

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 17
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

COOKIE CONTEST BEGINS AT 6:30 PM!

RNA Updates and Happenings

~ *John Pare*

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness," author John Steinbeck once asked. Based on recent temperatures, I suspect that most of us will find next summer quite sweet. However, there are a few things we have to discuss in the here and now before we get too far off track dreaming of the warm summer days to come.

Ice and Snow Removal

With the cold of winter comes the snow and ice! Snow removal is the responsibility of homeowners. Please make sure to be considerate of all neighbors, especially those who may have mobility issues, by maintaining a clear path on all sidewalks along your property. This includes ice removal! If any water discharges from your property to the sidewalk please be ensure it is not creating hazardous walking conditions once temperatures begin to drop below freezing.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

Dec 17 Community Meeting
and Cookie Contest



Dec 20 BPD Southern Meeting

JANUARY

Jan 07 Community Safety Walk

Jan 17 BPD Southern Meeting

Jan 28 Community Meeting

FEBRUARY

Feb 04 Community Safety Walk

Feb 21 BPD Southern Meetings

Feb 25 Community Meeting

Auto Theft

Auto theft has been down overall this year when compared to last, however the Baltimore Police Department reported a spike during recent weeks. Be proactive. Keep your vehicle doors locked and the windows closed. Don't store any valuable items in your car. Never leave your vehicle with the keys in the ignition. Try to park in well-lit areas. These are just a few simple steps you can take to save yourself the headache and heartache of dealing with a stolen vehicle.

Dockless Scooters

I'm sure you've all noticed the electric scooters on the streets around the neighborhood. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, these are part of a pilot program operated by the city's Department of Transportation and the two scooter companies, Bird and Lime. The program started in August and will run through February of next year. Patrons can pick up scooters anywhere they find them and ride to just about any location within the city limits. All you need is a smartphone, a credit or debit card, and a valid driver's license or state ID. At the conclusion of the program, the city will evaluate its success and determine whether it should be expanded to allow other scooter companies, and potentially even bicycles. If you have any comments regarding the program, please send an email to dot-community@baltimorecity.gov.

Residential Permit Parking

As reported in our last newsletter, our work on residential parking permits in the pilot area was delayed due to an error in the actual petitions. We have received the corrected petitions and Jeff Brown, chair of our parking committee, and his team are working to get these petitions signed. If you would like to help with this effort, or receive more information, please email Jeff at RPP@RNAParking.org.

Riverside Park Updates

~ Jackson Fisher

Fitness Stations

After several delays, the fitness stations are finally on the way. Final drawings and layout specs were sent to the contractors in late November. The site preparation is scheduled to occur in early December and the equipment should be installed shortly thereafter. The two locations, near the playground and behind the softball field, should be operational in time for everyone's New Year resolutions. Each fitness station will have 5-6 pieces of equipment that target different muscle groups and offer varying levels of resistance. Balt City Rec and Parks received a grant to install exercise stations in a few of the city parks; Riverside was one of the lucky recipients.



St Ignatius Day of Service

Thank you to the students from St Ignatius who helped clean, prune, and plant some of the gardens in Riverside Park. For their annual pre-Thanksgiving Day of Service, the students worked on the rose bushes near the flagpole and planting a new garden inside the pool area. The students filled 20 trash bags, planted 14 perennials, and spread 10 bags of mulch.



Scout Park Clean-Up

Girl Scout Troop #2030 and Girl Scout Troop #11024 helped prepare the park's younger trees for winter. Both troops help spread mulch at the base of trees throughout the park.



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RNA's Annual Gazebo Lighting with Performance by TJ Lyrical Lions



Celebrating community and ringing in the holiday season, RNA held its Annual Gazebo Lighting. A special thanks to the TJ Lyrical Lions, donators of cookies, hangers of lights, and of course, the big man himself, Santa!



