

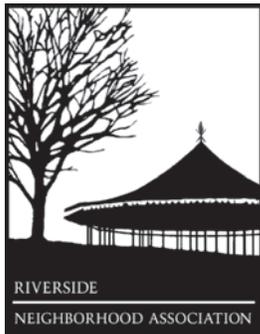
Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 23
RNA Social May 23th, 6:30pm at Captain Larry's

Operation Pipeline, Phase 2: What You Need to Know

- John G. Paré Jr.



RNA Social
May 23th, 6:30pm
at Captain Larry's
(601 E Fort Avenue)

Come have a drink and
meet your neighbors!



First drink
is FREE!

What is RNA up to?

April

- COP Walk with BPD Commissioner Davis
- Concert Committee completed booking of bands, food trucks and permits.
- Board met with R&P Aquatics for summer programming.
- Board meeting with new developer of property on Key Highway.
- Mayor's Clean Up 4/23 with RNA Garden Club
- RNA Meeting planned with Complete Streets and BGE presentations.

May

- Garden Club coordinated Green Thumb Day at TJ May 5
- COP Walk
- Dog poop bag installation in park
- Garden Club planting
- RNA social
- Pool opening

At the April 25 RNA meeting, representatives from BGE gave a presentation on Phase 2 of Operation Pipeline, a large-scale gas main replacement project. Work in South Baltimore, Phase 2 (which includes many homes in Riverside) is scheduled to begin in May. The purpose of Operation Pipeline is to replace aging, deteriorating pipelines with new, larger, and safer gas pipelines. The presentation began with a short video that described the project and what to expect. The easiest way to view the video is to search for "Operation Pipeline BGE" on YouTube. I recommend watching to get a better understanding for the project and be better prepared.

What you need to know--

- When work is ready to begin on your street, you will be notified with a hanger on your door that will have the name and contact information for the contractor doing the work.
- The person authorized to allow BGE to perform the necessary work will need to be home for the initial meeting to assess the current gas meter location, discuss next steps, and answer any questions you may have. Someone to provide access to property and appliances will need to be home for subsequent appointments.
- This a major project with a lot of underground digging, so be prepared for parking restrictions, lane and road closures, construction trucks and equipment, noise, and dust. BGE's goal is to do its best to minimize the inconvenience.
- The BGE contractor will require access to the exterior and interior of your property to begin prep work for the new meter.
- Although the goal is to minimize damage to sidewalks and landscaping when the new service line from the BGE main is installed from the street to the eventual location of the new meter, the work will require a lot of digging that will be temporarily patched.
- You will be contacted again for the installation of the new meter. Be prepared to have all your gas appliances such hot water heaters, furnaces, clothes dryers, ovens and stoves to be off for several hours. Once installed, the contractor will turn your gas service on and thoroughly inspect the work.
- Once all gas mains and meters are replaced for your area, all temporary patching will be restored.

Photos of
Yard Sale &
Green Thumb
Day at Thomas
Johnson on page 5

• Your existing meter equipment is not compatible with the new higher-pressure mains, and must be replaced to continue receiving gas service. Responding to appointment requests promptly will speed the completion for your area.

• A map of Operation Pipeline, South Baltimore, Phase 2

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boundaries with the streets to be worked on is available on RNA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rnabaltimore).

- Should you have questions or concerns, you can contact the Operation Pipeline Team at operationpipeline@bge.com or call 410-470-7700.

- As always, if you smell gas or suspect a gas leak, immediately go to a safe place and contact BGE at 1-800-685-0123.

BGE recognizes that this process is going to be disruptive to our neighborhood; however, this temporary inconvenience is necessary for safe and efficient service.

Recreation & Parks – *Jackson Fisher* Garden Club Updates

Six dog waste bag dispensers were mounted around the park for the May cleanup. The dispensers hold a couple hundred bags each and should be an improvement over the plastic Ikea bag holders. Since we shifted to the new dispensers, please recycle old grocery bags at the shopping center. I am looking for a few dog walkers to keep an eye on the status of the bags and if we need to refill the dispensers, please send me a message (jkf42@yahoo.com)

In June, we will work on pruning some of the low hanging branches in the park. There will be plenty of branches to move so the more the merrier. The project will start at 9am on June 4th. Bring gloves and water. No tools/experience required.

Community Dumpster

As part of the pruning project, I have requested a roll off dumpster from the city on June 4th. The dumpster will be placed near the Johnson/Barney intersection next to the Riverside Park basketball courts. If you have any household waste or alley trash, the dumpster will be available from 8ish until 2ish. (may fill up before 2 depending on pruning activities.) No hazardous material, liquids, appliances, etc.

Development – *Ann Fiocco*

DOT is beginning a study of Lawrence Street to include Key Highway and Fort Ave. Study will encompass traffic light timing, turn lanes, pedestrian access, and possible bike lanes. Study should be complete in July and a public meeting will be held at that time.

No other development updates at this time. Refer to Baltimorehousing.org for all renovation and permitting questions.

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Dog bag holders are installed in Riverside Park thanks to Will and Jackson

Summer Concerts are Back

Please join us from 5-8pm on the Second Sunday of the month to enjoy free music sponsored by Domino Sugars. We are bringing back the beer and wine sales, as well as the food trucks. As always, we could use help on the day of the concerts. Please email Joelle at RiversideConcerts@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Food Truck</u>
6/12	Crawdaddies	Smoking Swine
7/10	Ellen Cherry + Guest	Greek on the Street
8/14	High & Wides	The Green Bowl
9/11	Soul Island Rebels	Grrr Cheese

RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES

SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11

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Join us at the Riverside Park gazebo from 5-8pm. Food truck and beer sales at all concerts!

