

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT MEETING & ELECTIONS: Monday, April 29
7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

SPLASH CITY! (Formerly known as SoBo Pool Pop-Up)

~ *Rebecca Celotto*

Big News!! RNA has been awarded \$49,500 on behalf of the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership!

Splash City will bring South Baltimore a well-established “pop-up pool” model which began in Philadelphia in 2015 and has spread to NYC. The improvements will be permanent, ensuring that the community can enjoy these changes for many years to come. The intervention is straight forward: bring in pool furniture, seating, shade, activities, and color. Through these aesthetic improvements, the Riverside Park pool will become a much more welcoming place to all Baltimore City residents, helping create the connective tissue that binds us together and anchors our neighborhoods.

We are actively working with neighborhood volunteer urban planners, designers, and landscape architects to design an inviting and fun outdoor space. We will be purchasing large amounts of lounge furniture, picnic tables, trash cans, and umbrellas. We will be improving all of the lap swimming equipment. We will be creating an awesome kid space full of games and furniture. We will be giving the guard office a make over to provide much needed respite from the lifeguard chair and sun.

We hope to have these improvements made by opening day on May 27, and will be hosting an official unveiling party in June. We NEED your support! We will be holding volunteer work days on May 5, 11, 12, and 19. Stay tuned to the Facebook page and RNA website for updates!

If you would like to personally contribute to the larger fund to bring a large public mural to the pool exterior and ongoing pool programming throughout the summer donations can be made through the RNA website. If you have questions, please email sobopool@gmail.com

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL

Apr 29 Neighborhood Meeting & RNA Elections

MAY

May 04 Garden Club
May 06 Community Safety Walk
May 16 BPD Southern Meeting
May 19 RNA Picnic in the Park
May 20 Community Meeting

JUNE

Jun 01 Garden Club
Jun 03 Community Safety Walk
Jun 20 BPD Southern Meeting
Jun 24 Community Meeting



Riverside Park Updates

~ *Jackson Fisher*

BCRP Riverside Park Presentation

Baltimore City Rec and Parks will attend our April meeting and present plans for the athletic field improvements and fieldhouse renovation. Overall, field improvements will consist of new lights, backstops, dugouts, fencing, basketball court, field drainage, and grass. The fields will be reconfigured to incorporate the CSX property that the city acquired along Wells street. Plans have been developed for the fieldhouse to renovate the bathrooms, storage areas, concession area, and seating. BCRP will present the finalized plans, a timeline for the work, and answer questions. Hope to see you there.

Recent Activities in Riverside Park

- Planted the trees and shrubs from the MANTS conference. Plants were used to replace some of the die back in the entrance gardens.
- Finished pruning the shrubs at the Riverside/Randall entrance. Removed leaves and debris.
- Raked leaves and removed weeds from the flagpole roses and pool entrance garden.
- Began installation of exercise equipment.
- Coordinated a community dumpster and trash pickup through DPW

Upcoming Riverside Park Events

- Tree mulching and hole filling in the park
- Thomas Johnson EMS "Green Thumb Day"
- Garden fencing at Covington/Randall entrance
- Splash City planting and preparation
- Rhythm and Reels Riverside Park Movie "The Big Lebowski" - June 19th
- Summer Concert Series: June, July, August, Sept

Street Tree Watering

Quite a few new trees have been planted in the neighborhood. If your street tree was planted last year or this year, please remember to water it when the weather gets warm (June-Sept). Typically, new trees will not require watering until June. Once we have consistently hot and dry weather, the trees need 2 buckets of water twice a week (20 gallons total). If it rains an inch, the tree will not need water. Trees need oxygen in the roots so if you water too much or too often, it will suffocate the tree. One watering on the weekend and one during the week should be plenty to get your new tree through the summer heat.

Kinetic Sculpture Race is Coming!

~ *Stefanie McKenzie*

The 21st annual Kinetic Sculpture Race is coming Saturday, May 4 to the Riverside neighborhood and beyond. Starting and finishing at the American Visionary Art Museum, the Kinetic Sculpture Race is a race through Baltimore of wacky, imaginative, totally human-powered works of art, designed to compete over land, a mud pit, and the Inner Harbor, constructed out of used bicycles, gears, and parts, created by a lunatic genius who tinkers around in the garage or backyard (do you know this person?!)

