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Doggie Etiquette

By Ann Fiocco, Board Member, Riverside Neighborhood Association

Recently a dog, walking off-leash with his owner, attacked and nearly killed a much smaller dog. Since that sad event, the police are being called frequently to Riverside Park. The police shared this information with me in the hopes that I would pass it along to all residents in the area. That is why we are once again posting our doggy etiquette piece. This is a lighthearted reminder to everyone about how to live peacefully and happily in the park with your neighbors. But the fact is, if people don't wake up and take serious and responsible control of your dogs, the park will be inundated with park rangers, animal control, and the police. Please, please think carefully about your dog's behavior before the doggy playtime is ruined for everyone.

The law states that dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet. I will admit that I am one that does not regularly obey this law. However, as our Website has recently received several complaints of dogs running up to people walking

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Updated Contact Information

You can now find us on the web at www.mysobo.org. Along with our new website, we have new email addresses for our Board members, which can be found in the Committee Contacts section on page 3.

Get Out!

Comedian Dane Cook

Friday, May 1st

8:00p.m.—

1st Mariner Arena

5th Annual MayFair Family FUNdraiser at Port Discovery

Sunday, May 3rd

1:00p.m.—5:00p.m.

Baltimore Farmer's Market Opening Day

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

407 E. Saratoga St.

Maryland Film Festival 2009

May 8th—10th

Times vary

The Charles Theater

134th Preakness Stakes

Saturday, May 16th

4:30p.m.—

Pimlico Race Course

Summer Live! Concert Series

Every Saturday starting May 25th

8:00p.m.—11:00p.m.

Harborplace Amphitheater

Play Ball!

Save yourself a ticket and a tow and watch for restricted parking during stadium events in Area A and Area 30 parking zones.

Upcoming Stadium Events:

May 2 — Fiesta 5K & Fun Run

May 21 — Cystic Fibrosis Walk

Upcoming O's games:

May 6-7—vs. Minnesota Twins

May 8-10—vs. NY Yankees

May 12-13—vs. Tampa Bay Rays

May 25-27—vs. Toronto Blue Jays

May 28-31 —vs. Detroit Tigers

Reminder:

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 5th
at 7:00 p.m.

at Olive Branch UMC
(corner of S. Charles St. & Fort Ave.)

Recycling Days

All paper, cans, glass, and numbers 1-7 plastics shall be collected on the 2nd & 4th Fridays, May 8th & 22nd.



All recycling collected streetside



SoBolmCo

SoBolmCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association whose mission is "to encourage, through regular meetings, the formal exchange of ideas; to work with local law enforcement in promoting safety; and to assist individuals and families in the continuing process of neighborhood renewal." We welcome articles, ads and photo submissions via mail or email:

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBolmCo. We believe all sources of information are reliable, however, we do not guarantee completeness or accuracy.

Membership

Residents of South Baltimore are encouraged to become members of SBNA. Just contact an SBNA officer for more information.

Meetings

Community meetings of SBNA are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

Website

www.mysobo.org

The South Baltimore Improvement Committee is now operating as the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
For children up to the age of three with their caregivers. An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5, Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers.

ART WORKSHOPS

Mondays, April 13 – May 18, 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
For teens and adults. Take part in art workshops inspired by Poe's literary legacy. Presented by Art on Purpose.

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TOT SHABBAT

Fridays, 12:45 p.m.
A celebration of Jewish culture through stories, songs, and a snack.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT STREET BRANCH BOOK SALE

May 1, 12 p.m.,
May 2, 10 a.m.
June 6, 10 a.m.
Don't miss the sale of gently used books and AV materials.

PRESS PLAY

May 12th, June 9th, 3 p.m.
Impress your friends and show off your skills with Wii and board games.

LIBRARY IDOL

May 14, 6 p.m.
Show us your talent! Read a poem, sing a song, perform a dance routine, play an instrument, or perform stand-up comedy.

SMALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

May 18, 12 p.m.
Unemployed? Looking to start your own business? Come discover how to finance your dream of becoming your own boss.

LIGHT STREET BRANCH BOOK CLUB

May 28, 6:45 a.m.
An opportunity for adults to choose and discuss notable fiction and nonfiction reading selections.

STITCH-N-KNIT

May 30, 11 a.m.
Calling all needle enthusiasts! Do you knot, crochet, or cross-stitch? Come meet new people, trade tips and techniques.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2009

June 6, 10 a.m.
Join the 5th Annual Summer reading program for adults at the Light Street Branch!

