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SOBO EVENTS

June 11 - August 10, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 6/17 – Community Concerts, Baltimore Museum of Industry
- 6/22-24 – Used Book Sale, Pratt Library, Light Street
- 7/6 – Jazzy Summer Nights, West Covington Park
- 7/28 – Baltimore’s Birthday Bash



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Compiled by Alyssa Oliveri

- 6/11 – Group Rides, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.
- 6/11 – Riot Squad Run Meet-Up, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 8am.
- 6/11 – Run Up to Juneteenth 5K, 101 W. Cromwell St. Run across Hanover Street Bridge to benefit the SEED School of Maryland’s College Transition and Success Program. 8:30am. \$
- 6/11 – Cross Street Farmers’ Market, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.
- 6/11 – Music: Get Steady, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Monthly summertime concert series. 5-8pm.
- 6/12 – Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 5:30pm.
- 6/12 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.
- 6/12 – Music: Lyn Lapid with Stephanie Poetri, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$
- 6/13 – South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. General Membership Meeting, Delia Foley’s, 1439 S. Charles St. 7-8:30pm.
- 6/13 – Music: Jazz Singer Gabrielle Goodman, Hanover Square Apartments, 1 W. Conway St. Outdoor concert and ice cream. 6:30pm.
- 6/14 – Storytimes at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Babies and toddlers at 10:30am, preschoolers at 11:30am.
- 6/14 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa (flow) yoga class. 6-6:45pm.
- 6/14 – Music: Marc Ford Trio with Berry Oakley Jr. and Phil Jones, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$
- 6/14 – Key Highway Community Assoc. Quarterly Meeting, Harborview Towers, Baltimore Room, 100 Harborview Dr. 7pm.
- 6/14 – Locust Point Civic Assoc. General Membership Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 7:30-9pm.
- 6/15 – Caribbean Paint Night, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A paint night in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. 6pm.

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CLEAR SKIES, A WATERY RESCUE, high-energy onlookers, and creativity galore were all part of this year’s Kinetic Sculpture Race, sponsored by the American Visionary Art Museum on May 7. See story and photos, page 7. Photo by Mary Braman.

New SoBo Neighborhood Opens at Port Covington

A brand new neighborhood unlike any other on the South Baltimore peninsula arrived quietly in April on the grounds of the former Baltimore Sun printing plant next to I-95. This newcomer is tall, tailored, versatile, and clearly made for the hustle and bustle of a modern urban community that mixes work, play, and living.

All it needs now is the hustle and the bustle.

In its initial configuration, the compact Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood in Port Covington is not large as SoBo neighborhoods go: it could easily fit inside Riverside Park, its neighbor across the interstate. It features eight new buildings, including an eight-floor parking garage; six freshly paved streets with wide sidewalks and bike lanes; a broad plaza landscaped with shade trees and benches; and a courtyard with café tables and chairs waiting for office workers, shoppers, and shops.

The first residents of the two new apartment buildings arrived at the beginning of April. By the end of that month, about two dozen SoBo residents were calling this neighborhood home. One commercial tenant, the planning and design firm H. Chambers Company, has moved in with about 30 employees. Most of the construction and landscaping has been completed and several of the new streets are open.

“This is no longer part of a massive construction and infrastructure undertaking,” said MaryAnne Gilmartin, CEO of Baltimore Peninsula developer

MAG Partners, during an April 26 media tour. “This is a real place. And it’s a place that people call home.”

The new neighborhood covers a fraction of the former Port Covington industrial and commercial area slated for redevelopment. Major construction is still underway on the other side of E. Cromwell Street between Nick’s Fish House and Sagamore Spirit distillery. The new Under Armour headquarters complex is rising, and the Locke Insulator factory is being cleared away to make room for hundreds of new homes by a separate developer. No plans have been released for the rest of the property, which extends west



The new Baltimore Peninsula development welcomed its first apartment residents and office workers this spring. Photo by Mary Braman.

across Hanover Street.

Residents and visitors currently enter the neighborhood through the parking lot of the now vacant Sun printing plant. (As of this writing on May 29, a reconfigured E. Cromwell Street that passes through the development next to Sagamore Spirit is temporarily closed at W. Peninsula Drive.) Detour signs point to the neighborhood’s new main thoroughfare, Mission Boulevard. Street signs on this and two other new roads in the development currently bear different street names than the ones you’ll find on Google. These signs are due to be changed, according to a Baltimore Peninsula spokesperson.

After two short blocks, you reach the heart of the community at the unlit traffic light on Rye Street. The two apartment buildings, office/retail complex with the lone commercial tenant, and parking garage meet at this corner. These six- to seven-story buildings tower over three sides of this corner.

To the southeast is one of the three buildings making up the Rye Street Market office/retail complex. Employees come to work in the new Chambers offices on the second floor. On their way, they walk through a spacious, treed courtyard set with tables and chairs where market vendors will one day sell their goods from inside the ground-floor shops.

To the southwest is Rye House, the larger of the two apartment buildings with 254 units, comparable to the num-

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From the Editor

SoBo Knows: Bring in the New, Renew the Old

South Baltimore peninsula neighborhoods know a thing or two about the arrival of the new and the renewal of the old. It's a cycle that has been happening here for nearly two centuries. New industries arrive and bring with them new people, new homes, and new businesses. Old industries expire, and in the void new life emerges. An abandoned grain silo becomes condos. A defunct brewery houses a high-tech firm. Renovated rowhouses welcome a new generation of Baltimoreans.

And the cycle just keeps going, on scales large and small. It's one of the things that keeps this part of the city vibrant and fun. Two SoBo city parks are right now undergoing major renovations. On one short stretch of Key Highway, a jazz club popped up in a restaurant's unused back room. Across the street, a wood-fired pizza truck took over a long-vanished gas station.

On the large scale, not a mile away as the crow flies, the new arrived yet again with the recent opening of the Baltimore Peninsula development (see story, page 1). But even here, as in the rest of SoBo, the old remains in plain view: the glistening waterfront is graced with the ruins of the railroad piers that once made this spot a thriving port. – Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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New playground equipment and surfacing were installed in May at the Sharp-Leadenhall park. Photo by Mary Braman.