FEATURED LISTING

1518 Battery Avenue (Pictured) - Gorgeous home with gleaming wood floors throughout! Inviting living room w exposed brick, tray ceiling & recessed lighting leads to large kitchen w warm cabinetry, granite counters, double sink & more. Convenient half bath on main floor. 2 spacious bedrooms each with en suite bath. Parking pad, roof deck & just 20 yards to lovely Riverside Park. Listed for \$334,900 - MDBA143826



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1279 William Street - Character features throughout this 3 bedr 3 & 1/2 bathroom 2100 SF home. Extensive mill work, built ins, HW floors w inlay, huge kitchen, 3rd flr family room w french doors leading to two large decks including roof deck with panoramic 360 degree views! 2 Car Parking Pad. Listed for \$385,000 - 1002227202



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A Special Message from Salem Lutheran

~ *Lauren Muratore*

Dear community,

I'm thinking about the rash of violence across the country over the past few weeks. Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. A yoga studio in Florida. A bar in Thousand Oaks, CA.

It's heavy. The weight we all feel when we learn of yet another violent death. Yet another mass shooting. It's heavy, and so I understand the desire to put that weight down. To turn away. To walk away. I understand being frozen by fear that it could happen here next. I share your anger and frustration. I share an increasing inability to even process the magnitude of the losses; the news washing over us all, seeming to mean a little less each time. Another shooting. And another. And Another.

On November 4th, Baltimore Ceasefire hosted a vigil for those who have died violently in Baltimore in 2018. I confess that I felt numb for much of the vigil, as though this is a thing that we do--we go to vigils--but what then comes of it? I confess that I was feeling a bit hopeless.

But then the leaders of the vigil--a group of teenagers, each of whom had lost someone dear to them--asked us to speak the names of the 265 dead. They spoke a name and those gathered repeated it. 265 times.

We stood outside of City Hall and--led by Baltimore's youth--spoke the names of the 265 lives claimed by violence in the city this year, reclaiming those lives by candle light and love and the dignity of remembering that they lived. And like those standing outside of Lazarus' tomb in the gospel of Mark, we wept. I believe Jesus wept, too. And like that same tomb, we were cracked open.

I understand better now the danger of becoming numb. The danger of letting victims of violence go unnamed, become statistics. Of reading the news and then setting it aside as though there's nothing to be done. Violence--these increasingly frequent shootings locally and nationally--is radical evil come among us and it is hard to bear.

It's heavy, but these people who are dying are people who lived and we can't abandon them. We can't help but carry them with us. And so even as we mourn I want to share words of strength, courage, and hope from Baltimore Ceasefire--words I needed to hear. They are, for me, a prayer and a kind of mantra:

Vibrate higher. Don't be numb. Promote peace.

Peace, indeed.

Pastor Lauren



6th ANNUAL RNA COOKIE CONTEST!

Monday, December 17th at 6:30 pm at Salem Lutheran Church

Sponsored by Domino Sugar



To enter bring no less than 3 dozen cookies to the church at 6:30 pm along with a \$5 entry fee and the recipe. The recipe must include a Domino Sugar product. Cookies may be presented in any type of container, not to exceed the size of a standard baking sheet. At 6:45 pm, special guest judges will begin tasting cookies and will choose three winners by the conclusion of the meeting. Winners will receive prize baskets provided by Domino Sugar. Winners and winning recipe will be shared on the RNA website and social media.

Not a baker? COME EAT COOKIES! Goodie bags will be available for you to take home leftover favorites.

Rules and Guidelines: Contest open to Riverside residents only. By entering, all registrants give RNA permission to include their names, photos, and recipes in future publications.

ATTENTION RNA RESIDENTS!

Paper newsletter delivery will be discontinued after 2018.

Beginning in 2019, mailing list members will receive a monthly emailed newsletter.

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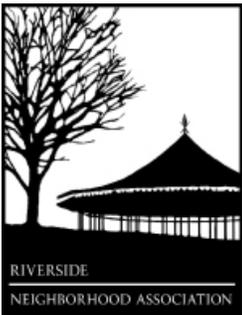
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