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SOBO EVENTS

Dec. 10, 2023 - Feb. 4, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- BLK ASS Flea Market: Kwanzaa Edition (12/16)
- Midnight Noon (12/31)
- Winter Mocktail Mixer (1/4)
- Roller Wave House closing weekend (1/26-28)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

- 12/10 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride (30-35 miles, avg. 18 mph) meets at 8am, casual ride (12-15 miles, avg. 10 mph) meets at 8:45am.
- 12/10 – **Ravens Tailgate Fundraiser**, Union Brothers Building, 1120 S. Hanover St. Food, drinks, live music, and cornhole. 9am-1pm.
- 12/10 – **FSK Mural Community Paint Day**, Francis Scott Key Elementary/ Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Volunteer to help paint a new school mural. 10am-3pm.
- 12/10 – **Creative Makers Holiday Market**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street, 3rd floor. 12-6pm.
- 12/10 – **Christmas Caroling in Federal Hill**, Holy Cross church, 106 E. West St. Hosted by the Catholic Community of South Baltimore. Start caroling at 6pm; happy hour at Cross Street Market to follow.
- 12/11 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.
- 12/11 – **Cookie Contest and Holiday Cheer**, Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Ave. Sponsored by Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30-8pm.
- 12/12 – **Tiny Art Show**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Paint a masterpiece on a tiny canvas and display your art at the library. 3:30pm.
- 12/13 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for babies and toddlers. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.
- 12/13 – **One Book Baltimore: Bmore Mindful**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discuss themes from “Before the Ever After” by Jacqueline Woodson. 3pm.
- 12/13 – **LPCA Annual Holiday Party**, Knights of Columbus, 1338 Hull St. Food, DJ, Santa Claus, silent auction, and games for all ages. Sponsored by Locust Point Civic Assoc. 5:30-8:30pm.
- 12/13 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

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THE MARCHING BAND from Digital Harbor High School added to the holiday spirit at the second annual Frosty Fest on Saturday, December 2, outside Cross Street Market. The event, sponsored by Federal Hill Main Street, also featured local vendors, a snowy bubble machine, and a visit from Santa and Ms. Claus. Photo by Mary Braman.

New Play Area, Giant Mural Coming to Locust Point School

A new outdoor play space at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School in Locust Point will feature shade trees, play equipment, and the largest mural on the SoBo peninsula. Designed with input from students, the three-story-tall mural is being painted primarily by FSK middle schoolers.

Work on the new play area, which was created specifically for the school’s older students, started in mid-November with the installation of landscaping and play equipment along the school’s southeast corner, next to the soccer field. The nearly 2,000-square-foot mural will rise on the school’s wall next spring.

The project is the continuation of an effort started in 2021 by the FSK Parent-Teacher Organization after students returned to the classroom during the Covid pandemic. “We realized then that teachers and students were going to spend more time outside, and the school really needed beautiful and safe outdoor space for playing, lunch, and socializing,” said Talley Kovacs, FSK PTO president. The organization formed an ad hoc outdoor committee to see what could be done with available unimproved areas around the school.

Their first project was creating a new play area for elementary-age students near the entrance of the school, which was completed in summer 2022. Funding came from a variety of

sources, said Kovacs, including the PTO’s annual giving campaign and a grant from the State of Maryland.

Next up was a play area for the older FSK students. Ideas for the type of play equipment in this area came from a survey of students and teachers. “The students said they wanted to climb and swing and spin,” said Kovacs. Wrapped around the play area is new landscaping that includes mature trees, timber benches, and boulders to sit and climb on. The area was designed by Kevin Gaughan and his SoBo firm FORM Garden Design.

Construction was completed in late November, and students were expected to begin playing on the new space at the beginning of December.

Still to come is the giant mural that will cover the entire school wall overlooking the play area. That part of the project has been shepherded by Locust Point muralist Nicole Buchholz, a member of the PTO outdoor committee, who secured grants from the Maryland State Arts Council for the artwork.

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A new play area along the back of Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School designed especially for the older grades was installed in November. A colorful mural on the school’s wall will be added this spring. Photo by Mary Braman.

