

# Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

## NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 26

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

### Mayor Rawlings-Blake Meets with RNA – *John G. Paré Jr.*

Baltimore City is made up of numerous, distinct neighborhoods. The South Baltimore Peninsula extends from the Camden line railroad tracks, east to Fort McHenry and from the Inner Harbor, south to I-95, and is comprised of six neighborhood associations including the Riverside Neighborhood Association. On September 20, 2015, Mayor Rawlings-Blake met with the residents of the Riverside Neighborhood Association and other neighbors on the Peninsula in my home to discuss both neighborhood and city-wide issues.

There was lively discussion about the future of Baltimore City, with topics ranging from charter schools to recreation center improvements to bringing more jobs to the City. Some of the discussion was on how individuals can help make our neighborhood better. One way is to participate in the Citizen on Patrol (COP) walks. COP walks improve police-community relations and demonstrate that our community is serious about crime prevention. The walks take place the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and meet in front of the gazebo in Riverside Park. Another way is to participate in our monthly Riverside Park Garden Club. This work has resulted in each of the beautiful park entrances and the landscaping throughout the park that we all enjoy and that makes Riverside such a special place to live. This activity occurs the last Saturday of each month and meets at 9:00 a.m. in the park.



Thank you to everyone who attended the neighborhood meeting with Mayor Rawlings-Blake on September 20, 2015. The opportunity to have an exchange with the Mayor was beneficial on many levels. By individuals doing what we can, and by engaging with the other associations on the Peninsula, and with the support of the Mayor, the Riverside Neighborhood Association can help address the issues impacting our neighborhood and help make our neighborhood the best it can be.

### Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher*

#### Art With a Heart Bench

Riverside Park has been chosen to receive a new piece of artwork! Art with a Heart, as part of their 15th anniversary celebration, has commissioned 15 artistically decorated benches for installation in various parks/locations around the city. Art with a Heart's mission is to enhance the lives of people in need through visual art. The non-profit brings its visual art programs into schools, shelters group homes, community centers, recreation centers, permanent housing facilities, hospitals and senior facilities. The benches will have artwork on the upper front of the bench done by different artists. Look for the new bench to appear in the park near the flagpole later in the month of October! If you would like more info on Art with a Heart, please visit [www.artwithaheart.net](http://www.artwithaheart.net)

### Upcoming Activities

**October 25** – Halloween Bash  
1-5pm

**October 26** – RNA Meeting  
7pm at Salem Lutheran Church

**November 2** – COP Walk  
7pm meet at Riverside Gazebo

**November 7** – Riverside Garden Club - Riverside Park - 9 - 11am

**December 6** – Gazebo Lighting -  
5:30pm at the Gazebo

**December 7** – COP Walk  
7pm - Meet at Riverside Gazebo

**December 14** – RNA Holiday Meeting and Cookie Contest -  
7pm at Salem Lutheran Church

#### Civic Works Day of Service

Special thank you to the Civic Works Day of Service volunteers who spent the first Saturday in October working on the park. This year we hosted 15 volunteers who planted 600 daffodils, pruned weeds around the basketball courts, weeded the circle garden, and mulched several of the small trees. This is the third time Riverside has hosted a volunteer group for this annual event. This group was by far our most productive. We look forward to hosting them again next year.

### November/December Park Activities

**11/7** - Riverside Garden Club 9am-noon  
**11/10** - Tree Planting with St Ignatius Middle School Students 3-5pm (rain date 11/12)  
**12/6** - Riverside Gazebo Lighting/TJ Elementary Choir Concert

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### TJ Entrance/Plantings

The new play area/planting next to Thomas Johnson Elementary is finished. The Parks and People and the Weinberg Foundations combined resources to renovate the area on the east side of the building. The work included new drainage, planters, play surface, plants, and stonework. Overall, it has really transformed the area. In addition to the playground work, 20 seventh graders spent Columbus day planting, mulching, pruning, watering, and removing trash from the planters

in the front of the school. The students worked really hard on the area and it looks fantastic. If you haven't walked down Heath St for a while, it is definitely worth a visit.

