

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

## **NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 27** March Social at Captain Larry's - 6:30 pm

Looking Forward - John G. Paré Ir.

## **RNA Elections**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the RNA elections at our last meeting. I am thrilled to be able to continue to serve as president. Reelected were Jennifer McLaughlin as vice president and Joelle Woolston as treasurer. We welcome as our

There will be a community dumpster for the April 1 park activities. Dumpster will be placed near Johnson/ Barney from 7:30am-



2pm or until it is full.

## What is RNA up to?

#### APRIL

April 1 Garden Club 9am-noon

Community Dumpster

7:30 am - 2pm

April 3 Crime Walk

April 22 Earth Day Cleanup

9am-noon

April 29 Yard Sale

#### **MAY**

May Green Thumb Day at TJ

Elementary

new secretary, Rebecca Celotto. Rebecca keeps pretty with her career as an attorney, her volunteer work with CASA and Reading Partners, and her husband and two kids—we are delighted she will be donating her considerable talents to the RNA!

One of the reasons Riverside is such a wonderful community to live is because of the dedication of the RNA board, committee chairs, and volunteers. It truly is a pleasure to work with people who are generous with their time, supportive of each other, and passionate about what

they do. I am proud to be part of a team who looks for ways something can be done instead of reasons it can't. Many hands make light work, and we can always use volunteers. There are many ways you can help deliver newsletters, volunteer at RNA events like the summer concerts or yard sales, and work to keep our park beautiful are just a few. Please volunteering—doing consider good feels good!

### **Cross Street Market**

Inlightoftheannouncement that Caves Valley Partners (CVP) terminated their agreement to renovate and manage Cross Street Market, in the February newsletter I talked about presenting a unified vision for the Cross Street Market for when the next opportunity appears.

Maybe opportunity does knock twice. On March 7, 2017, CVP announced they are planning to propose a revised plan to redevelop Cross Street Market.

## MARCH SOCIAL:

Come out and meet your neighbors and discuss issues important to you with our board members

No meeting, just a few updates while we socialize.

reconsideration came in response to those in the community who were disappointed by the pull out. Most everyone agrees the Cross Street Market needs revitalization; however, the original CVP plan raised some issues some in the community could not support.

The revised plan addresses three of the major objections by—

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# Community **Yard Sale April 29th**

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## A Word from the New Commander of the Southern District...

I just wanted to introduce myself to the Southern District Community. I have the honor to serve the citizens of Baltimore for the past 17 years as a Baltimore Police Officer. Over the course of my career, i have worked in units as diverse as patrol, district detective, housing, mobile enforcement, and special enforcement.

In January 2015 I was appointed to Major of the Eastern District, during my tenure in charge of the Eastern District, I dedicated significant time to improving police-community relationships by developing initiatives to boost morale among

officers and residents alike. Along with the Eastern District Community we created and promoted an array of programs aimed at this fundamental goal, including Good Neighbor walks, Family Fun Days, and Hot Chocolate with a Cop, among others.

I look forward to working with ALL of OUR communities within the Southern District to make OUR entire DISTRICT SAFER! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues or concerns immediately.

Sincerely, Major Steve Ward

## Recreation & Parks - Jackson Fisher Wildflower Garden

Plans are in the works for a new pollinator/wildflower area along the edge of the athletic fields in Riverside Park. The planting area is located adjacent to the fence at the park service building (end of Covington St). Volunteers, led by Rhiana Scholz and Cara Fiore, hosted a fund raiser at Capt. Larry's to help fund the seeds, fencing, and other supplies for the project. Work has started on cleaning the area and preparing for tilling. Currently, we anticipate cleaning activities to continue until the end of March, tilling in early/mid April, and planting at the end of April. As the weather allows, wildflower activities will be coordinated over the next few weeks and announcements will be distributed through the RNA facebook page.

#### Earth Day Cleanup

Friends of Riverside Park will host a group of volunteers for an Earth Day cleanup on April 22nd from 9am-noon. If you would like to join us, we will meet at the gazebo and work on projects in the park.

#### Riverside/Latrobe Tour

Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes will host a tour of Riverside and Latrobe parks on April 30th from 2-4pm. Learn about their unique histories and recent revitalization efforts. The tour will be led jointly by members of FMOPL, Friends of Riverside Park, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, and Jillian Storms. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for FMOPL members. More information can also be found at http://www.olmstedmaryland.org/events/.

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- better accommodating current merchants by phasing in construction to avoid complete Market shut down and by phasing rent increases
  - addressing Market liquor license concerns
- retaining Nick's Inner Harbor Seafood as a vendor

The revised plan brings hope for a revitalized Market, but there are no guarantees. CVP plans to work with community stakeholders to discuss details of the redevelopment plan and to see if there is enough support to move forward on the project.