FROM THE EDITOR

We Can All Be SoBo Community Builders

Look on almost any page of this issue of the Peninsula Post and you'll find stories about the amazing contributions that regular SoBohemians are making to life on the peninsula. From community gardeners to mural painters and more, they are building a more vibrant community for all of us. Some may be your neighbors. Some may be your friends. Some may be mysteriously anonymous (see page 5). All are making a difference.

There's also a group of SoBo community builders working behind the scenes to make this newspaper possible. Writers, photographers, and a hard-working delivery team – all volunteer their time and talents to bring you SoBo news and stories, free.

You, too, can become a SoBo community builder by donating whatever you can spare (anonymously or not) to the nonprofit behind this newspaper and "I Love SoBo Day." It's easy. Just scan the QR code on page 10 of this issue.

Thanks for making a difference! – Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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Museum Leads Tour of SoBo Corner Bars

About 20 people gathered at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on November 4 for the first walking tour of nearby neighborhood bars as part of the launch of a new permanent exhibit. "The Neighborhood Corner Bar," which opened in October, explores the culture of Baltimore-area taverns from the 1870s to the 1920s. The exhibit features a long wooden bar with a brass rail and a mirrored cabinet and walls adorned with historic beer advertisements, menus, and photographs.

The tour, developed in partnership with Baltimore Heritage, is chockful of local history, architecture, and (of course) beer. Rachel Donaldson, BMI's curator of Collections and Exhibitions, led the tour on a series of stops along E. Fort Avenue. Guiding the group to Lawrence Street from the museum, Donaldson explained that, as social institutions, corner



Mara Householder (center) welcomes participants in the Baltimore Museum of Industry tour to Captain Larry's on E. Fort Avenue. Photo by Mary Braman.

bars reflected the exclusionary norms of the time. This is even evident in their architecture. Often built in rowhouse-style buildings, the bar at the front was usually restricted to men, who would stand at the bar instead of sitting, while the women

gathered in the back room. The corner bars had a "ladies' entrance" on the side, where women would enter without having to pass through the men-only bar.

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With Harbor Health Gains, Public Swim Planned for 2024

According to the latest Healthy Harbor Report released on November 9, the water quality of Baltimore's Inner Harbor has improved so much that the sponsor of the report, the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, will host a public swim event in the harbor next year.

The announcement and annual report results were issued at a press conference in Fells Point arranged by the Partnership and Brown Advisory. Laurie Schwartz, president of the Waterfront Partnership, stated that the original vision of the Healthy Harbor Initiative had been to achieve a swimmable, fishable harbor by 2020.

This of course is no easy feat, as the issues with the water's health run deeper than just litter and pollution. Although the pandemic slowed the progress, now it looks like the harbor is closer to the swimmable, fishable goal, said Michael Hankin, CEO and president of Brown Advisory.

Approximately 450 tons of trash are collected from harbor waters annually, thanks to four trash wheels: Mr. Trash Wheel, Professor Trash Wheel, Captain Trash Wheel, and Gwynnda, the Good Trash Wheel of the West. Gwynnda collects more trash than the other three wheels combined. The report noted that 2022 was the first year that all four trash wheels were operating contin-

uously, pulling almost a million pounds of garbage from the harbor.

A variety of other factors also contributed to the improvements. A Baltimore City plastic bag ban went into effect in 2021. In April of this year, Trash Free Maryland hosted a "dumpster dive" with over 200 volunteers who cataloged the contents of one trash wheel dumpster, information that was used to help advocate for statewide legislation that reduces trash in our waterways.

Hankin also noted that in 2017, \$1.6 billion was allotted for sewer maintenance to reduce harmful overflows and to bring facilities back into compliance. As a result, sewage overflow has been reduced by 97 percent since 2018 and bacteria levels are now being monitored five days a week. On top of that, 300,000 bay oysters are grown annually. Oysters act as natural water filters that remove harmful bacteria.

So, is the Inner Harbor swimmable? Not quite yet, but it's on the right track. According to this year's report, it is safe to swim most of the time, except for after a heavy rainfall. The influx of new wildlife is evidence that water conditions are improving. Recent sightings in the harbor include schools of menhaden, diamondback terrapins, and a dolphin. Local divers have remarked that the water visi-

bility is the best they've seen in years.

