

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 29

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

District 11 City Council Candidates Address Community Issues

Democratic Mayoral Debate is March 3, 2016 – John G. Paré Jr.



Mark Riccobono, President of the National Federation of the Blind, welcomes candidates and neighbors to the debate.

I had the privilege of moderating the Baltimore City district 11 democratic debate on February 11. Candidates Eric Costello, Curtis Johnson, Greg Sileo, and Dea Thomas answered questions submitted by the district 11 community addressing plans and proposals on a wide range of issues including taxes, crime, education, and others that impact the quality of life in our neighborhood. If you were not able to attend the debate, you can access video of the event at the SOutBmOre.com Web site (<http://southbmore.com>).

Many thanks to all who attended the debate, submitted questions, and helped promote the event, which was sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind, the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City, Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association, Key Highway Community Association, Locust Point Civic Association, Riverside Neighborhood Association, and the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association.

Democratic Mayoral Debate is March 3, 2016

Tom Hall of WYPR will be the moderator. All democratic candidates who filed prior to the February 3 deadline have been invited. If you would like to submit questions to be considered for the debate, please email John Pare at johnngpare@gmail.com or Lou Ann Blake at lblake@nfb.org by 5:00 p.m. on February 24. A second opportunity to submit questions for the candidates will be available at the event.

WHAT: Baltimore City Democratic Mayoral Debate

WHEN: March 3, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: National Federation of the Blind Headquarters
200 E Wells Street
Members Hall, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21230

There is free parking in the National Federation of the Blind parking garage as well as street parking.

The ballots for Mayor and six of the fifteen City Council seats do not have an incumbent running. This means that there will be a significant increase in new leadership at this critical time in our city's history. **Do your part in shaping our city's future: get involved, get to know the candidates, and vote in the April 26 primary.**

Development – Ann Fiocco

Déjà vu all over again...Yes, I am posting this one more time to ensure the information gets out to our residents - **Rallo's Lot Development** – Presentation at our February meeting. The development companies involved with Anthem House are in the preliminary stages of development for the old Rallo's building and the adjacent parking lot. The parking lot will be developed into a mixed use project with retail/office on first floor and apartments above. The project is tentatively planned for 5 stories. There is a preliminary plan with many presentations still to come for the Planning Dept and Planning Commission. RNA has been and will continue to be involved in the process including the presentation planned. Currently, the first step has been made with a rezoning request put into the City Council. The rezoning will most likely get on the docket for January or February. RNA will keep the community updated as this project, and its planning, continues. Questions may be sent to annfiocco@yahoo.com.

Future RNA Events

Monday, February 29 – RNA Meeting 7pm at Salem Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 3 – Mayoral Debate 7pm at the NFB

Monday, March 7 – COP Walk 7pm meet at Riverside Gazebo

Monday, March 28 – RNA Meeting 7pm at Salem Lutheran Church



Candidates on stage, from left to right: Eric Costello, Curtis Johnson, Dea Thomas and Greg Sileo.

Recreation & Parks – Jackson Fisher

Riverside Group Volunteers

Want to organize a group service project? Need a day out of the office? Riverside Park is a great destination. There is an ongoing list of projects within the park and the neighborhood that we can use volunteer help. Last year, we hosted schools, service groups, and private companies for plantings, cleanups, and pruning activities. It is a great opportunity to make a noticeable difference to an area that we all enjoy. If you are interested or would like to help as an individual, please contact Jackson (jfk42@yahoo.com) For a list on upcoming park activities, please check the community Facebook page for more info.

Riverside Renovation Update

The next phase (Phase 2) of renovations at Riverside Park is progressing but at a pace that is very frustrating. We had hoped to see work on the athletic fields and the red house in 2016. Unfortunately, not enough progress has been made to see this occur in the next few months. Balt City Rec and Parks (BCRP) is continuing to negotiate with CSX for the acquisition of additional property on the south side of the park near the Johnson/Wells intersection. This negotiation has taken significantly more time than anticipated and thus been a point of contention with all involved. Progress has been made and RNA is hopefully that this will be finalized shortly. The Phase 2 renovations includes replacing the fencing/backstops around the athletic fields, drainage, irrigation, new sod, new basketball courts, lights, and several other structural and aesthetic improvements. The Riverside Park Phase 3 renovations include the pool and the surrounding pool structures. At this point, there is only preliminary estimates for that project.