More information on the revised plan for redevelopment and upcoming meetings visit the CVP-

Cross Street Market webpage at www.CrossStMarket.com.

The RNA has many fun and interesting events planned this year, and hopefully plans that balance the needs of Market stakeholders will be put in place. When I look forward, I see a vibrant, fun, and involved Riverside neighborhood. I am looking forward to enjoying the park and comradery with my neighbors—and perhaps shopping in a newly renovated Cross Street Market one day. I plan to do my part, and hope you will join our team to make Riverside the best neighborhood it can be.

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## DigiBall: "The Party With A Purpose" Funding Scholarships; Funding Futures

Guests will enjoy an Open Bar including signature drinks, a Food Buffet catered by more than 20 of Baltimore's finest restaurants, Live Music by DC's original HariKaraoke Band as well as a photo booth, 50/50 raffle, money wheel and a silent auction featuring such items as vacations, exclusive high-end products, gift certificates, event tickets and a whole lot more!

WHO: All are invited.

WHERE: Baltimore Museum of Industry

1415 Key Highway

WHEN: March 24, 2017, 7:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

COST: \$75.00 per ticket, on sale at www.dhhsalliance.com

DETAILS: Digiball 8.0 is a tax deductible event that is the main source of funds for the Digital Harbor High School College Scholarship Fund, administered by Central Scholarship, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Since its inception in 2008, the fund has awarded over 125 scholarships to "bridge the gap" between grants and loans and the real (and alarmingly increasing) cost of attending college. The operating arm of the fundraiser is the Digital Harbor High School Alliance, Inc., a separate 501(c)(3) organization.



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## Frequently Asked Questions about Yard Sale:

Q. When and how often does the RNA Community Yard sale occur?

A. The RNA sponsors two yard sales a year—one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring yard sale this year is on Saturday, April 29th (with a rain date of Saturday, May 6th) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Q. Where does the yard sale take place?

A. The yard sale sets up in the northwest side of Riverside Park

Q. How much does it cost to rent a table?

A. You can rent tables for \$10 each if registered before April 29, 2017. Registration day of the event will be \$15.

Q. How do I register?

A. To register, visit RiversideNeighborhoodAssociation.com and pay online. You can also register by mail--send your name, email address, phone number, and payment to Riverside Neighborhood Association, 200 E. Wells St., Baltimore, MD 21230 by April 22.

Q. Do you sell out?

A. Yes, tables usually sell out quickly, so don't wait!

Q. Can I bring my own table?

A. Yes, many sellers prefer to bring their own tables and some bring their own tables should we sell out. The registration is the same if you use ours or yours--\$10 prior to the 29th and \$15 the day of.

Q. Why do I have to pay if I'm bringing my own table?

A. The purpose of RNA's community yard sale is a fundraiser—proceeds go towards beautification projects of Riverside Park as well as covering expenses for event.

Q. What is the RNA table?

A. In addition to the registration fee for tables, RNA also raises funds by selling items at the RNA table. Do you have items you no longer use or want? Donate them to the RNA table, and proceeds from your donations will benefit RNA. Be sure to drop them off to the RNA table by 9:30 a.m. on April 29.

Q. How do you advertise?

A. We are advertising on Facebook, Twitter, our website, Yardsalesearch.com, Craigslist.org, Gsalr.com, YardSales.net, Garage Sale Finder, GarageSales.com, and light poles around town, as well as in many local shops and restaurants. If you like RNA on Facebook, or if you follow us on Twitter, please share/retweet our yard sale posts!

Q. Are there any volunteer jobs?

A. Yes! We can always use volunteers, some example volunteer jobs would be hanging/placing flyers prior to the yard sale, hanging signs the day of event, helping with logistics day of event, helping with RNA table, and clean up.

Q. How can I volunteer and where can I get more information? For more information or to volunteer, email RNABaltimore@gmail.com.

The 2017 Waterfront Spring Festival is an all-day, open to the public event benefitting the Baltimore Waterfront Partnership. Don't miss an afternoon filled with live music, food, drinks, kids zone, vendors, beach games and much more!



#### CONTACT US:

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#### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

President: John G. Paré Jr.
Vice President: Jen McLaughlin
Secretary: Rebecca Celotto
Treasurer: Joelle Woolston

#### **2015-2016 COMMITTEES**

Newsletter: Brent Burgess
Crime: Shannon Sullivan

Friends of Riverside Park:

Jackson Fisher

Development: Ann Fiocco
Trash/Clean-up: Dave Urbanek
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I'm pleased to support our local Riverside Neighborhood Association.

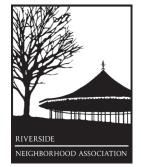


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