Playground Renovation Completed at Solo Gibbs Park

A small part of the planned major upgrade to Solo Gibbs Park in the Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood arrived early last month as an existing playground between Hamburg and Henrietta streets was replaced with new equipment and surfacing.

Work began in late April on removing the existing playground, and by Memorial Day a colorful, new playground designed with input from local children was in place. A ribbon-cutting ceremony with city and state officials was being planned for early June as this issue went to press.

The new playground is one element of the master plan for the entire park that is moving toward the start of major construction next year.

"We had some state bond funding for the playground that came to us while we were working on the master plan," explains Kate Brower, design planner in the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks' office of Capital Development and Planning. "That money, along with a grant from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, allowed us to renovate the existing playground. We replaced all the equipment and put down new safety surfacing."

The new play equipment, procured by Parks and People Foundation, is designed for children ages 2-12. The color scheme – blue and orange – was chosen by local children.

Several more improvements are planned for this northern section of Solo Gibbs Park in the overall master plan, but none of that work will start until next year, Bower says. A new playground will be added next to the current one, and a pavilion and gathering space will be created by the existing tennis court. New trees will also be planted.

The next work to take place will be a continuation of the archaeological digs conducted last fall (Peninsula Post, De-

cember 2022). That investigation sought to determine the location of important archaeological resources from the historic Black neighborhood that once stood on the site. Park planners wanted to make sure that excavations required for future park renovations would not damage those resources.

Last fall's digs identified only one area of concern just south of Hamburg Street near the path between the basketball courts and I-395. The park's master plan calls for new stormwater areas to

be constructed here next year, and the digging required to install these facilities could be deep enough to disturb archaeological resources in that same area. New archaeological excavations are planned later this year to see how to avoid the risk to these historic resources, Brower says.

Other work completed this spring was the demolition of the old Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School at W. West and S. Sharp streets to make way for a proposed recreation center. – Steve Cole

New Businesses Open on the South Baltimore Peninsula

The following businesses have opened on the SoBo peninsula since our last listing in February:

Berkshire/Hathaway Home Services, 1208 Light St. Full-service real estate company. 410-547-5700.

H. Chambers Company, 301 Mission Blvd., Suite 2202, Baltimore Peninsula. Planning and design firm specializing in private clubs, hospitality design, and related markets. 410-727-4535.

Chateau de MarMutt, 1134 S. Charles St. Pet boutique featuring products from small businesses, including toys, treats, apparel, and accessories, as well as dog-walking and pet-sitting services. 410-588-7118.

Crazy Crab Bag, 1741 Light St. Seafood restaurant, bar, and carryout. 443-814-0981.

Crushed Velvet, 1302 Key Hwy. Pop-up shop serving shaved ice with homemade syrups, co-located with Key Neapolitan by Verde.

Howl, 1719 Whetstone Way. Natural and ethically sourced manufactured foods and products for dogs, cats, and

small animals. 443-438-7240.

Key Neapolitan by Verde, 1302 Key Hwy. Traditional Neapolitan wood-fired pizza from a pop-up truck operated by Verde in Canton. 410-522-1000.

Orangetheory Fitness, 101 W. Cross St. Heart rate-based interval training gym. 443-951-4927.

Paddle Club Baltimore, Harborview Marina, 500 Harborview Dr. Explore the Inner Harbor on a 30-foot catamaran-style BYOB cycle boat that seats up to 20 passengers around a central bar. 833-747-2469.

Pink Art Gallery, 1125 Light St. An immersive art experience in showrooms that feature visual and interactive art for individuals and groups. 443-449-5074.

Poncho's Tacos, 1101 Light St. Authentic Mexican food.

Siblings Catering, 1538 Light St. Chef B provides a range of culinary services, including fully customizable meals, catering, event packages, and a home chef experience. 443-854-0065.



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New Grants Support SoBo Celebrations, Students, Churches

New funding to support homeless families; renovate an historic Black church; and host community concerts, parties, and parades on the SoBo peninsula was announced May 18 by the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. A total of 29 projects were funded across south and southwest Baltimore in the latest round of community grants financed by revenues from video lottery terminals at area casinos, including the nearby Horseshoe Casino.

The grants to SoBo organizations ranged from \$75,000 for capital improvements to the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church (20 W. Montgomery Street) to \$2,000 for the Federal Hill Fourth of July Parade.

Ebenezer Kingdom Builders, Inc., will use the grant to complete renovations on the first floor of the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, including the commercial kitchen, window installation, and fellowship hall and restroom repairs.

The nearby Saint Barnabas and Saint Susanna Coptic Orthodox Church (938 S. Hanover Street) received \$20,000 to purchase furnishings for a recently renovated courtyard to enhance its use as a community gathering space. The church also received a separate, smaller grant to support hiring a Community Service Coordinator.

Baltimore Outreach Services (701 S. Charles Street) received \$22,500 to support basic needs of the homeless families it serves by providing food, clothing, and wellness programs as individuals and families transition to affordable housing.

The South Baltimore Learning Center (28 E. Ostend Street) will use a \$15,000 grant to engage SoBo residents and learners in mindfulness and self-care practices, offer nutrition educa-

tion, and provide opportunities to address effects of stress and trauma. A separate, smaller grant to the organization will fund the “Book Lovers Community Cookout” to celebrate books and lifelong learning through an informal event that features information about community resources and free literacy and career readiness programs.

The South Creek Community Development Corp. will receive \$5,000 to support the S.M.A.R.T. Kids Hub project, which provides students in the Sharp-Leadenhall community with technological tools to assist them with homework and access to computers to enhance their academic growth and development through technology.

The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association will use a \$5,000 grant to improve its marketing efforts, including creation of an updated website to better connect residents with SBNA resources and boost community cohesion.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$2,000 were awarded to support a variety of community-building and student enrichment projects on the peninsula.