EXPOSED: THE NARRATIVE LIFE OF TATTOOS

June 11, 7 p.m.
Care to tell your tattoo tale? Share it and bare it (tastefully) for this evening's portrait of tattoo art.

CONTAINER GARDENING

June 13, 10 a.m.
Learn how to make the most of your limited space and create an urban oasis.

A RETRO SOCK HOP

June 18, 6:30 p.m.
Local band Retro Rockets playing hits from the 50's and 60's.

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June 20, 10 a.m.
Learn to recognize and manage helpful and harmful plant pests.

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June 23, 2 p.m.
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JOB SEARCHING AND NETWORKING STRATEGIES

July 13, 1 p.m.
Need a job fast? Learn about networking and the hidden job market.

RESUME 101

July 20, 1 p.m.
Learn how to create a resume that will get results.

INTERVIEWING BASICS

July 27, 1 p.m.
Going on a job interview soon? Learn how to ask great questions and ace the interview.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

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In a Minute

By Joe Costa

April 7, 2009 SBNA General Meeting
Newsletter Report:

Guest Speakers

Andrew Dunlap, one of three partners, in the project to refurbish and re-open a bar/restaurant, *The Reserve*, at the corner of Light and Randall Streets, formerly Charlottes, gave the following report:

- The establishment will have a totally different outside facade. It will serve "gourmet" beer. It will have 15-20 high-top table seating, and an "L" shaped bar. It will accommodate up to 225 patrons. Operating hours will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 am. The kitchen will likely close at 10:00 pm. They are looking for a late May 2009 opening.
- They are considering providing free valet parking and using a garage down the street from the establishment. They are also considering seeking elimination of the bus stop
- at Light and Randall Streets given the close proximity of other bus stops.
- He was aware of neighbor's complaints regarding the operation of Charlotte's, especially with regard to noise in what is also a residential area. In this regard, the new owners' operating permit allows live music, but they are planning not to have "loud" music. They are making efforts to soundproof the establishment, including an entrance way of inner and outer doors.
- They already had their Liquor Board hearing for license transfer approval. There was only one respondent who raised the noise level issue.
- At some point they would like to have outdoor seating--5 or so outside seating tables. There were concerns raised that this could create a noise problem. Mr. Dunlap suggested that to guard against this, outdoor seating could be limited to

lunch and diner, e.g. available through 8:30 pm.. Steve Zaleskiwicz advised that outdoor seating would have to be approved by the City Zoning Board. Julie Tice suggested the establishment be at least a year in operation before making a move to add outside seating.

Outdoor smoking as a contributor to excessive, late-night noise was another concern of association members.

Mr. Dunlap said he was open to discussing ways to address this potential problem. One suggestion was having an outdoor smoking enclosure that would require Zoning Board approval. Another suggestion was putting a limit on the number of people standing outside at any one time. Patrick Mutch suggested that the second story of the establishment could be a smoking area, e.g., a cigar bar.

Julie advised that the association

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For more in-depth details and follow-up you should contact the outreach staff below listed for their respective agencies. Providing the agency personnel with your service request number will help to expedite their response to your inquiries. 311 is available by phone and online at www.baltimorecity.gov. Reminder: You can also track your service request online once it has been entered into the system.

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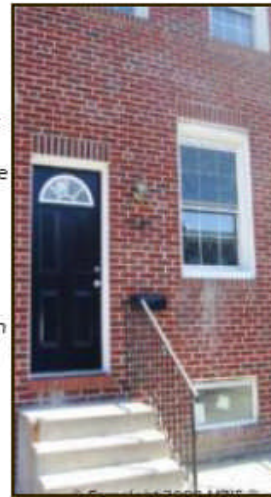
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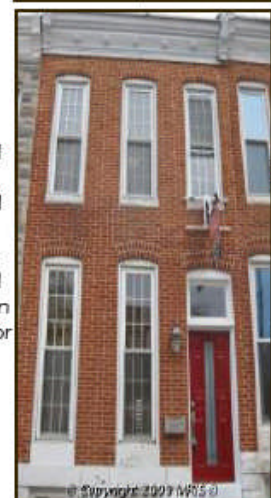
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Vintage Sketches of Federal Hill for Sale

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by Julie Helms

John Sauers, a MICA graduate, worked as a graphic designer for BGE for 35 years (from 1955 to 1990). His office was located in downtown Baltimore at Lexington and Liberty, close enough to explore the city's unique neighborhoods during his lunch hour. With his sketchbook and charcoals in hand, he would arrive at his destination - the harbor, Pier 6, Otterbein, Federal Hill, even Fells Point - and quickly sketch the urban scene. Many of the sites that he rendered no longer exist or have been significantly altered.

