

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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

COMMUNITY MEETING & COOKIE CONTEST:

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:30 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (corner of Randall & Battery)

History of the Gingerbread House and Upcoming Events

~ John Pare

I hope your Thanksgiving Day was filled with lots of great food and family time. With the frenetic pace of the holiday season, it is sometimes hard to find time to celebrate our wonderful neighborhood and to visit with our neighbors.

One such opportunity to visit with our neighbors will occur at the Gazebo Lighting at the Riverside Park on Sunday, December 8. The Thomas Johnson Choir will perform at 5:30pm and jolly ol' St. Nick will arrive shortly after, both preceding lighting of the gazebo at 6:00pm. Afterwards, neighbors can enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, and friendly "snowball" fights.

RNA Calendar of Upcoming Events

DEC

Dec 08 Gazebo Lighting

Dec 12 BPD Southern Meeting

Dec 16 Community Meeting
& Cookie Contest



JAN

Jan 04 Riverside Garden Club

Jan 16 BPD Southern Meeting

Jan 27 Community Meeting

FEB

Feb 01 Riverside Garden Club

Feb 20 BPD Southern Meeting

Feb 24 Community Meeting

However, the festive spirit doesn't only exist outdoors in the cold. Those who prefer the comfort that exists indoors may turn to a classic holiday tradition, building gingerbread houses. Gingerbread itself has been around for thousands of years, with the first known recipe dating back to 2400 BC in Greece. Time passed and Medieval Fairs in England, France, Germany and Holland featured gingerbread biscuits formed into animals, kings, and queens. Around the 16th century in Germany, the gingerbread house took shape. The highly decorated confectionary structures slowly became associated with Christmas, and rose in popularity with the folk story of Hansel and Gretel written by the Brothers Grimm. English colonists brought gingerbread and its accompanying traditions over to the New World, and the baked goods became similarly ingrained into American Christmas traditions. Gingerbread houses today take on grandiose forms, as creative bakers construct elaborate works of art.

Whether making quaint saccharine homes from DIY kits or building a town of frosting-lined villas for a contest, we can all participate in the long-held tradition of creating gingerbread houses this festive season.

Our final Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting this year will be on Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in our annual cookie contest, you will need to arrive earlier in order to participate. See page 4 for more details related to the cookie contest!

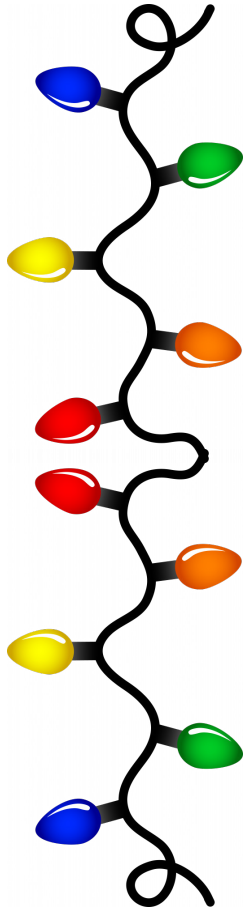
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Costume Contest Judges

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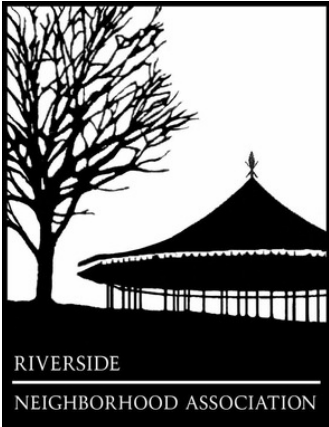
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7th Annual RNA Cookie Contest

Monday, December 16th at 6:30pm at Salem Lutheran Church

Sponsored by Domino Sugar

How To Enter: On Monday, December 16th, bring no less than 3 dozen cookies to the church at 6:30pm, along with a \$5 entry fee and the cookie 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 6:45pm, special guest judges will begin to taste 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 our website and social media.

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

Rules & Guidelines: Contest open to Riverside residents only. Only one registrant per household. By entering, all registrants give RNA permission to include their names, photos, and recipes in future publications. HAVE FUN!



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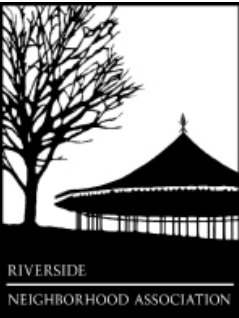
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