### Recent RNA Activities

#### October

- Neighborhood Social at Little Havana
- Daffodil and tree planting with Civic Works

### THANKS FOR BEING A FRIEND!

Well, it has been two years this month since the closing of our doors for the **MCCULLY-POLYNAK FUNERAL HOME, P.A.**, (South Baltimore/Federal Hill branch). It was a struggle to come to terms with this outcome, but because of the area and especially the parking problems, it was not feasible to keep it open, as it was not paying for itself to remain there. But, because of the lovely office in the Brooklyn area, which is just over the bridge, our families have chose to stay with us for our services in this location. For that, the owners, and especially our long term staff, would like to express our appreciation in your efforts to keep us your local and family funeral home. We strive to continue to make a difficult time for you more bearable and as easy on the family. Thanks for your loyalty to us, and please do not hesitate to let us know how we are doing in the future, as well as just to say hi. From all of us at the funeral home, a **BIG THANK YOU!**

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## RNA Events

### FALL YARD SALE

Unfortunately, due to the weather and soggy ground, the Fall Yard Sale needed to be cancelled. Thank you to everyone for their understanding. While we would love to plan a rain date, the logistics of the event make it difficult - the table reservations, the charity pickup, the schedule of the many volunteers who organize it, etc. We are planning to have the Spring Yard Sale, but have yet to determine the date - we will keep you posted in the newsletter and on social media.

### GAZEBO LIGHTING

An event that will occur rain or shine is the annual Gazebo Lighting. (The tree guy, who is also the light hanger, just pointed out that it will not occur during shine, b/c it is a nighttime event.) Please join us at the gazebo on Sunday, December 6. The TJEMS chorus will be singing a few carols, we'll light the gazebo, then have our snowball fight! We are always looking for donations to help with the event, either time or items or money. Please contact me at [RiversideConcerts@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideConcerts@gmail.com) to help.

RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## GAZEBO LIGHTING



**DECEMBER 6, 2015**

Join us at 5:30 pm for cocoa and cookies, a performance by TJEMS Choir and the annual lighting of the gazebo by a special guest.

The combined RNA November/December meeting will be **Monday, December 14th**. Stay tuned for more information about the annual **Holiday Cookie Contest** and **Salem's Basket raffle** at that meeting. There will not be a November meeting.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



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## OKTOBERFEST BIERGARTEN

Enjoy the patio with Bavarian beer and hand crafted traditional German dishes!

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## BALTIMORE OYSTER FESTIVAL

**West Shore Park  
October 24 1pm - 5pm**

Waterfront Partnership and The Chesapeake Bay Foundation are teaming up to host the first annual Great Baltimore Oyster Festival! This **free** to attend event will feature live music by the Eastport Oyster Boys and the High and Wides, boat tours, family friendly activities, interactive Chesapeake Bay themed displays - oh, and of course oysters!



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## Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

IGreetings and peace! I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. I want to begin by thanking all of you who came out for our Pet Blessing and Oktoberfest. I was nervous about the Pet Blessing as we were supposed to get hit hard with rain but fortunately it worked out and it was so great to meet all of you and your dogs! We had a fantastic time and you can see pictures on our Facebook page (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore). The Oktoberfest was great too and we are so thankful that Captain Larry's continues to host us. It is always a blessing to interact with folks from the neighborhood and we thank God for your respective presence.

Our next big event is the Holiday Kickoff, formerly known as Winter Wonderland. We decided to move it up to the weekend before Thanksgiving so you can start your holiday off right at Salem! The first night will be Friday, November 20th from 4-7pm, featuring a spaghetti dinner. The next day, Saturday November 21st from 12-7pm will be Santa's first seasonal appearance, along with the return of the popular kid's room, which will have crafts and games for them. There will be a grill until four followed by a dinner that evening. We have also partnered with Captain Larry's (again) to do an Overtime: for every dinner you purchase, you'll receive a \$5 drink coupon for Captain Larry's, which is good for that weekend only. So celebrate with us and then celebrate there, first drink on them!

I am usually at Starbucks off Fort Ave on Monday afternoons, trying to get work done. I would love to meet with you anytime to talk and/or pray. I pray a great

Fall and a Happy Halloween to you all in our wonderful neighborhood! Blessings,

*Pastor Jake*

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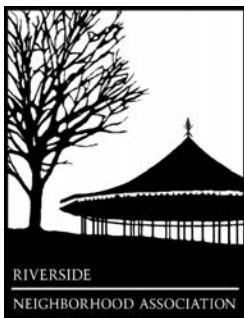
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