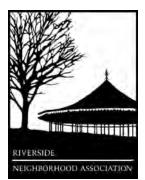
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Riverside Neighborhood Association Encompassing Neighbors from Lawrence Street to Light Street and from Key Highway to the Railyard

NEXT MEETING: June 29

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

Voice your Support for the Banner Route - John G. Paré Jr.

The Charm City Circulator's Banner Route enhances the quality of life for Riverside residents. It is critical to connecting our neighborhood to other parts of the city so we can enjoy all we love



South Baltimore Little Leaguers celebrate the season at Riverside Pool on June 7th.

about living in Baltimore—cultural activities, sporting events, restaurants, and shopping. I use it myself and have spoken with many of our neighbors who depend on the service for essential activities such as getting to work and doctor appointments. In addition to providing us with an alternate form of transportation, the Banner Route helps our neighborhood by reducing traffic congestion, decreasing pollution, and freeing up parking spaces.

Despite all the benefits to our neighborhood and the growing neighborhoods in our area, the current plan is to eliminate the Banner Route from the Charm City Circulator program. This drastic reduction of transportation options is scheduled to take effect on July 20, 2015.

If you would like to voice your opinion on the elimination of the Banner Route, the Department of Transportation will be holding a public meeting on July 13, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School at 1425 E. Fort Avenue.

If you are not able to attend the public meeting, please consider mailing your testimony/comments to Department of Transportation, 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 559, Baltimore, MD 21202 or emailing info@charmcitycirculator.com with subject line "CCC Proposed Changes July 2015". Written comments will be accepted through midnight, July 8, 2015.

Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, June 24 Street Sweeping - Even Sides

Friday, June 26

Riverside Pool Twilight Swim, 8pm See pg 3 for details

Saturday, June 27

Community Dumpster at Barney/Johnson, 9am-1pm

Monday, June 29

Neighborhood Meeting at Salem Lutheran, 7pm

Monday, July 6

Citizens on Patrol Walk, 7pm Meet at Gazebo

Sunday, July 12

Riverside Concert Series: School of Rock, 5pm

Monday July 13

Circulator Banner Route Meeting Francis Scott Key Elem, 5:30pm

Recreation & Parks - Jackson Fisher Historical Map of Baltimore

Ever wonder what Baltimore looked like in the early 1800s? Spend time browsing the city streets with Google street view? UMBC is developing an interactive 3D map of the city that combines historical and modern day data into a format that is easy to explore. The Bird's Eye Annotated Representational Image/Navigable Gigapixel Scene (BEARINGS) allows users to explore the city similar to Google Street View, except in early 1800s Baltimore. Most of Riverside is grassy and green but there are quite a few familiar landmarks that are already established. You can find the map at http://bearings.earlybaltimore.org.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the students at Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle and St. Ignatius Middle for their efforts in planting/maintaining several of the gardens in the neighborhood. Both sets of kids have worked very hard on the efforts along Heath Street between Riverside Park and Light. They have installed fences, planted perennials, and mulched the flower beds. We hope that you enjoy the gardens and remember: No Dogs Allowed.

Street Tree Pruning/Community Dumpster

RNA is getting a community dumpster on Saturday June 27th from 9am-1pm. The dumpster will be placed near the Johnson/Barney intersection beside the basketball courts in Riverside Park. We are planning to prune some of the low hanging branches on the park/street trees. If you have a low hanging branch that you would like pruned, send Jackson an email at jkf42@yahoo. com. Residents can use the dumpster to dispose of household trash and trash collected from alleys/sidewalks; no appliances/liquids/hazardous/construction material.

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Development - Ann Fiocco

Anthem House construction is in full swing on the corner of Fort and Lawrence. 2 East Wells apartments are open and leasing. There is quite a bit of home renovating happening in the area. If you are renovating, talk to your neighbors and let them know what you are planning and the approximate duration of construction. If you live next door to a renovation, reach out to builder/owner to discuss plans and lay out some realistic expectations. When we live attached to other homes, there will be noise and inconvenience, but open dialogues will go a long way to make the process better for both parties. Always try reaching out to the other party before jumping into the adversarial approach of reporting them to the city. Please refer to baltimorehousing.org for any permit, renovation, or deck building questions.

Crime Update - Shannon Sullivan

While this is recycled from last year, the information below still holds true regarding parties in the park gazebo. Also, don't forget our monthly crime walks which are always the first Monday of the month and start at the park gazebo. The next one is scheduled for Monday, July 6th, weather permitting. RNA's Facebook page will have cancellation information if the weather it too hot (90 degrees or above) at 6pm or raining.

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. The wording in the general rental permit that the gazebo renter signed, states:

"As the contact and/or person responsible for conducting a private event on property under the jurisdiction of the City of Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks, I agree that no amplified sound/music equipment and/or devices that project sound can be used for entertainment in conjunction with a General Park Permit." The only approved equipment allowed during permitted events are small personal radios, tape or compact disc players, or an 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/hear problems related to rentals at the park.

Of course, you should also call 911 any time you see suspicious behavior, such as someone looking into cars, people peering into parking pads or backyards, etc. While these are not emergency situations, calling 911 is the

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right path to take, especially if you want the police to respond. The City has 911 operators and dispatchers that are trained to prioritize calls, so do not worry about taxing the system. If you have any questions related to crime and safety you can contact me at sullivansox@yahoo.com or attend the next crime walk and RNA meeting.

RNA Social



Thanks to Wiley Gunters for hosting our May social!

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Riverside Pool Twilight Swim



Friday, June 26th 8-11pm

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Recent RNA Activities

May

- Neighborhood Meeting & Social
- South Baltimore Little League Pool Day
- Riverside Concert Series Kick-Off
- Garden Club Park Beautification
- Riverside Pool Program Planning
- Banner Route Discussions

First Concert of the Season!

Bumper Jacksons were a delight, even during the storm. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the show on June 14.





Please attend meeting concerning elimination of the Banner Route.

July 13, 2015 , 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. of Francis Scott Key EMS

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Independence Day Celebration

Sat. July 4, 6-10pm

The BMI's waterfront location provides the best view of fireworks in the city!

The family-friendly evening offers fun games for the kids, snacks, beverages and a fireworks finale. This sellout event requires advance tickets: \$55 per car.

BMI Farmers' Market

Each Saturday through Oct 31, 9am-1pm

Held in the waterfront pavilion, vendors of fresh and artisanal items make their products available. Free.



Proud to be part of our community.

I'm pleased to support our local Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Jim Craig (**410**) **752-1300** 912 Light Street

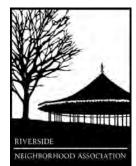
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