The Federal Hill Prep PTO received funding to provide field trip transportation for students to travel to farms, art performances, an aviation museum, and a nature center.

Our Joyful Noise will host a series of outdoor concerts for residents of the Sharp-Leadenhall community with a focus on seniors and seniors with disabilities.

Block parties in Solo Gibbs Park and outside of Cross Street Market will be supported by separate grants to Neighbors Meeting Neighbors and the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association. FHNA also received a grant to support the Stars and Stripes Parade Committee’s annual Fourth of July Parade around Federal Hill Park.

South Baltimore United, Inc., publisher of the Peninsula Post, received support for the recent “I Love SoBo Day” community celebration at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. – S.C.



THE RIVERSIDE PARK GAZEBO received a new roof in mid-April as part of a restoration project funded by the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. A new coat of paint is coming by the end of June. New cast iron bases for the columns are being fabricated. The entire restoration is expected to be completed by September. The project is managed by Baltimore City Recreation and Parks. Photo by Mary Braman.

Bubbles and Merriment Take Over Riverside Park, Again

On Saturday, May 27, SoBo resident Mary “Uncustomary” England brought the Baltimore Bubble Parade to Riverside Park for the second year in a row, to the merriment of about 200 people of all ages.

The lawn on the east side of the park along Covington Street was filled with families, friends, and neighbors making good use of the many bubble wands and bubble guns on hand. SoBo DJ Nate Carper kept the music flowing as colorful chalk was put to good use on the park’s sidewalks and crazy costumes were donned at the photo booth.

Many came decked out for the parade in costumes ranging from caped unicorns and butterflies to pirates and Spiderman. Nearly everyone in attendance joined the bubble-blowing parade that made its way from the corner of

Covington and Heath along the sidewalk to E. Randall and then to the corner with Johnson, where the procession returned to its starting point through the park.

This was the seventh Baltimore Bubble Parade hosted by England, who runs the Merriment Makers membership community. She puts her academic and work experience in psychology to use as a life coach, team-building facilitator, and “merriment maker.” She is the author of *This Is About You: Amazing, Weird, Beautiful You* (2016).

Previous iterations of the parade were held in Hampden, where participants walked along The Avenue. England, who has lived in SoBo since 2017, says Riverside Park, with its ample green space and sidewalks, is a much nicer and safer venue for the parade. – S.C.



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Summer Festivals Galore on the Banks of the Patapsco

West Covington Park, located at the north end of the Hanover Street bridge, has seen a surge of activity in recent years. With the fog of COVID in our rear view, interest in unique music events, food-centered festivals, and other curated activities on the park's spacious waterfront has exploded. Here's a look at several big events coming to the park this summer. – John Thomas

Jazzy Summer Nights

June 8 to October 5

The long-running Baltimore music series returns for five concerts this year. Launched in 1999, the festival was previously held at City Hall and then outside at Horseshoe Casino. After a brief hiatus from 2015 to 2018, the series settled in West Covington Park in 2019. Attendees flock from all over the DMV and from as far away as New York and Richmond. About 4,500 are expected for each concert this year.

The series features national and regional artists, food trucks, VIP sections and tables, and cigar and hookah lounges. Jazzy Summer Night's presence in the park has generated considerable interest for other events in the space.

The season was slated to kick off on June 8 with New Orleans' Tank and the Bangas. The other shows set for the first Thursday of every month are: Raheem DeV Vaughn on July 6, The Crank Crusaders on August 3, Lady Alma on September 7, and Joi Carter on October 5.

For more information, visit: thefinngroup.net/jazzy-summer-nights



Jazzy Summer Nights return to West Covington Park for monthly parties on the Patapsco. Photo courtesy The Finn Group.

Reggae Rise Up

June 23-25

Reggae Rise Up is returning to Maryland for a second year. This popular reggae festival hosts a series of events around the country in Florida, Las Vegas, and Utah.

Over 25 reggae, rap, and reggae-rock bands will take to the waterfront for three days, with no overlapping sets. Vendors from all over Baltimore and the DMV area will be serving signature foods and sweet treats, including Zeke's Coffee, Taharka Brothers, Fuzzies Burgers, and Dave's Smoke and Tacos.

With artists like Pepper, Iration, and Damian Marley set to headline, the turnout is expected to be around 7,000 per day. There is some parking on-site with an additional shuttle system running between the park and 600 Water Street (downtown, near Port Discovery) every 20 minutes. Promoters also recommend using Baltimore Metro Rideshare.

For more information, visit: reggaeriseup.com/maryland

We Give Black Fest

August 4-6

Sponsored by CLLCTIVLY, the We Give Black Fest is a three-day festival celebrating culture and community. CLLCTIVLY was founded in 2019 to provide a unifying platform for Black-led social change organizations to offer open conversation and engaging cultural education as well as to be a resource for those seeking to find, fund, and partner with like-minded organizations. The festival is an extension of that mission and a celebration of local and national Black community organizations.

This year, We Give Black Fest hosts several activities to amplify Black-owned businesses, such as a Black Business Scavenger Hunt and the CLLCTIGIVE live crowdfunding campaign designed to ignite monetary support for Black-led organizations, as well as demonstrations, panels, food, and music.

For more information, visit: wegiveblack.com

Vegan Soulfest

August 19-20

This festival returns to celebrate delicious plant-based food, soulful music, and cultural diversity. Originally held at Baltimore City Community College and Clifton Park, the eight-year-old fest has taken place at West Covington Park for the past two years.

This unique food and music festival has captured the hearts and minds of foodies, vegan or not. Over 40 vendors will be there, including local standouts JudyMakesJuices selling cold-pressed juice and acai bowls and NefeVee cake shop.

The festival's Wellness Village is being curated this year by Baltimore's own Michelle Stafford of DivaYogi. Dwele, the R&B Chicago native, is headlining on August 19.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 people are expected. On-site parking is first come, first served; additional parking will be available nearby with shuttle service to the festival.

