

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 30
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

April Speakers

State Senator Bill Ferguson, Stanley, Bradford (Baltimore City Sheriff Candidate),
and Thiru Vignarajah (States Attorney Candidate)

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL

Apr 30 RNA Monthly Meeting

MAY

May 05 Riverside Garden Club

May 07 Community Safety Walk

May 21 RNA Monthly Meeting

JUNE

June 02 Riverside Garden Club

June 04 Community Safety Walk

June 10 Riverside Concert

Get Steady

June 25 RNA Monthly Meeting

RNA Helps Field Entry in Kinetic Sculpture Race

~ *Jeff Brown*

The 20th annual Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race will take place on Saturday, May 5. Teams from all across the city will merge artistry and engineering to create mobile sculptures (everything from astronaut cows to gigantic crocodiles) to race all around the Inner Harbor. This wild and fun event has become a local tradition due to the ingenuity of the engineers, the intrepid pilots, and the interesting designs.

The course stretches fourteen miles, from the American Visionary Art Museum on Key Highway, through Federal Hill Park, down Riverside Avenue to Fort Avenue, and then up Key Highway and around the Inner Harbor to Canton Waterfront Park, where teams will test the seaworthiness of their crafts. Assuming they stay afloat, teams will then race back around the harbor to come down Key Highway, where they will visit Fort Avenue for a second time, before the final stretch of Covington Street to the finish line at the AVAM.

In addition to the race course passing through our streets, this year's competition has added significance for Riverside. Our neighborhood association is one of many sponsors for the Digital Harbor High School race team organized by Cathy Strodel. Cathy helped raise five thousand dollars to fund the team, comprised of dozens of students, teachers, faculty, and neighbors to the school. We are one of many neighborhood associations, businesses, and private donors to help this effort to promote collaboration between the students of Digital Harbor High and the South Baltimore Peninsula.

Be sure to come out on Saturday, May 5 to cheer on the students of Digital Harbor High as they try to become this year's Grand Overall East Coast Ace Champion (and not receive the Golden Dinosaur Award)!

RIVERSIDE CONCERT SERIES SECOND SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

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Get Steady

July 08
Chopteeth Afrofunk

August 12
The High & Wides

September 09
Wyland

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South Baltimore Little League Opening Day

South Baltimore Little League opened the season Saturday April 7 for TBall and Saturday April 14 for all other divisions. Teams range from TBall to coach pitch to kid pitch for youth ages 4 to 16 years of age. New this year is girls' coach pitch softball.

The season runs from April through the end of June on the fields at 1101 East Fort Avenue. Come out and cheer on the kids at a game or during the Little League Parade on Saturday April 28. The Little League Parade is a long standing tradition on the Peninsula. The Parade route progresses down Riverside Avenue from Federal Hill Park to Fort ending at the fields. For more information visit www.sobolittleleague.net.



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Update from Salem Lutheran

~ *Pastor Lauren*

*Spring and all its flowers now joyously break their vow of silence.
It is time for celebration, not for lying low;
You too — weed out those roots of sadness from your heart...
-Hafiz*

During the spring a long time ago, after rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples. During his Back-From-The-Dead Tour, he greeted every person in this way: "peace be with you." He could have said anything in those moments—God made human, executed by the state, and victorious over death itself, and he chose to speak "peace." I've been thinking a lot about that lately—what we choose to speak into the world. The words that bear out our intentions, desires, hopes, loves... As spring happens all around us and the flowers "joyously break their vows of silence" my prayer is that we, too, might find voices to speak "peace" into being, and find our hearts open to hearing the promise of peace that is spoken to us.

As always, you're welcome to find sanctuary at Salem. 10:00am every Sunday. For more info, salemsouthbaltimore.org.

Also, come to Captain Larry's from 6-9, Thursday, May 24th! Owners Mara and Ivars, and their staff, will be donating all tips toward Salem's ministry in the neighborhood. I'll be guest bartending! Non-alcoholic drinks and lots of good food are also on the menu.

RPP Update

~ *Jeff Brown*

We have received an update from the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC), but first, a few questions have been received about the size of the residential permit parking (RPP) pilot area and why more blocks were not included. In short, getting signatures on petitions can be time consuming, and once issued there is a 120 day deadline for completion.

PABC originally recommended that RNA start with 10 block faces, though we eventually settled on 13 contiguous block faces that are adjacent to RPP areas #19 and #30. Once the pilot area is established, we can immediately begin to issue new petitions and expand the area one block face a time. RNA's intention is to do that as quickly as possible, starting with areas that are immediately adjacent to the pilot area. Any volunteer help we receive will help to expedite the RPP expansion effort. It would be especially helpful to have volunteers who can assist with petitioning their own neighbors on their blocks. Residents are more likely to answer the door or take calls from people familiar to them.

This brings us to the latest news: petitions for the pilot area may be available as early as May, which is sooner than expected. To that end, we need to get organized to collect signatures in the 120 day window as soon as it begins. So far, we only have about half a dozen people who've offered to assist in the pilot area.