Adam Lindquist, vice president of the Waterfront Partnership, announced during the press event that they will be hosting an organized jump into the harbor in 2024. The public can sign up for the "Harbor Splash" mailing list at waterfrontpartnership.org/harborsplash.

Mayor Brandon Scott, speaking at the event, said the harbor is one of the city's best resources and his administration plans to maximize its recreational potential. He and the Waterfront Partnership envision triathlons, swim meets, and maybe even a beach in the Inner Harbor's future. – John Thomas

Bland-Thomas Receives Foundation Award

Longtime Sharp-Leadenhall community leader Betty Bland-Thomas was one of 10 recipients of the Baltimore Community Foundation's Neighborhood Spotlight Awards in October. The awards recognize "unsung heroes working to better the Baltimore community," said the announcement.

Bland-Thomas is president of the Historic Sharp-Leadenhall nonprofit, which received a grant in November from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. – S.C.



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Cross Street Block to Reopen to Traffic

The block of E. Cross Street along the north side of Cross Street Market, between Light and Patapsco, that has been closed to traffic since the early days of the pandemic, is expected to reopen in December, according to an October announcement from Federal Hill Main Street. Pending approval by the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, the traffic barriers, planters, and public benches will be removed from the unit block of E. Cross Street and one-way vehicular traffic will return.

The block was one of several around the city that were closed in the summer of 2020 to allow for outdoor dining and community spaces in response to public health restrictions on indoor gatherings to stem the spread of Covid-19. The pedestrian-oriented street closure allowed the Federal Hill Main Street nonprofit, with an office on that block, to host public events, including weekly “Community Socials” during the summers of 2021 and 2022.

The decision to reopen the block was made by Federal Hill Main Street in response to “the coordinated request of businesses,” said executive director Taylor Schwartz. “The businesses along Cross Street had a discussion and came to our October board meeting to articulate how they believe the closure of the street has impacted their business. It was clear that the businesses wanted to see it reopened.”

Schwartz acknowledged that Main Street had faced challenges in managing the area. “The closure of Cross Street demanded quite a bit of time and effort by our organization,” she said. “Pedestrian spaces have to be well-run spaces. Part of the problem we faced is that there’s no way to truly pedestrianize it in any permanent state because of the location of the street. We don’t have back-alley access for trash pickup, deliveries, or emergency vehicles. We weren’t able to install, for example, really beautiful blockades that fit the aesthetic of the district. So we had the conversation about our own capacity to meet the needs of nearly 200 businesses within our footprint as well as our ability to maintain that street. And at the core of what our organization is intended to do is to serve the businesses.”

Creating pedestrian-friendly spaces in the Federal Hill business district remains a priority for Main Street, she said. “That conversation doesn’t stop just because Cross Street reopens. Our board and Main Street America really support having pedestrian spaces. We just want to better assess how to provide that to the community in a way that supports both the businesses and the neighbors.”

The exact date of the street reopening was uncertain as this issue went to press on December 1. In an email sent to local businesses on November 29, Schwartz stated that “we do not expect to be able to reopen the street as previously requested [of the Department of Transportation] on December 4.” – S.C.

Locust Point Garden 2.0 to Bloom in 2024

The Locust Point Community Garden has found a new home and is on an ambitious path to reopen by the start of the 2024 growing season, according to Dave Arndt, the garden’s volunteer manager.

The new location is on the west side of Latrobe Park, at the end of Latrobe Park Terrace, on Baltimore City Recreation and Parks property next to Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School. Rec and Parks has already started to clear some weed trees and brush along the end of the street to make way for the garden.

The original garden location on the 1100 block of Hull Street is on property owned by Under Armour, which created the garden there in 2017. Under Armour informed Locust Point Civic Association (LPCA) in early 2023 that it was putting the property up for sale and that this year’s growing season would be the last at this location (Peninsula Post, April 2023, pg. 1). In November, Under Armour informed Arndt that the garden would need to vacate the property by December 15.