For more information, visit: vegansoulfest.com



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The SoBo Made series features local products and the people who make them on the South Baltimore peninsula. Our part of the city has long been a manufacturing and production hub. Although much of that work vanished years ago, the creative and industrious spirit endures here in firms large and small.



Alexa Karina Horeff has been painting for as long as she could hold a brush. The Maryland native, originally from Severna Park, explored and grew her passion with the help of her artistically inclined parents. After graduating from Severna Park High School in 2015, she converted her painting into a business: **AlexaKarinaDesigns**.

The business grew slowly as she worked her way through an undergraduate degree at Anne Arundel Community College. In addition to creating an Etsy page and cultivating her business online, she had success with taking custom orders from her friends and colleagues.

Now operating out of her SoBo row-home on Light Street, Alexa paints canvases, postcards, magnets, coasters, Christmas ornaments, tote bags, and other objects – basically anything you can think of – with vibrant colors and original designs. She paints entirely by hand, not using stencils. Her inspirations come from nature, music, and even her pets.

Except for the bulk items she sells such as prints, postcards, and stickers (made from digitized versions of her original artwork), everything is one of a kind. She distributes mostly in Maryland and Pennsylvania but has had orders from as far away as California and Australia.



Alexa Karina Horeff creates her designs and custom products at her Light Street home. Photo (right) by Mary Braman.

Alexa has also sold her products at several area events, including the Valentine’s Day Makers Market at R. House in Remington, “I Love SoBo Day” at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, and Small Business Saturdays at the Severna Park Racquetball and Fitness Club.

She premiered a new Maryland-themed design – a blue crab – at “I Love SoBo Day” that was praised by SoBohemians, she says. The crab car magnet sold out in less than a week; branded koozies have also been very popular. Alexa has recently started to paint more Baltimore- and Maryland-pride themed items. Seasonal products like Christmas tree ornaments are popular during the holidays. Some of her bestsellers on Esty are stickers and postcards, which she can order in bulk from Sticker Mule.

Alexa’s creative process starts with a canvas or object, even something as simple as a mason jar. She sets up in her studio and begins painting, using special paints if the object is glass or fabric. She’ll paint flowers, butterflies, or calligraphy on the object and set it



aside to dry while she works on others. Depending on the size and material of the item, an order can take anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours when factoring in drying time. She purchases her supplies from local stores and retail chains such as Michaels and A.C. Moore Arts and Crafts as well as online suppliers such as Amazon, VistaPrint, and Sticker Mule.

Running a one-woman business can be a challenge while holding down a full-time job. Alexa is a preschool teacher at St. Martins-in-the-Field Episcopal School in Severna Park and the head correspondent for the

school’s after-school program. She still finds time to embark on creative journeys and fulfill unique orders.

During the school year, she doesn’t field as many custom requests, but she engages full time with her business during the summer. She averages 20-30 orders a month when she has no on-site events, but doubles that output as needed to meet the demands of in-person events.

Alexa is always open to custom work and commissions. You can find all her products online at her Etsy store: [etsy.com / shop / AlexaKarinaDesigns](https://etsy.com/shop/AlexaKarinaDesigns). – John Thomas



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ber of units in Locust Point’s McHenry Row Apartments but fewer than SoBo’s Anthem House and 101 Cross Street. At the end of May, 15 percent of the complex’s two adjoining buildings were leased.

To the northwest is 250 Mission with 162 apartments. At the end of May, 10 percent of the units were leased. The apartments wrap around the two sides of the parking garage facing this corner so that the garage itself is hidden from view. (From Riverside Park the decks and ramps of the north side of the garage are clearly visible.)

The northeast side of this corner is still a construction zone, fenced off to traffic and pedestrians. An as-yet unnamed city park is being built here on top of an underground wastewater storage tank designed to ease the new development’s impact on the city’s public works infrastructure. Landscaping is underway as well as installation of playground equipment, including an eight-foot-tall, climbable blue crab.

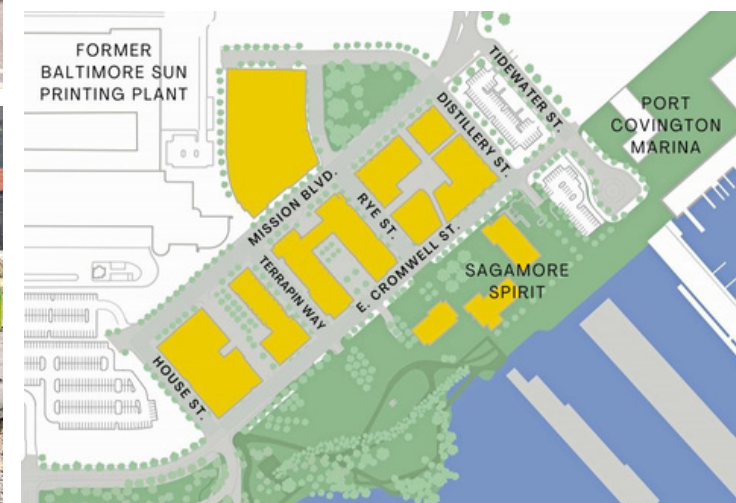
On the far side of the playground, and not yet accessible from the main part of the neighborhood, are Distillery and Tidewater streets. They form a one-way loop around an undeveloped lot and connect the development to east-bound McComas Street. Until through streets E. Cromwell and Mission Boulevard open, McComas is the only way to drive to Port Covington Marina on the east side of the development.

Although the physical story of this Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood is now largely written for all to see, the human story of the new community is on its opening page. Walking along the streets on a typical weekend this spring, you might not see anyone; the only vehicle is a parked security car idling at the Mission Boulevard entrance. The scale of the place makes its current emptiness especially striking.

But that is changing. Former Otterbein resident Briana Calhoun and her husband moved into the 250 Mission apartments in early May because it kept them close to things they love in SoBo while adding some new pluses.