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SOBO Tree Planting

~ Jackson Fisher

On Sat April 28th, come help plant trees and clean up existing trees while meeting other locals on the South Baltimore Peninsula in Federal Hill South. We are looking to plant new trees in empty tree pits and remove weeds around existing trees. The event is sponsored by FHSNA, SOBO Green & TreeBaltimore, using grant money awarded from the South Baltimore Gateway. Coffee & snacks will be provided! Please meet at St. Ignatius Church (black top area) at 9am to sign-in and grab something quick to drink before we head out in small groups. More details and registration are available through the Eventbrite listing (Federal Hill South TreeUp)

Mayor's Clean Up

The Mayor's spring cleanup takes place on Sat. April 28th (9am-1pm). The spring cleanup is a chance to clear out some of the trash and debris that has accumulated in the alleys/yards over the winter. Currently, the city is not bringing us a dumpster but they will be sending around DPW crews to specific spots to collect materials. For Riverside, the city will be picking up trash from the side of Riverside Park adjacent to the basketball courts (Johnson/Barney intersection). For those who are familiar, it is the normal placement area for our community dumpsters. No hazardous waste, liquids, paints, etc. If you need more info, contact Jackson (jkf42@yahoo.com)

Riverside Park Projects

As spring finally takes hold, it is a busy time in the park. Here's a brief update on the various projects that are in the works:

Pollinator Garden - In early April, some of the debris and trash was removed from the pollinator garden near the Covington St service building. Once the weather warms up, new seed will be planted for the area to establish a mix of pollinator friendly plants.

Randall/Johnson Fencing - New garden fencing was purchased and delivered for the Randall/Johnson entrance. Look for a facebook announcement for the installation date (probably June timeframe).

Riverside Sign - The informational signs on the Riverside Park sign should return shortly. The park history sign has been redesigned and is ready for printing. The park map sign is in the works. At this point, we are hoping to have both boards printed and installed within the month.

New Garden in the Pool Area - This year's MANTS plants are going to be planted in the pool area. We acquired some hardy shrubs that would be a perfect addition along some of the pool fencing. If the weather cooperates, the plan is to plant the pool shrubs in early May.

Monthly Garden Club - Traditionally, the Riverside Park garden club meets on the first Saturday of the month from 9am - 1pm to work on the gardens. However, at this time of year, there are a lot of activities going on so we are in the park much more often. If you would like to volunteer with a specific area or garden, please let me know and I can provide some tools, materials, and guidance. We are always looking for help and can fit into any work schedule. For more info on park volunteering, contact Jackson (jkf42@yahoo.com) or look for the green truck.



Park volunteers Jackson, Luca, Lexi, Rainbow Dash and Fire Flight - Rainbow Dash and Fire Flight were released in the woods south of the pollinator garden. (RNA does not recommend the handling of snakes.)

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For those who've already volunteered, I will be in touch in the coming weeks to begin planning. More help is still needed, so if you'd like to assist with the effort please email me at RPP@RNAParking.org. With petitions being issued in May, RNA is hopeful that the pilot could start and that signs will be in place by summer 2019, with quick outward expansion to follow.



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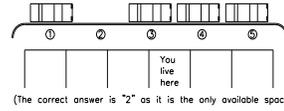
As a South Baltimore resident, I would be happy to meet at a location convenient to you.
Call Anytime!

PARALLEL PARKING TEST

Answers from March newsletter!

Answers to Last Month's Parking Test

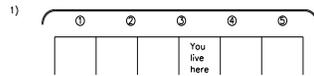
The following is a typical Riverside block of 6 homes that has a capacity of 5 parking spaces. A car symbol indicates that a parking space is occupied. The location of your home is indicated.
 (Sample):



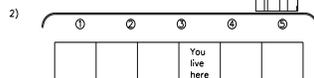
(The correct answer is "2" as it is the only available space)

You are to identify correctly, based on parking etiquette, at which parking space you are to occupy. Good luck! (Answers below)

Easy Section

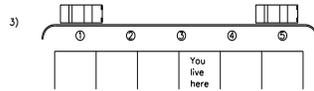


Answer: although it is tempting to park in front of your house (spaces 3 or 4), the correct answer is 5 as it is at the end of the block and will set the stage for all your neighbors to properly park behind you.

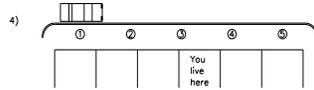


Answer: although 1 is acceptable, the correct answer is 4.

Kind of Tricky Section

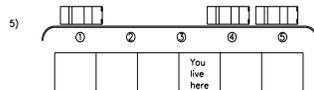


Answer: 2 or 4 are both acceptable, but 4 is preferred as you can more easily pull up immediately behind the car in space 5, leaving more room behind you for your neighbors.

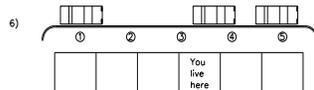


Answer: 5 is tempting, but the car in space 1 has set the tone requiring that you park in space 2.

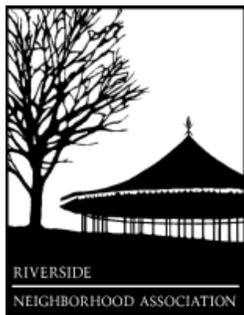
Very Tricky Indeed Section



Answer: as with question 3 above, you are more likely to park closer to car 4 than car 1, leaving space 3 the correct answer.



Answer: very tricky as the second car is poorly parked between spaces 3 and 4. You should park in space 2 and if you see the owner of the poorly parked car, give a friendly mention that he/she should move up when they get a chance.



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