

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 29

7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Jan 29 RNA Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY

Feb 03 RNA Garden Club

Feb 05 Community Safety Walk

Feb 26 RNA Monthly Meeting

MARCH

Mar 03 RNA Garden Club

Mar 05 Community Safety Walk

Mar 26 RNA Monthly Meeting

January Guest Speakers



Anita Kasof

Museum of Industry
Crane Restoration

Stanley Brandford

Candidate for Sheriff

Baltimore Beyond Plastic

A campaign to phase out expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) food containers in Baltimore

RNA RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING UPDATE

- Jeff Brown & John Pare

The Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA) is happy to report that progress towards a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program for our neighborhood has resumed! This has been a long process.

Background

For those new to the neighborhood or unaware of our history pursuing RPP, here is a brief review. The pros and cons of enacting RPP in Riverside has been a topic of discussion for many years. Since RNA is located just a bit further out from the Inner Harbor, Cross Street, the Stadiums and other attractions, the overwhelming need for RPP in Riverside lagged behind those in surrounding neighborhoods that adopted RPP programs many years ago. However, factors like new development and changing demographics (more people and more of them with vehicles) has significantly changed the parking landscape in our neighborhood. The 101 Wells Street apartments were one of the first development projects to have a major impact on parking in RNA, especially on the southern and western boundaries of the neighborhood.

By the beginning of 2012, most felt that the parking situation had become untenable. Debate and research on parking solutions, which included RPP and an increased use of angled parking, was discussed during our monthly meetings. RNA engaged the City, developers, and elected officials to help reach a solution. In December of 2012, the issue reached a tipping point, and residents voted to pursue RPP for our neighborhood.

A committee was formed, and many residents volunteered to help. In February of 2013, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) attended our RNA meeting and provided information on the RPP program. The committee drafted a RPP plan in March of 2013. It was revised over time with input from the community and from PABC, and our final proposal was submitted to PABC in June of 2014. At that time, it was estimated that it would take approximately two years to implement the program.

Subsequently, at the request of the Baltimore Casino Local Development Council, the City initiated a parking study for the South Baltimore Peninsula, west of Lawrence Street. This study had the unfortunate impact of suspending work on our RPP request. The study was finally completed this past summer and presented to the public this past fall. Not surprisingly, the study concluded what RNA residents experience on a daily basis: a severe parking shortage. PABC would not discuss the status of RNA's RPP application during the study and would not meet until after the period for public comment had closed.

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RNA's February Meeting will be dedicated to Permit Parking

Updates on permits, timelines, and other steps DOT is taking to alleviate parking issues on the peninsula will be discussed.

PERMIT PARKING UPDATE

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Current Status

On January 12, 2018 Jeff Brown, RNA Parking Chairman, and John Pare, RNA President, met with PABC representatives to discuss the immediate resumption of work on RNA's RPP request. Councilman Eric Costello also attended the meeting. We are pleased to report that PABC is ready to resume work with RNA and that we are next in line to start the formal processes to implement RPP. Initially, that will include zoning checks and the drafting of the final version of our RPP petition. RNA volunteers will then go block-by-block asking residents to approve and sign the petition. On each block, a 60% approval is required for implementation.

RNA's February 26th meeting will be dedicated to parking. There is a lot more information to be presented on the RPP generally and on the particulars of RNA's implementation. Steve Robinson from PABC will be attending and Parking Chairman, Jeff Brown, will review the details of RNA's plan. Steve, Jeff, and RNA board members will also field questions.

See you there!



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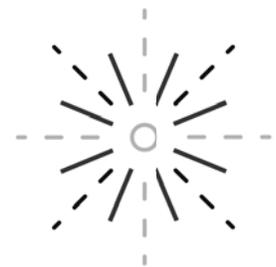
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Riverside Park Exercise Stations

How's that New Year's Resolution? In the spring, help is coming! Baltimore City Rec and Park received a grant to fund several pieces of exercise equipment for Riverside Park. Due to the large number of exercise groups using the park, we suggested to BCRP that they may consider installing some adult exercise locations. In the late fall, we heard the grant money had been awarded and stations would be installed in spring of 2018. In early Dec, we met with BCRP to discuss locations and types of equipments. Currently, there are plans to put 2-3 stations in the park (near the playground; near the upper basketball court). The specific pieces of equipment have not yet been selected but they will provide a mixture of workout options.

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Hanover Street Bridge - Jackson Fisher

Baltimore City DOT is conducting a study to evaluate the future of the Hanover Street Bridge. The Port Covington development will have a major impact on this section of roadway, so the bridge has been a major discussion point between the developers and the city. Overall, any major work or replacement of the bridge will be years away and require a significant amount of money from the Federal government. In the short term, the bridge is scheduled to have the roadway redone in the next few years. This could change the lane configuration, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle access. At this point, nothing has been finalized but RNA will provide updates as we receive more information.

TIPS FOR SUB-FREEZING TEMPS

1. Turn faucets on and keep them on at a slow rate to prevent pipes from freezing.
2. If your water service is interrupted or if you observe a water main break, file a 311 report.
3. If you encounter individuals suffering homelessness in need of help, call 311. Any life-safety emergencies should be reported to 911

NEW PLANTS FOR RNA - Jackson Fisher

The Mid-Atlantic Nursery & Trade Show (MANTS) concluded on Jan 12th; this year, RNA acquired 10 new trees and 112 perennials/shrubs for the park/community. MANTS is one of the biggest gatherings of east coast producers and suppliers of nursery products. Exhibitors are encouraged to donate excess plant material to city groups and non-profits. For RNA, it has been an annual infusion of plants for the park entrances, planting beds at Thomas Johnson Elementary, and several small community plantings. As the weather improves, look for some of the new plants in the park's gardens.



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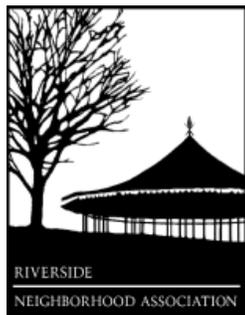
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