“We loved our house on S. Sharp Street, but we were looking to downsize and be closer to the water,” says Briana. “We wanted a space with amenities like parks nearby. Our apartment here has a large kitchen. I’m a huge cook and love going to Fenwick’s in Cross Street Market. I can also host in the club rooms and read in the common area.” Living within walking distance of Sagamore Spirit and Nick’s Fish House was also a draw.

Briana can already envision becoming a long-term resident of 250 Mission. “We have a one bedroom, which is perfect now for my husband and I and my cat. But we’re already talking about upgrading to a two bed-



The new Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood is not large by SoBo peninsula standards (see map); it could easily fit inside Riverside Park. The two apartment buildings in the community, including Rye House (top photo), opened to tenants in April. A city park is still under construction, but a climbable blue crab play sculpture (above) has already been installed. Photo (top) by Mary Braman.

room when he finishes his residency at Johns Hopkins.”

To infuse more life into the new neighborhood, Baltimore Peninsula is sponsoring on-site events and activities. “Food Truck Wednesdays” bring different lunchtime options to the parking lot of the old Sun printing plant every week. A monthly outdoor movie night series is set to open on June 9 at the new Rye Street Park at the end of Rye Street adjacent to Sagamore Spirit.

The next growth spurt for the neighborhood comes this summer. All of the streets and public spaces are expected to be fully accessible, and an extended stay “aparthotel” called Roost will open alongside Rye House. By the end of the year, the Sun printing plant will be demolished and the first CFG Bank employees will move into their new headquarters. In early 2024, the new city park will be completed and a refurbished Rye Street Tavern will open under new management.

How quickly the rest of the current Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood

fills up with residents, businesses, and shops is not known, but MaryAnne Gilmartin is looking toward a major milestone in late 2024. “Under Armour will open its headquarters in the fourth quarter of 2024, and I think we will have a critical mass of retail, residents, and commercial folks here by then.”

What shape the remaining undeveloped portions of Baltimore Peninsula will take has not yet been decided, says Gilmartin. “We are looking at so many different things. One possibility is a large-scale entertainment venue, whether it’s sports or culture or entertainment. Maybe a public venue such as a hotel or conference center, which could draw a lot of people here. We’re also exploring new industries. I think the film industry could have a place here in Baltimore Peninsula. Another industry is health care and wellness, whether it’s medical, research, or laboratory. We can do all that here.”

Plans are being developed, according to Gilmartin, for better connecting the new neighborhood to the rest of the

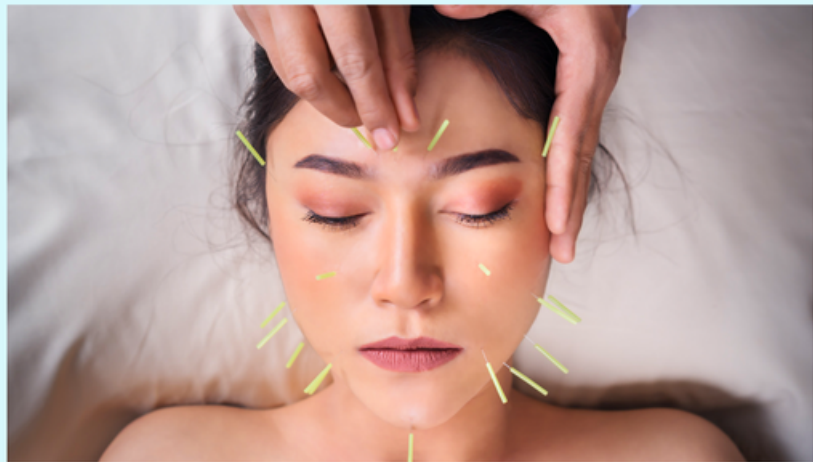
South Baltimore peninsula and the city with roadways and walkways – a major concern for many SoBo residents.

In May, a summary of the Maryland Transportation Authority’s “I-95 Port Covington Access Improvement” project was released for public comment as part of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board’s long-term planning process. This project, envisioned to start in 2029, includes major changes to the access ramps to and from I-95 and I-395 adjacent to Baltimore Peninsula, reconstruction of portions of Hanover and McComas streets, and widening of Key Highway from McHenry Row to McComas Street. Comments on the plan are being accepted until June 20 at publicinput.com/Resilience2050.

To date, no plans have been released by MAG Partners to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the new neighborhood from the existing SoBo peninsula neighborhoods to the north.

For now, a drive down Hanover Street from SoBo to E. Cromwell Street is the best way to visit the new neighborhood. Go take a look. – Steve Cole

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‘Everyday People’ Triumph in Dramatic Kinetic Sculpture Race



This year’s Kinetic Sculpture Race had it all: breakdowns, clear skies, a watery rescue, high-energy onlookers, and creativity galore.

The theme of the May 6 race, sponsored by the American Visionary Art Museum, was “Everyday People.” Theresa Segreti, AVAM’s director of design and public programs, noted that the crowd was in high spirits. This is the race’s second year back in person after a two-year hiatus during the pandemic. Segreti said that people were “hungry for something happy” and are feeling better about being outside in large groups.

One of the 26 sculptures in the race was “Ridin’ Wormy,” an apple-shaped vehicle based on Lowly Worm’s car in the book *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*. During the race, a chain broke on one of the tricycles that pushed the vehicle, according to team members Julie Hoover and Jimmy Acevedo. This left the sculpture with only one pilot. Despite this delay, getting stuck in the mud, and one pilot suffering an injury, “Ridin’ Wormy” pushed through the final stretch, finishing ahead of some of the other teams.

Hoover and Acevedo commented on how much the crowd liked their sculpture and how spectators cheered as they passed by. At one point, a man stopped them and showed them his tattoo of a Richard Scarry drawing.

The returning champions, CAP Kinetic, with their sculpture “Engines & Dragons,” were hoping to reclaim the race’s top title: Grand East Coast National Mediocre Champion. This dream, however, went to a watery grave when the sculpture capsized during the aquatic section of the race in Canton, sending the four pilots into the harbor.

Segreti commented that it was ironic that “Engines & Dragons,” a sculpture designed to look like a fire truck, was rescued by the actual fire department.