The new garden location was identified in discussions that Arndt initiated with Rec and Parks staff. A resolution to support the move to the new location was unanimously approved by LPCA members at the organization’s November 8 meeting.

Initially, it looked like the new garden would not be ready for planting until the 2025 growing season, said Arndt. But in November, he heard from Rec and Parks that they were ready to fast-track the project and open for the 2024 growing season.

“It’s really been crazy the pace that this has jumped into,” Arndt commented. And lots of work lies ahead.

Still to be settled are the exact location and size of the garden, said Arndt. Discussions are underway with a landscape architect, Rec and Parks, and South Baltimore Youth Soccer League, which plays on the field adjacent to the garden site.

“We’d like to maximize the amount of space we have here for the new garden,” Arndt said. “But it will be smaller than the space we had on Hull Street.”

Adding a water supply and fencing are essentials that come with a hefty price tag, which the garden will have to raise, said Arndt. Under Armour has committed to supplying compost and topsoil for the new garden, he added.

The goal is to have major construction of the new garden completed by April so that gardeners can begin prepping the raised beds for planting at the beginning of May, Arndt said.

It’s a lot of work and a short period of time, but Arndt is heartened by the community support for the garden. “We have 106 gardeners and a waiting list of 20,” he said. “And with the move to this new spot, we have even more people interested in the garden. The overwhelming community support for this has been great. The community really wants to have a garden and green space.” – S.C.



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The first bar on the tour was Southside Saloon, where you can see the ladies’ entrance on Henry Street and the space inside where the wall that separated the bar from the back room used to be. The back room was also used as a gathering spot, hosting community and political meetings.

Captain Larry’s at the corner of Jackson Street was next. A bar for over 60 years and formally known as Captain Larry’s for the last 30, it is now owned by brother-and-sister duo Ivars Balodis and Mara Householder. Captain Larry operated this corner bar as “a very policeman-friendly place” in the 1980s and 1990s, according to Householder. The current owners opened it as a nautical-themed bar in 2006. Householder explained that the bar used to be in the center of the room, divided by walls and two arches. The back room, where women were allowed, is now an open floor with tables and a corner stacked with board games for a family-friendly setting.

The tour wrapped up at Shotti’s Point on Webster Street. Owners Kristie and Dan Bukowski bought the place in 2020 from the original owner Michael Shot, who still operates two Shotti’s locations in Ocean City. Tour participants enjoyed a beer on the house while chatting with the owners. BMI sponsored a second, sold-out Neighborhood Corner Bar walking tour in mid-November. The museum is considering hosting additional tours next year. – John Thomas

Mental Health Awareness Event Planned for Latrobe Park

A one-day event is being planned for next spring in Locust Point that its organizer hopes will “reverberate throughout the city and spark hundreds or thousands of conversations about mental health that would not have happened otherwise.”

Anthony Sartori, founder of the workplace mental health nonprofit Evolving Minds, is organizing the event with funding he received in October as one of the recipients of a Baltimore Weaver Award. The annual awards, sponsored by the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C., and M&T Bank, recognize local leaders who are actively “weaving” together strong social connections in their communities.

Sartori launched Evolving Minds in early 2020, just before the pandemic, with a pilot training program for Baltimore City Public Schools teachers, administrators, and counselors to support their mental health and well-being, providing them with tools and techniques to build social connections for themselves and with their students. The organization now also offers workplace mental health training for retail businesses, nonprofits, and social-impact organizations. Sartori, a Baltimore native now living in Locust Point, is also a national speaker with Active Minds, a leading U.S. mental health nonprofit for young adults.

The centerpiece of the Latrobe Park event, slated for March, will be a traveling exhibit from Active Minds called “Send Silence Packing.” The



Anthony Sartori of the Evolving Minds nonprofit is organizing the March event. Photo by Mary Braman.

interactive exhibit highlights stories of people who have lost loved ones to suicide as well as stories of suicide-attempt survivors. The stories can be experienced by reading words affixed to individual bookbags or listening to audio recordings. The event will also feature booths with mental health resources and local vendors offering

wellness services and products, Sartori said.