The result of Mr. Sauer's whirlwind lunchtime ventures is a historical collection of drawings that document Baltimore City as it looked prior to its renaissance and re-development. His subjects include houses and churches on Montgomery, Hanover, Hamburg, Hughes, Peach Streets and Welcome Alley; Federal Hill; Tall Ships; the Port Welcome; the Nobska; boats in the harbor; etc. He also sketched "street people," the homeless, alcoholics, and community characters. His forays into South Baltimore extended to just south of the Cross Street Market.

Today, Mr. Sauers lives in Harford County; he is 76 years old. After leaving BGE, he was employed by The Sun as an artist.

Mr. Sauers collection will be on display and offered for sale on Saturday, May 16, exclusively at Light Street Presbyterian Church during the church's annual Flea Market and Silent Auction.



The Parking Spot

Ever wondered when parking if you'll get a ticket, unsure of whether there is a stadium event going on that you hadn't heard about? Now the Transportation Department is coming to the rescue! Simply dial 311 (on cell dial 443-263-2220), punch in option 3 and ask the operator. The operator will have the latest scoop on when events are being enforced as stadium events (usually 20K+ projected attendance).

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Why Here / Why Now?

By Tom and Carrie Bullock

Neither of us was raised here. We both work well outside of the Baltimore city limits. Yet when it came time to buy our first house we knew where we wanted to be. Of all the neighborhoods throughout the city and the suburbs, why South Baltimore? It's a question we've been asked by a surprising number of neighbors. The answer is simple; we love this place – its people, its energy, its personality.

Those same neighbors who were curious about our choice also came with common warnings-- our block is going downhill, drugs and crime just around the corner, and hey, why would anyone pick a place where you never know who might sit on your stoop.

No, this is not a perfect neighborhood, and we've had firsthand experience with all of the problems our new neighbors warned us about. But we continue to love the neighborhood we now call home, all the while knowing those problems are not going to go away on their own. This is why we're trying to get involved. And yes, we'll be asking you to get involved as well.

We've volunteered to work as the neighborhood-police liaison, middle men hoping to work with the police to help improve our streets. And we'll make sure you all know what's going on as well. We'll continue to make this column a regular feature in the newsletter – and include stats and information on what is happening around South Baltimore. And we'll keep our lines open to you, our neighbors. Stay tuned for e-mail addresses and a phone number. We want to hear from you and want to help.

Why are we volunteering our time? Actually it's because of those same neighbors who warned us of the challenges the neighborhood faces. Those same people who welcomed us and helped us move in the heavy boxes, who on more than one occasion have knocked on our door to let us know we had a package delivered or that we left our keys in the door. If we can just get a bit more of that kind of caring, we can make this place we love even better.

We would be honored if you would consider us to serve the neighborhood in this capacity.

Tom & Carrie have been appointed to serve as the Police/Community Relations Chair. Their appointment will be official only after being confirmed by the General Membership.

Help Wanted

The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association is seeking a volunteer Newsletter Editor to edit and assemble the monthly newsletter. The current newsletter is formatted in Microsoft Publisher, which is a very easy program to learn and use, but volunteers wishing to use an alternate publishing program are free to do so.

Responsibilities include collecting monthly submissions including articles and advertisements, formatting submissions, including minor editing and proofreading, and meeting the deadline for sending a final electronic version to the printer for publishing. Responsibilities may also include managing the solicitation and billing of advertisers.

The Newsletter Editor is welcome to include editorial pieces and reformat the look of the newsletter as desired.

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and surrounding neighbors could work with the owners. She asked people to sign-up to do this.