This year's theme is "Wheel-ality TV," inspired by our current mega-exhibit, "PARENTING: An Art without a Manual."

Great spots to see the vehicles:

- 1st Checkpoint atop Federal Hill (around 10:15am)
- The Water Entry at the boat ramp at Canton Waterfront Park (around 11am)
- The not-so-quick-Sand Pit in Patterson Park (1:15-3pm)
- The uphill Mud Pit in Patterson Park (1:15-3pm)
- And, of course, anywhere else along the 15-mile route through Baltimore including Riverside Avenue and Fort Avenue!

At printing time, the route was still being finalized, however road closure information will be posted on KineticBaltimore.com - please be patient and expect traffic delays on May 4.



Riverside Third Space

~ *Sara Jane Baublitz*

Salem Lutheran Church is excited to announce Riverside Third Space, a grant funded project to renovate the church's community use space. Utilizing funds received from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, the space will be renovated for use by community groups, birthday parties, exercise classes, kitchen use, and more - all available to you for suggested donation to help us keep it running!

Want to get involved? Join us for a community stakeholder meeting April 29 at 8:00pm after the RNA meeting in the Salem Fellowship Hall (1530 Battery Ave). Bring your opinions and ideas of how we can build a space that works for you. Also, sign up to receive information about the renovations and hear about volunteer opportunities. E-mail riversidethirdspace@gmail.com to indicate your interest or ask questions.

Help us offset the cost of renovations! SBGP has contributed \$50,000 and we've pledged to raise an additional \$5,000 from the neighborhood to show support. More fundraising opportunities (including online giving) to come soon, but if you're excited to contribute right away you can send a check to Salem Lutheran Church on 1530 Battery Avenue with "R3S" in the memo line, and 100% of your donation will go toward improving Riverside Third Space. If you have in-kind donations that would work for the space, or you could connect us with licensed contractors at a reduced rate, please email us: riversidethirdspace@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone in RNA who helped with our grant proposal, including those who filled out our survey and contributed letters of support!

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RNA President's Update

~ *John Pare*

Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world ~Roald Dahl

It was Abraham Lincoln who once said, "Elections belong to the people." This sentiment from one of the country's greatest presidents serves as a reminder to vote in our upcoming **Riverside Neighborhood Association elections on Monday, April 29** at the next RNA meeting.

Positions that are up for election are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Whether you decide to run for office, or simply get more involved, we need more people to participate in the day-to-day workings of the neighborhood association. The only requirements for voters are that they live within the boundaries of the Riverside Neighborhood and that they are up-to-date with their association dues. As the sixteenth century English playwright John Heywood once wrote, "many hands make light work." I urge you to come, vote, and volunteer.

See you on April 29!

SATURDAY MAY 11TH



**CARNIVAL AND
SILENT AUCTION**

12-5, LAST BID AT 4PM
FEDERAL HILL PREP ELEMENTARY
1040 WILLIAM ST
ALL NEIGHBORS INVITED!

\$10 Raffle tickets (or 3/\$25) to win 2 tickets to Hamilton on June 25th, a Yeti Tundra 45 cooler, or a Nintendo Switch.

You don't have to be present to purchase or win
<https://squareup.com/store/PREPSpringFling>

SAVE THE DATE

RNA Presents:

PICNIC IN THE PARK

MAY 19 2019 / 4:30 - 7 PM

RIVERSIDE PARK GAZEBO

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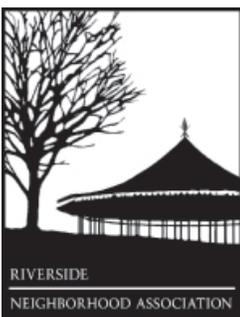
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 \$8 Burgers Tuesday.
 Bingo Wednesday.
 Trivia Thursday.
 Sunday Supper.

***Walk down and see
 what's new!***



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\$5 per person

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Please note: You can now pay dues and make donations on RNA's website: riversideneighborhoodassociation.com.