Unlike Engines & Dragons, Jill Feasley and her team’s sculpture, “Happy Campers,” made it through the entire race without any major challenges. This year marked Feasley’s thirteenth and final year competing in the race.

During that time, Feasley and her team have been crowned Grand Mediocre Champion and won the art award three times. She said that the race has given her much joy, and she is proud to have been able to win the art award, even though she does not consider herself an artist.

Competitors in the race receive awards for a variety of accomplishments, from best engineering to the best bribe and being the first sculpture to break down.

Feasley encourages anyone interested to enter the race. “Even when you fail miserably, people cheer you on, and you might win an award,” she remarks.

The next Kinetic Sculpture Race is scheduled for May 4, 2024. – A. W. Taylor



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Fourth of July Parade, Happy Hours, and ‘Gittings Get-Up’



The South Baltimore peninsula has many neighborhood groups working to make our part of the city a great place to live. SoBo 2Gether is a regular column of updates from these organizations on community projects that you can get involved in.

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In May, FHNA hosted its first annual Homebrew Competition in support of Federal Hill Prep Elementary’s Spring Fling. The event raised \$1,200 to donate to Prep’s PTO.

Our social committee helped lead one of the four Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimages this year, showcasing our historic homes to over 500 people and helping raise money for historical preservation efforts in Federal Hill Park.

We’re looking forward to the amazing annual Fourth of July celebration put on by our neighborhood on 800 William Street. If you haven’t been and are in the neighborhood on the morning of the Fourth, you really should attend! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook group for details.

With \$60,000 in grant funding, we have a placemaking effort at the intersection of Light Street, Warren Avenue, and Wheeling Street that should be underway soon. We also have an intersection safety improvement project at the corner of S. Charles and Henrietta streets. Over 100 neighbors near the intersection signed a petition in support of the project. There were 15 crashes at that intersection in 2021-

2022, four of which involved pedestrians.

Our next general meeting is Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30pm on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please keep an eye on our Facebook group or sign up for our newsletter on our beautiful website. We won’t have any meetings in July or August but will return in September.

We welcome our five new board members and look forward to working with them to improve our wonderful neighborhood. We thank our outgoing board members, most of whom have served the neighborhood for seven to eight years. We particularly thank our outgoing president Beth Whitmer, who has donated so much of her time and energy as FHNA president since 2014. – Zac Blanchard, President


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Bring your chairs and join us for “Gittings Get-Up” on Saturday, June 24 in the St. Ignatius Loyola Academy parking lot at the corner of Gittings and Battery. The party starts at 3pm and includes a concert by Roses n Rust at 4pm. At dusk, we’ll have a family movie night for a full day of fun!


Help us pay the band and support future community events like this with a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family. You can donate and become a member online at fhsna.square.site.

Save the date for FHSNA’s Community Dumpster Day on Saturday, August 26, from 8 to 11am. Bring your non-hazardous household trash to the back of the Digital Harbor High School

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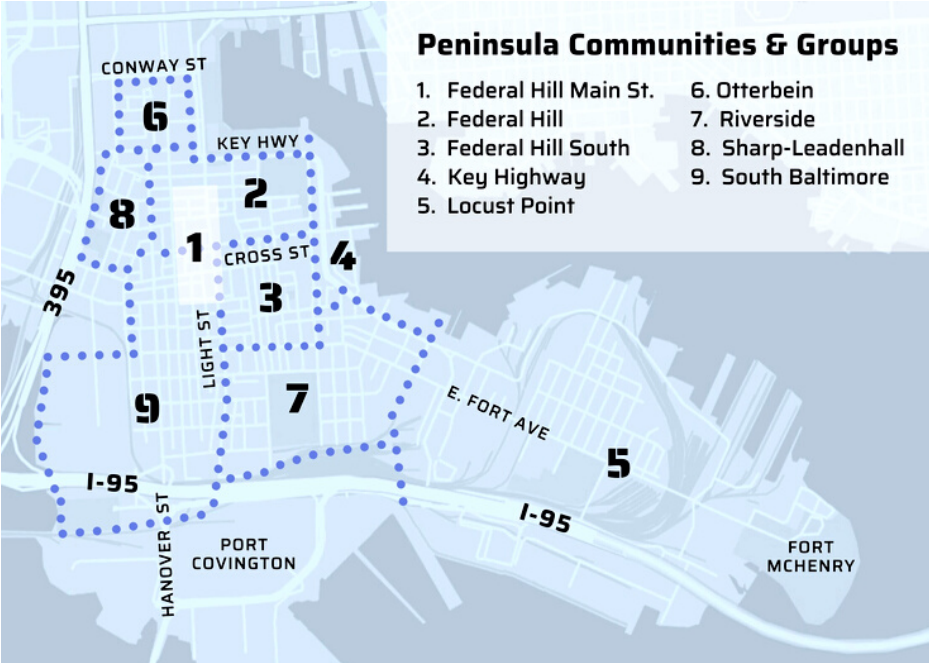
parking lot and take advantage of the convenience of the community dumpster delivered by the city Department of Public Works! – Submitted by Meg Murray, President

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KHCA is having the quarterly general meeting in person on June 14. The Superintendent of Fort McHenry will be making a presentation about the park. To promote local businesses, Yes-Chef Catering of McHenry Row will talk about its services. Stacy Campbell of the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition will talk about the petition the organization is advocating for. KHCA is planning a joint event with AVAM toward the end of June. Details will be announced. – Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President