Jack Baker introduced guest speaker Sergeant Eric Kowalczyk as the Southern Police District officer now responsible for community relations in south Baltimore. He stated that the sergeant was bringing a change for the better. Sergeant Kowalczyk went on to say:

- The new name for the services he and his officers would be providing to the community was "Neighborhood Services". South Baltimore was an important neighborhood, where the residents have a strong interest in what happens in it.
- He saw his job as dealing with the small, as well as large issues/problems in the community. For example, quality of life, as well as crimes, will come within his purview, an example being street and sidewalk repair.
- He would seek to ensure someone from the Parking Authority is at our next meeting to discuss parking issues.
- He would use the City's process of taking over abandoned or poorly maintained properties to help deal with problem houses/properties in our neighborhoods. He gave as an example a house on Olive Street where this process is being employed to deal with a nuisance property—decay, rodents, etc. He encouraged folks to contact him about any such problem houses in the area. There have been 22 evictions in our area, most involving drug activity. He is working with a neighborhood contact on the sale of taken over houses so they can be rehabilitated.
- In response to a question about the definition of a "vacant" structure, Julie Tice stated that it generally involved one at which there had been no activity for at least a year, i.e., maintenance, that made it a candidate to go through the City's take-over process that gives the

owner a chance to correct the situation before the property is taken-over.

- He is involved in liquor license enforcement, seeking to ensure that liquor selling establishments adhere to liquor laws and the terms of their liquor license approvals. Eight bars have been inspected, seven of which were closed down because of violations. He will be going through the liquor selling establishments in our area next. He encouraged association members to let him know about any problem bars.
- To contact him call 911. His e-mail address is john.kowalczyk@baltimorepolice.org. His office number is 410-354-5169. 311 is not a good number to get a police response. He has an 18 hour response time policy.
- Officer Butterbeen who has experience in our community is part of his unit, which consists of 5 officers, all wearing the same uniform Officer Kowalczyk was wearing this night. They will be on bikes in our neighborhoods all summer. He stated that his unit has to cover a wide area, of which our sector is one of the smallest but densest. He said that to increase coverage he would seek to get other police units involved in the area.
- He encouraged residents to participate in monthly COP walks—Citizens On Patrol—reporting that only one person participated in the last such walk. These occur on every first Monday of the month, with participants meeting at the Riverside Park gazebo at 7:00 pm.
- Violent crime overall is down 50 percent in our area. Car larcenies are up. GPS' kept in parked cars are a prime target/cause of car larceny. If the Sergeant sees a GPS in a parked car, he will make a point of knocking on doors to warn the owners.
- Kathy Hodson, a resident on Patapsco Street advised Sergeant Kowalczyk of the need for police/resident engagement in the Heath

Street corridor. The sergeant responded that he would be willing to meet and talk with residents, including a block group from the area and knocking on doors to talk to residents.

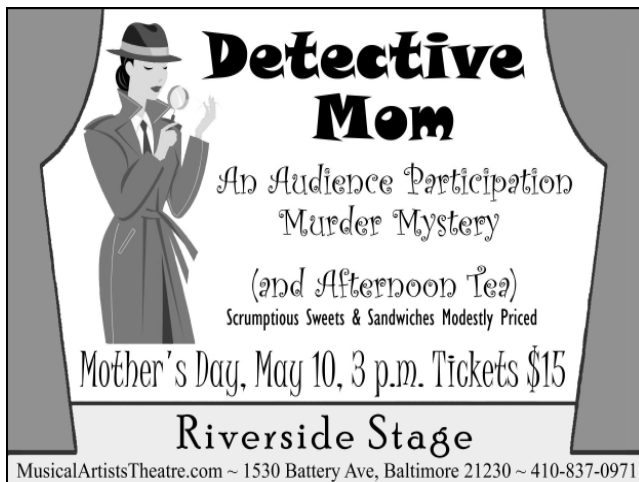
- He brought up the idea of having a neighborhood "Stoop Night" as a "take back the streets" activity that would help to deter untoward activity in a neighborhood
- He referred to an "alley gating" program, under which an alley could be gated, if 80 percent of the surrounding neighbors agreed to gating it.
- In response to a question about what police district has jurisdiction, when a crime is committed by one of our residents in another part of the city, sergeant Kowalczyk said the arrest warrant would be issued by the police district in whose jurisdiction the crime occurred.
- The Southern Police District has begun a "Citizen of the Month" award program. Marie Sennett, for her work with teens, was a recent recipient.
- Jack Baker reported that the City police force is fully staffed with 2800 officers, there now being a waiting list for new recruits. He emphasized the need for citizen input to policing activities.
- The police are now equipped with Blackberries that allow them to have access to information while on patrol. It has a GPS feature that allows them to rapidly access demographic information. It can be used to keep abreast of individual officers' movements. The police do not accept donated blackberries, as the devices they use are specific to their requirements.
- Jack Backer closed saying he and Sergeant Kowalczyk would be seen on our streets often together as an example of citizens helping police do their work for us.

