of June, July, August, and September.



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You are invited to attend a special information meeting to discuss upcoming repairs to the sewer system in our community. The meetings will be held:

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

701 S Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21230

Thursday, March 26, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Enoch Pratt Free Library – Orleans Street

1303 Orleans St, Baltimore, MD 21231

Go here for details:

<http://tinyurl.com/RNAsewer>

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How to participate:
Either drop off one dozen filled plastic eggs (nut free and wrapped) plus \$1 per participating child to Federal Hill Fitness (deadline April 3) OR simply donate \$7 per child and we will fill the eggs for you (deadline March 27). Contact Erin Konstantoulas emm112977@aol.com with questions.

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.

1701 Light Street – There have been several delays on this project due to some bureaucratic red tape, but it looks as if this project will soon be underway. Look for demolition to begin in the next two months.

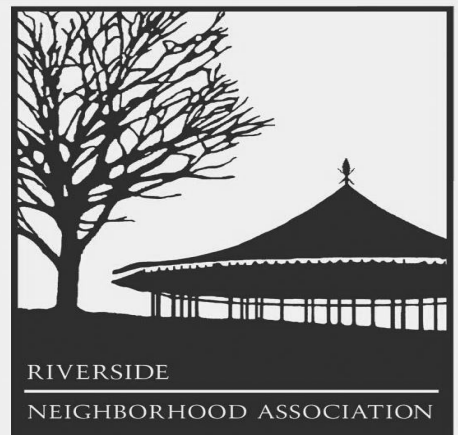
GE Site at the Corner of Fort and Lawrence – Construction has begun on this project. It will be a mixed use building of apartments and retail on the first floor.

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.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, April 25th
9am-1pm @ Riverside Park



- ◆ Sellers: Visit riversideneighborhoodassociation.com to register and pay by April 12; OR mail your name, e-mail address, phone number, and \$10/table nonrefundable prepayment to Riverside Neighborhood Association, 200 East Wells St., Baltimore, MD 21230. Limited tables may be available the day of for \$15 each.
- ◆ Want to give stuff away? Donate your items to the RNA table by 9:30 that morning. RNA will sell your stuff and keep the proceeds!
- ◆ Volunteers: E-mail rnabaltimore@gmail.com if you can assist with day-of setup or breakdown, or if you are interested in taking over the planning of the fall yard sale.



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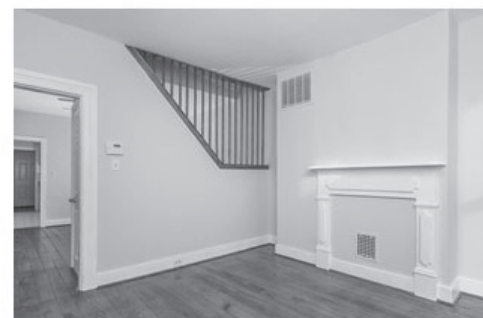
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Wait...There's Coffee – Jackson Fisher

I was having a discussion with my 6-year-old about coffee the other day. She is a big fan of Pfefferkorn's, not because of her/my mass consumption, but because Ms. Patti is the best. I was detailing the significant expansion of coffee options in the neighborhood (it was quite riveting) within her and my 8-year-old's lifetime. While my beer options have been relatively stagnant (one bar opens; one bar closes), my coffee options have been booming.

Riverside seemed like a coffee place, but it wasn't when I arrived. Royal Farms, McDonald's, Spoon's, and Pfefferkorns. No Koba. No Dunkin'. No Starbucks. No Museum of Industry market. Beer was on the corner, but coffee was a walk. I enjoyed my walks but couldn't figure out why the coffee wasn't more prevalent. My wandering/wondering didn't last long; the coffee shops figured it out.

I am happy to say there are now coffee options in Riverside. I can walk most directions and get a cup within a few blocks. I can get big names,

little names, and kid-friendly. There are days when I miss the stroller with the dual coffee cup holders, but pushing the 6/8-year-olds at this point seems ridiculous. So, I plan my commutes/walks past the nearest warm beverage location. I am still looking for a good tea location, but coffee will do for now.

Recent RNA Activities

February

- Neighborhood Meeting
- Summer Concert Planning
- Yard Sale Planning
- Park Improvements
- RNA Board Meeting

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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. As I am writing this, I'm waiting for the thaw of (hopefully) winter's last snow. I hate the winter post-Christmas in large part because it prevents me from getting out and seeing you all in the neighborhood. But if you ever do want to meet to talk and/or pray, I'm at Starbucks off Fort Avenue most Mondays between 1-5pm. You can check our Facebook page (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore) for more information. Though I'm usually there doing work, feel free to interrupt. I try to get a table for two though it can be difficult in that place. But I would love to meet you.

And speaking of meeting, our young adults group would love to meet you as well. We're getting a skeeball team started this upcoming spring to play every Thursday at Mother's. Games begin on April 16. Although we're starting it as a Salem thing, we're extending the opportunity to fill the team to all folks. The more the merrier. And don't worry about being good or not good, I'm terrible. But we figured this would be a good opportunity for us to get together and be social. If interested in playing, please e-mail Pastor Jake (pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.org).

Lastly, I wanted to talk about our Holy Week Schedule. We will have Good Friday services at 7pm and Easter Sunday at 10am (which is our usual worship time). But for Maundy Thursday, we're doing something different this year. We're having a community dinner, similar to the last supper. It will not be worship, it will be an opportunity to share fellowship with one another. And we will depart in silence similar to the way the disciples did. As we'll need to know how many people are coming, and what kind of food they are bringing, please e-mail me if you are interested in participating.

Blessings and peace, *Pastor Jake*

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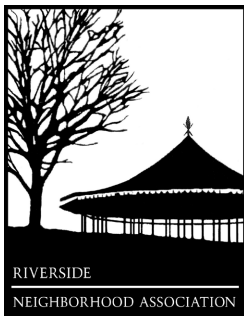
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