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Four free concerts at the Riverside Park pavilion/gazebo and surrounding tree-shaded lawns are scheduled for the summer months' second Sundays. Music takes place 5-8pm. Bring the kids, a lawn chair, and friends! Beer and wine sales benefit RNA. The concerts, again sponsored by Domino Sugar, are coordinated by RNA volunteers and the Friends of Riverside Park. On June 11, the band is Get Steady, with Uberstuffed food truck. On July 9, we welcome Yutzi and the Nacho Bangers food truck. August 13's event features Remedy and the Little Havana food truck. And on September 10, Riverside Shakedown plays alongside the food truck Taste. Miss Twist offers ice cream treats at each event. Musicians set up in the almost refurbished Riverside Park pavilion. With a grant from the South Balti-



more Gateway Partnership and in collaboration with the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department and RNA's Friends of Riverside Park, restoration work is nearly completed. The work includes repair of the roof, replacement of woodwork and ironwork, restoration of concrete footings, and a fresh coat of paint in historically accurate colors. The Victorian-style pavilion has been a signature feature of the park since the 1870s when the City added 14 acres to the original 1862 "Battery Square" park and renamed it Riverside Park. It became Leone Riverside Park in 1976 after the City Hall murder of long-time City Council member Dominic Leone. Residents can reserve the pavilion for private events through the Rec and Parks Department. The gazebo accommodates 100 guests standing and provides tables and electricity. Visit: bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/private-events. – Submitted by Rich Badmington, President

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SBNA is keeping busy during the warm weather months! We recently submitted a letter to Councilman Eric Costello and filed it with the City Council opposing the Abundant Housing Act (Bill #22-0285). The proposed bill would change the current zoning law and permit increases in housing density without providing off-street parking. This would have a negative impact on SBNA's footprint, especially for Area 30 Residential Permit parking. Join us during one of our monthly Happy Hours! On the third Wednesday of every month from 6 to 8pm, SBNA will be hosted by one of our many amazing dining establishments. Come meet Board members, express your concerns, learn about opportunities to get involved, and enjoy special discounts on your check. Location changes monthly.



The Fourth of July Parade returns to the streets around Federal Hill Park. Photo by Mary Braman.

Support our "Buy an E" campaign! We continue to appeal to our neighbors during this effort to raise \$650 to repair and replace the missing "E" from the South Baltimore sign at the intersection of Hanover and Wells streets. Any excess funds raised will be used for future beautification efforts. Thank you to those who have donated so far! SBNA will be getting a fresh new look online over the next year. Thanks to the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, SBNA now has the resources to develop a new website and get professional photos taken from around the neighborhood. If you or someone you know does website development or professional photography and lives within the SBNA boundaries, hit us up! We'd love to work with local vendors. (Bonus points if you're a paid member!) To keep up to date on SBNA activities, join us at one of our general membership meetings, follow us on social media, check out our website, or email us at the address above. – Submitted by Jen Eastman, Board Secretary

Outdoor Summer Concerts

on the Plaza

Check our website for dates on upcoming outdoor concerts

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6/15 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

6/16 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.

6/16 – **Music: The Fritz with You Already Know**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

6/16 – **Summer Stand-Up Showcase**, Abbey Burger Bistro, 1041 Marshall St. Comedy showcase with headliner Christian Escoto. 9:30pm. \$

6/17 – **Silo Point Farmers’ Market**, 1200 Steuart St. Produce and goodies from Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.

6/17 – **BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

6/17 – **Friends of Light Street Branch**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly meeting. 11am.

6/17 – **Community Concert Series**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. John Lamkin Favorites Jazz Quintet. 11:30am-1pm.

6/17 – **Whiskey on the Waterfront**, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food trucks, and whiskey cocktails. 12-6pm.

6/17 – **BARCS Crawl**, Mother’s Federal Hill Grille, 1113 S. Charles St. Party and raise money for Baltimore’s homeless pets. 1:30-7pm. \$

6/18 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

6/18 – **Riot Squad Run Meet-Up**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 8am.

6/18 – **Cross Street Farmers’ Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

6/19 – **Sixth Annual Scramble for the Arts Golf Outing**, Woodlands Golf Course, Milford Mill. Fundraiser for arts programs at FSK Elementary/Middle School and Federal Hill Prep. 7am. \$

6/19 – **A Juneteenth Journey**, Fort McHenry. An artistic exploration of stories of enslavement, freedom, and empowerment in American history. 11am-12pm.

6/19 – **Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 5:30pm.

6/19 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.

6/20 – **Music: Christone “Kingfish” Ingram**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

6/21 – **Inner Harbor Solstice Paddle and Flow** sponsored by B’more SUP, Baltimore Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. A 1.5-hour paddle in the Inner Harbor. 5:30am. \$

6/21 – **Workshop: Using Art to Teach the Holocaust and Combat Hate**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 9am-5pm. \$

6/21 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa class. 6-6:45pm.

6/21 – **Family Nights at Fort McHenry**, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Park grounds open until 8pm for the community to enjoy.

6/22 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

6/22 – **Mocktail Mixer**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Explore and sample recipes for Caribbean mocktails. 6:30pm.

6/22-24 – **Used Book Sale**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 12-7pm Thursday, 12-4pm Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday.

6/23 – **Music: Grub, The Green House Band, and Tionesta**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

6/23-25 – **Reggae Rise Up**, West Covington Park. Three-day reggae festival. Gates open 12pm each day. \$

6/24 – **BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

6/24 – **Crab Fest 2023**, Rash Field Park, 300 Key Hwy. Enjoy food and drink from local establishments and live music. 12-6pm. \$

6/24 – **“Gittings Get-Up,”** St. Ignatius Loyola lot, Battery & Gittings. Community party with live music by Roses n Rust and a family movie. Sponsored by the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 3pm-dark.



Community Concert Series at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, June 17 and July 15. Photo by Mary Braman.

6/24 – **Music: Dancing Bears with Natalie Brooke**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

6/24 – **Summer Solstice Gala**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Fundraiser gala for the Center. 8pm. \$

6/25 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

6/25 – **Riot Squad Run Meet-Up**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 8am.

6/25 – **Cross Street Farmers’ Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

6/26 – **Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 5:30pm.

6/26 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.

6/28 – **Key Highway Community Assoc. Fundraiser**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Fundraiser in the museum’s cafe. 5-7:30pm.

6/28 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa (flow) yoga class. 6-6:45pm.

6/29 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

6/29 – **Music: Wynton Existing with Tim & Neko and Megazillion**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

6/30 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.