Liz Noel Duncan spoke on behalf of Federal Hill Preparatory School (#45), lo-

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cated at 1040 William Street, and their Saturday May 2, 1-4:00 pm silent auction fund raiser. She reported that the school serves 350 area students and includes a magnet program. She encouraged residents to learn more about the school. One way to do this is to attend the Silent Auction. The event will include a Jazz performance by Sandy Asirvatham and other live performances and activities such as wine tasting. Prizes include donated art. The money raised by the event goes to support field trips, the chess team and other activities and needs. A recently funded activity was helping to pay for repaving the school playground.



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through the park with no controls or discipline from their owners, I feel that too many people are not respecting the rights and personal space of others.

The following guidelines are simple rules of doggy etiquette that I occasionally place in the Riverside Newsletter. I thought it was the perfect time to remind the dedicated dog walkers in the park:

- Rain, snow, sun, knee deep in mud...pick up after your dog. Think of the park as your own yard, because it is. Oh yes, and it is the law!
- Your dog should be firmly under your control for the safety of the dog, and everyone else in the park.
- Your dog should never approach a dog on a leash unless invited by that dog's owner.
- Your dog should never approach people walking through the park without their invitation.
- Doggy playtime should be centered in the middle of grassy areas and not near pedestrian paths.
- Dogs who play too aggressively (growling, biting, etc.) can be frightening to passersby. The dogs should be separated and/or play should be moved to the lower field.
- If your dog breaches etiquette, a simple reprimand to the dog and a sincere apology to the other person will usually diffuse the situation. (Saying "he won't hurt you" only makes people angry)
- Your home's proximity to the park is not a license to open your front door and let your dog go to the park without you. That immediately violates all of the above.

The only way for everyone to enjoy the park is to respect the personal space of others. You wouldn't run up to a stranger in the park and jump on them (hopefully), and neither should your dog. I was until recently the mother of Rupert and I thought that I had the sweetest dog in the world. But I knew that just because I loved him, didn't mean that everyone else would or should like him. We are fortunate to have a large, wonderful park in which to exercise our dogs, and following these simple suggestions will help to continue everyone's enjoyment of the park.

PETITION FOR MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPING

We, the following residents/businesses in the _____ block of _____, do hereby request mechanical sweeping on the _____ side(s) of the street in our block. We realize that this mechanical sweeping will require "no parking" during certain hours on alternate sides of the street. Petitions must have at least 50% of the block's households/businesses in favor. We understand that when sweeping takes place that cars parked in no parking areas on sweeping days may be towed, ticketed, and/or the street may be skipped by the sweeper. By signing this petition we formally request street sweeping service on our block.

If you agree please sign below.

Name	Address	Phone number	Signature	Date

Light Street Presbyterian Church Annual Flea Market/Silent Auction

Coming Saturday, May 16, whether you're searching for unbelievable bargains or seeking a simple, uncluttered lifestyle, the Light Street Presbyterian Church Annual Flea Market/Silent Auction is the place to go and the way to go!

At the same time, if your goal this spring is to streamline your surroundings (home, office, garage, attic, basement), bring your unwanted excess to the church as a donation to either the Flea Market or Silent Auction. Everything (except clothing) that is in clean, usable condition is being accepted. Good for the church! Good for you!

Besides Sunday mornings, drop-off times are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. But call ahead just to make sure: 410-539-0125. Additional opportunities to deliver your donations will be announced early in May.

Merchandise in every imaginable category will be available at the Flea Market at irresistibly low prices. Our departments will include home furnishings, linens, kitchenware, lamps,

appliances, electronics, jewelry, frames, sports equipment, toys and games, office supplies, tools, books, CD's, DVD's, videos and more.

In the Silent Auction, gift certificates to fine restaurants, retail shops, events and museums will be featured, as well as vintage items and antiques, collectibles, art and other interesting and lovely objects.

Lunch, delicious homemade baked goods and flowers will also be sold.

So...start scouring those cluttered cabinets and disorderly drawers for trash that could become someone's treasure.

If you enjoy creating order out of chaos, there will be ample opportunity to sort and organize all the Flea Market and Silent Auction donations. The church will be open to volunteers for this important activity prior to May 16. Specific dates and times will be posted. Again, just call the church at 410-539-0125.



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To become a member, please fill out and return this form with payment to: SBNA, PO Box 6364, Baltimore, MD 21230, or bring it to a General Membership meeting. Please do not mail cash. All dues are tax-deductible under Federal guidelines.

Name 1 : _____

Name 2: _____

Street Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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