Riverside Pool Activities

May 28th Grand Opening - open weekends only until school lets out

June 12 - Little League Day - honoring our little ball players with free hotdogs, snacks, and a visit from the Oriole Bird

June 22 - Teen Night

June 24 - Twilight Swim

June 25 - Baby Country Club (mommy/toddler Swim) begins - \$55 per child for the season

July 22 - Twilight Swim

July 24 - Family Fun Day - free hotdogs, snacks and games

Masters Swim - Weeknights 7-8pm

Saturdays 11am - noon

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Spring Community Yard Sale

The weather may have been a bit wet, but that didn't dampen the spirits of all who participated in our spring community yard sale. Many thanks to all the volunteers who help set up and clean up the day of, all who publicized and hung flyers, and all the hardy sellers and buyers who ventured out in the mist and rain to support the Riverside Neighborhood Association! Together we made over \$575 to help fund beautification projects for Riverside Park. We have already put our request in for perfect weather for our fall community yard sale, so hope to you then!



Green Thumb Day at Thomas Johnson



Jackson Fisher and Scott Huot work with TJ students teaching how to plant and an appreciation for greening our neighborhood.



Road and Parking Update – *Dave Urbaneke*

Light Street at Key Highway Intersection Improvements

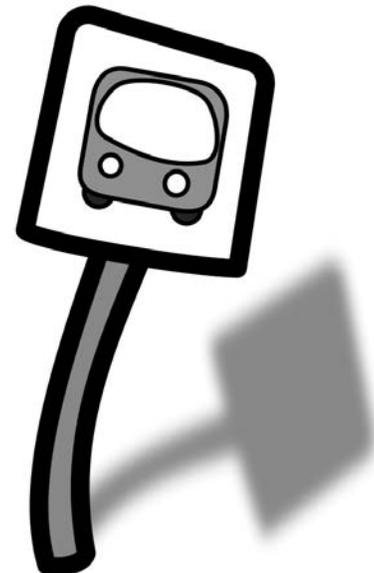
This long-delayed project to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety along Key Highway from the Science Center to Rash Field is currently under design with construction expected to begin in the fall.

Charm City Bikeshare

Beginning this fall, 500 bicycles will be available for short-term rental around the city. They will be placed at 50 stations around Baltimore in an area spanning from the Inner Harbor west to Union Square, north to Charles North, east to Canton and south to Locust Point.

Bus Stop Consolidation/Curb Extensions at Bus Stops

If you haven't noticed, there are 6 bus stops along the 3,000-foot Fort Avenue corridor from Light Street to Lawrence Street, with a stop in each direction for a total of 12 stops. Each stop is approximately 70 feet long, which could accommodate approximately 4 parked cars. There are also 5 bus stops along Light Street from Fort Avenue to Wells Street. I propose to consolidate some of the stops along Fort Avenue. I also propose to redesign several of the stops to consist of a curb extension ("bump-out" or "bus bulb") at each intersection. Rather than a bus pulling out of the travel lane into a bus stop, the bus would remain in the travel lane and stop at the bump-out/curb extension. Although this would create a few extra seconds of delay for motorists waiting behind a stopped bus, this would create approximately 30 additional parking spaces along these two short corridors alone. Shelters (as well as landscaping) could be installed on the curb extensions where they previously could not be installed in the sidewalk. I will run through the details at our April 25 neighborhood meeting to get resident feedback before submitting anything to the City.



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Greetings and Peace, Riverside Neighbors

I hope and pray that you are well as spring is about us. I want to thank those of you whom we met at the yard sale last month, as well as those of you we interacted with at the RNA meeting. While we value the opportunity to promote Salem's activities at these events, we also like to meet our neighbors. It was a blessing to have engaged with many of you who braved the rain on Saturday and who sacrificed a Monday night to come out and support the neighborhood. This is a great neighborhood to be a part of and we are glad to be in it. We passed out close to 100 flyers that covered what we are doing through the end of this month. I hope you take a look at it and check us out. And as always, everything we do is updated on our website: www.salemsouthbaltimore.com.

Starting on May 25, our Wednesday night worship (7pm) will become a weekly thing. It is a different service than 10am Sunday mornings in that it's quieter and contemplative. If you're looking for a gateway into a faith community but Sunday morning is too intimidating, this is a good place to start. We will also be back at Captain Larry's on June 6 and 20 for Love Thy Neighbor Gatherings at 7pm. We're going to try and make LTN Gatherings a twice-a-month thing on Mondays, having been displaced by worship. But that might change. The point is: we just love going to Captain Larry's and we're going to find new ways to do it. And our next Orioles game watch party will be Saturday, June 4, 7pm at Iron Works.

Lastly, we are looking to make our building more marketable for space usage. We have a great tenant in Beth El with their well-regarded day care and we want to build relationships with other folks in the neighborhood. We have a beautiful sanctuary for weddings, a downstairs fellowship hall for kids birthday parties and bridal showers, meeting space for professionals, a functioning kitchen and other rooms. If you are interested in using our space, please send me an e-mail (pastorjacob@salemsouthbaltimore.com) and let's see if we can work something out.

All the best, *Pastor Jake*

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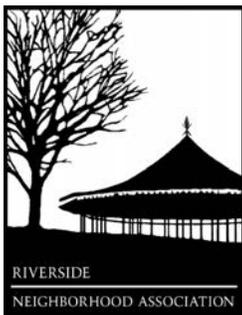
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