7/1 – **BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/1 – **Music: Act 109, Heartbent, Plus Impulse, and Vendetta**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 6:30pm. \$

7/2 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

7/2 – **Riot Squad Run Meet-Up**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 8am.

7/2 – **Cross Street Farmers’ Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

7/2 – **“Light Up the Night” Full-Moon Paddle** sponsored by B’more SUP, Baltimore Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. One-hour tour of the Inner Harbor. 8pm. \$

7/3 – **Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 5:30pm.

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7/3 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.

7/5 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa (flow) yoga class. 6-6:45pm.

7/6 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

7/6 – **Music: Jazzy Summer Nights**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Raheem DeVaughn. 6pm. \$

7/6 – **Music: Uncle Kunkel's One Gram Band and Friends**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 10:30pm. \$

7/7 – **Outdoor Movie Night: "The Princess Bride,"** Rye Street Park, E. Cromwell St. 6pm, showtime at dusk.

7/8 – **Boards and Breakfast**, Jake's Skate-park at Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Free skate lessons for kids under 12 with pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

7/8 – **BMI Farmers' Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/8 – **Music: 5 Spot, Coffee and Red, and Will Schmidt Band**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/8-9 – **Bubble Days**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Test your bubble-making skills. 12-4pm. \$

7/9 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

7/9 – **Riot Squad Run Meet-Up**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 8am.

7/9 – **Cross Street Farmers' Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

7/9 – **Music: Yutzi**, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Monthly summertime concert series sponsored by the Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 5-8pm.

7/10 – **Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 5:30pm.

7/10 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.

7/12 – **Healing with Art**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A creative, therapeutic activity to help with navigating grief. 2pm.

7/12 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa (flow) yoga class. 6-6:45pm.

7/13 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.



Boards & Breakfast with Joey Jett returns July 8 to Rash Field Park. Photo by Mary Braman.

7/14 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.

7/14 – **Music: Ryan Celsius, Backwhen, Von Storm, Badkidsgoodpeople, Saint Pond, Phonk Around and Find Out Residents**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/15 – **BMI Farmers' Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/15 – **Community Concert Series**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. John Lamkin Favorites Jazz Quintet. 11:30am-1pm.

7/15 – **Whiskey on the Waterfront**, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food trucks, and whiskey cocktails. 12-6pm.

7/15 – **Music: Nester Plays Primus and an Original Nester Set with Mono Means One**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/16 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

7/16 – **Riot Squad Run Meet-Up**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Pre-registration required. 8am.

7/16 – **Federal Hill Beyond the Views: A Monumental City Tour**, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30-10:30am. \$

7/16 – **Cross Street Farmers' Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

7/16 – **Music: Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/17 – **Beginner Yoga with Claire Strock**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 5:30pm.

7/17 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Full-body workout class. 6-6:45pm.

7/18 – **Music: Dan + Claudia Zanes and Maria Takeda**, Hanover Square Apartments, 1 W. Conway St. Outdoor summer concerts and ice cream. 6:30pm.

7/19 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Weekly all-levels vinyasa (flow) yoga class. 6-6:45pm.

7/20 – **Painting with Alcohol Inks**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Explore free-flowing and vibrant alcohol inks. 6pm.

7/20 – **Open Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

7/20 – **Music: Texas Hill**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/21 – **Music: Scholar Jam with Roses n Rust**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 6:30pm. \$

7/22 – **BMI Farmers' Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/22 – **Music: Hustle Souls and Kavoossi** with the **Dan Heely Band**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

7/23 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced & intermediate riders at 7:50am, casual riders at 8:45am.

7/23 – **Cross Street Farmers' Market**, 1065 S. Charles St. 10am-2pm.

7/28 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.

7/28 – **Baltimore's Birthday Bash 2023**, 301 Mission Blvd., Baltimore Peninsula. Local entertainment, open bar, lite fare, and birthday desserts. 7-11pm. \$

7/30 – **"Light Up the Night" Full-Moon Paddle Experience** sponsored by B' more SUP, Baltimore Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 8pm. \$

8/1 – **Music: Happy Birthday Jerry with Sam Cochran's Europe '72 Band**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

8/3 – **Music: Jazzy Summer Nights**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. The Crank Crusaders. 6pm. \$

8/4 – **Peninsula Post Issue #14 Release**. New edition of the free bimonthly community newspaper available all over SoBo.

8/4 – **Music: Legion of Jerry**, celebrating the musical legacy of Jerry Garcia, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

8/5 – **Music: Bob Burke**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Guitarist and former Pratt librarian. 3pm.

8/5 – **Music: Jerry's Annual Birthday Celebration** with **Ed Hough and Friends**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 8pm. \$

8/6 – **Intro to Bookbinding**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Explore the art of bookbinding. 10am-1pm. \$

8/10 – **Family Game Night**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Enjoy a night of fun games for the whole family. 6pm.



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Second ‘SoBo Day’ Celebration Soars

Clear skies, good vibes, and plenty of SoBo vendors greeted a record crowd at “I Love SoBo Day” on Sunday, May 7, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Over 1,000 people attended this year’s celebration of all-things SoBo, sponsored by South Baltimore United, Inc., the nonprofit publisher of the Peninsula Post.



SoBo Day 2023 featured the first “SoBo Photo Show & Contest,” showcasing the work of these SoBo photographers: Melanie Avery, Jackie Beebe, Rob Bennett, Kyle Black, Molly Bolek, Vicky Booze, Rachel Broderick, Deanna Clark, Isabel Mercedes Cumming, Sandra Dawson, Jennifer Franklin, Thomas Gisriel, Laura Graham, J. Kelly Lane, Kathy Lynch, Kathie McCleskey, Dwight Myers, Marianne Navarro, Max Ruehrmund, Michael Saxon, Rhiana Scholz, Chuck Scudder, Andrew Shebest, Patricia Sumner, Lauren Waldman, Amy Wunderlin, and Jennifer Zuffante.

Another new addition this year was a Silent Auction with SoBo-area products, services, and experiences from

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