Recent RNA Activities

January

- Trees and plants acquired from MANTS convention
- Tree/shrub planting
- Shoveling of Heath Street path through park
- Worked with city on several renovation and nuisance property issues

AVAILABLE HOMES FOR SALE

1257 Riverside Avenue #D 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, off-street parking, 2 decks, finished basement, gated greenspace & gazebo. MLS BA9526302

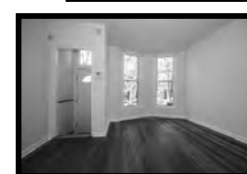
1145 Riverside Avenue 3 bedr, 2 baths, fireplace, sky lights, hardwood flrs, cook's kitchen, custom wine rm & 2 yrs pre-paid garage parking. MLS BA9508604

114 N Lakewood Ave (Patterson Park) 3 bedrs, 1.5 baths, craftsman staircase, original hardwood flrs, & partially finished basement. MLS BA9546566

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*This price listed is for advance sales only. For cruise ticket prices please visit our website. We recommend using alternative transportation options to get to and from the event such as the Charm City Circulator, Baltimore Water Taxi and more. For more information about Waterfront Partnership please visit WaterfrontPartnership.org



Cookie contest winners.

Thanks again to Domino Sugar for sponsoring the contest and to our state delegates and Peter O'Malley for judging.

VACANCY:

Yard Sale Coordinator

Many people look forward to the yard sale for selling and shopping. If it is to continue this year, a new volunteer coordinator is needed. Duties include event planning, flier and ad creation, and social media posting. If you are interested, please contact rnabaltimore@gmail.com.



MUNICIPAL TRASH CANS

Baltimore City is providing one **free** 65-gallon trash can to every residential address that currently receives trash collection service by the City.

Distribution of the cans will begin in early 2016. Hang tags will be posted at each property approximately 10 days before delivery.

A neighborhood delivery schedule will be posted at: publicworks.baltimorecity.gov and updated regularly.

The cans are constructed of durable resin that will not blow over and have attached, tight-fitting lids and wheels.



Big Hope For Baltimore Conference

Lessons Learned from Medellin, Colombia (& Other Light-Filled Urban Problem Solvers)

When: Monday, March 28, 2016

What Time: 3pm – 6pm

Cost: FREE, but limited space & registration required.

Register at: <https://goo.gl/zNWX2J>

Where: 3rd Floor, Jim Rouse Visionary Center



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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. I have to express my gratitude for the behavior of so many in Riverside during the recent blizzard. I saw neighbors banding together to help shovel out streets, houses, and vehicles in very difficult circumstances. Seeing the pictures on social media of folks who cleared out their alleys, beer one hand, shovel in the other made me grin. And though the city was frustrating with its response (although I have to send some love to much maligned BGE for their work in restoring power during what was probably the worst of the storm), it did not dampen the spirits of our neighborhood.

As I write this, Lent has just begun and that means the return of our Lenten vespers on Wednesday nights at 7pm. A different kind of service than Sunday mornings, Lenten vespers are quite, more intimate, and leave more time for self-reflection. If you've been interested in worshipping at Salem but don't like to wake up early or find that

traditional worship services aren't for you, vespers are a great gateway to see what we are about. And if you are from a different tradition other than Lutheran, but want to explore Lent in a new and unique way, this is an opportunity to do so. I'll be co-leading them with Diakonal Minister Sara Jane Baublitz, who also helps me lead our young adults group. We hope to see you there.

There are so many ways to stay in touch with what Salem is doing, either through our website (SalemSouthBaltimore.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/SalemBaltimore) and Twitter page (twitter.com/SalemELCABmore). We also send out two weekly e-mails: an e-letter on Tuesdays that contains all of the information as to what's going on, and a Theology Thursday post that has a reflection for Sunday's upcoming texts. If you'd like to be added to the list for the e-mails, please message me (pastorjacob@salemSouthBaltimore.com). I hope and pray you have a blessed winter.

All the best,

Pastor Jake

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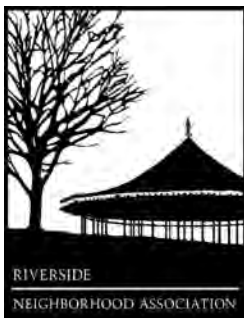
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