Having conversations with other people about mental health issues is difficult, Sartori acknowledges, but it can lead to an increased connectedness between people and reduce loneliness. And he plans to practice what he preaches over the next few months as he puts the Latrobe event together.

“In my Weaver Award application, I challenged myself to knock on 100 of my neighbors’ doors, to invite them to the event, and to increase my own social connectedness, as a relative newcomer to the neighborhood. And potentially this will lead to conversations about mental health. We all have a mental health story. Asking people the right questions as neighbors could really open up important conversations.”

Details on the Latrobe Park event will be published in a future issue of the Peninsula Post and posted in our SoBo Events calendar (sobopost.org/events) as they become available. – S.C.

New Businesses Open on the South Baltimore Peninsula

Since our last issue in October, the following businesses have opened on the South Baltimore peninsula:

Five Below, Southside Marketplace, 903 E. Fort Ave. Discount variety store. 443-332-2004.

Gyroll Shawarma, Cross Street Market. Middle Eastern cuisine offering a variety of shawarma options

served as a wrap or platter. 202-899-0003.

Light Street Tattoo, 1442 Light St. Walk-ins welcome. 443-666-1771.

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Mysterious ‘LOVE’ Sculpture Lands in SoBo, Origin Unknown

On or about Friday, October 20, 2023, several hundred pounds of love appeared, unannounced, on a vacant lot at the corner of E. Fort Avenue and William Street. The arrival has sparked joy and some bewilderment in the surrounding neighborhood due to the fact that it bears no indication of its origin. No one has claimed responsibility for what appears to be a random act of art.

The South Baltimore Peninsula Post immediately launched an investigation into this mysterious gift to the community. Here are the facts:

The arrival is in the form of a vertical steel structure measuring 47 inches long by 9.75 inches wide and 38.5 inches tall. It stands securely on a steel base extending 7 inches along both sides of the length of the central structure. It is positioned diagonally 15 inches from where the two streets’ sidewalks intersect, standing on a grass-covered lot approximately 30 feet by 60 feet where a building numbered 200 E. Fort Avenue once stood.

The structure’s most distinctive feature is the word LOVE, cut from quarter-inch steel plate, adorning both sides of the top of the sculpture. One LOVE faces E. Fort Avenue; the other faces William Street. Each of the capital letters measures 15 inches tall. Between the two street-facing words is a series of nine steel plates of the same thickness, each half an inch apart, cut to represent the shape of the letters as they morph to the shape of the letter on the opposite side.

Two barely visible details at the base of the sculpture are notable. Each side of the base has one small flower, a pansy, growing out of one of several 5-inch squares cut through the steel. A few words engraved onto the base facing E. Fort Avenue – “To request removal write artaroundbaltimore@gmail.com” – indicates that the current owner of the vacant lot was not involved in the creation or placement of the sculpture.

In searching for more information about the sculpture, the Peninsula Post posted several photos of the artwork on its social media accounts



A steel sculpture that arrived on a vacant lot in October has sparked joy, bewilderment, and more than a little curiosity. Photos by Steve Cole

and shared them to multiple neighborhood Facebook groups. While this did not yield conclusive information about the creator of the sculpture, it did elicit several comments from the community.

“I’ll give it about one week before somebody knocks it over,” said one person on Facebook. This prediction proved to be incorrect.

“I walked to see it in person recently,” wrote another commentator. “It is such a well-done piece of art. I hope its creator knows the value it adds to the neighborhood.”

The Peninsula Post also sent a query to the email address engraved on the base of the sculpture requesting an interview for this story. That request was turned down by the owner of the account, who replied that the LOVE artwork “is a reflection of our love for Baltimore. We are delighted by the positive response but wish to

remain anonymous.” Subsequent emails from the Peninsula Post to this address were not answered.

Some social media commentators suggested that the creator could be longtime Baltimore metal artist Jonathan Maxwell, whose studio on Light Street is about two blocks from the LOVE sculpture. “Not so,” Maxwell said on November 29 when we visited the sculpture.

Maxwell was impressed by the work that went into the piece. Cutting the LOVE letters was likely done with a CNC (computer numerical control) plasma torch, he said, which can cut

steel into a shape created by a computer-aided design program. That work could have been done locally by someone with the right equipment or purchased from a commercial firm. He estimated that the sculpture weighs in the vicinity of 500 pounds, which would have required a forklift or truck to place it there, he said.

The identity of the LOVE sculptor remains a mystery. It could be, Maxwell suggested, that SoBo now has its own Banksy, referring to the anonymous street artist based in England who has been active since the 1990s.

The Peninsula Post’s investigation into the origins of “LOVE” are continuing. Updates will be published in future issues.

If you have any information that could lead to the identification of this phenomenal metal sculptor, email it to editor@sobopost.org. –Steve Cole

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Buchholz has created several brightly colored murals on the SoBo peninsula since moving here with her family in 2019, including projects at Riverside Park pool, Latrobe Park, and the Locust Point Community Garden. She is now also working with Baltimore-based Graham Projects on crosswalk and placemaking projects around the city.

The mural adds to the new play space by giving students a sense of their own worth, Buchholz believes. “It expresses to the kids that they deserve better than to look at a ginormous, ugly brick wall,” she said.

Buchholz designed the mural with extensive input from FSK middle school students, which was gathered this spring through surveys and small group discussions. A theme emerged, she recalled. “I wanted to know what they loved about the school. And it became very clear that they noticed how diverse FSK is, and they were proud of this.”

The resulting design of the “FSK Unity Mural” features simple geometric shapes representing children holding hands with the sun shining overhead and balls sailing through the air. What Buchholz is after with her designs, she said, is a sense of fun that makes people smile when they see it.

The immense mural – 65 feet long by 30 feet high – is not being painted directly onto the school but is being rendered onto sheets of fabric that will be installed on the wall using an adhesive and then sealed. It’s a proc-



Above: Nicole Buchholz and students work on the mural (photo by Mary Braman). Left: The mural design.

“From there, it’s essentially paint by number,” Buchholz explained. After prepping each square by painting only the outline of each shape with the appropriate color, she turns it over to FSK middle schoolers to do the rest. About two dozen 8th graders tackled the first batch of squares during art class on November 3. Additional in-class painting sessions are scheduled through early 2024.

Buchholz expects to start installing the finished mural pieces in May and complete the project before the end of the school year. For more on the mural, visit Buchholz’ website at solrayapublicspace.com. – Steve Cole

ess that Buchholz learned about on a public art project in Philadelphia. Starting with a digital image of the entire design, she divides it into a series of squares (a total of 89) and makes an image file of each square. A

specialty mural company in Philadelphia uses a large-format printer to “ghost print” each square onto a 5’ x 5’ piece of parachute cloth. Only the outlines of the geometric shapes in the mural design are visible on the fabric.



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The company's operation consists of two locations: the recently opened production space and gallery at 1226 Wicomico Street and its sawmill at Impact Village on W. Dickman Street in Port Covington, which opened in 2016. We interviewed cofounder Will Phillips at the sprawling Impact Village warehouse, amid endless stacks of tree trunks and planks, huge saws, and sawdust.

Phillips cofounded the company in 2010 out of what he humbly describes as a pile of timber and rubble during a Habitat for Humanity volunteer event in West Baltimore. He thought that the piles of timber – some planks were over 100 years old – were too valuable to go to waste, so he hauled them away instead of throwing them in the dumpster. The beams were in great condition, so it was a no-brainer, he said, that they could be made into high-quality furniture.

Originally, Phillips partnered with SoBo-based architect and maker John Bolster, who runs New Renaissance Builders. Friend and designer James Battaglia joined shortly afterward, and they've been working together ever since. They opened their first location on Belt Street in the River-

SoBo Sawmill Reclaims Wood for Custom Furniture



Salvaged lumber and logs are cut into planks and beams for custom products created by Sandtown Furniture. The SoBo-born company was cofounded by Will Phillips (below) in 2010. Photos by Mary Braman.

side neighborhood as “Sandtown Millworks.”

While initially, Sandtown worked mostly with discarded beams from razed rowhouses and other Baltimore buildings, around 2018 they started working with Camp Small, a zero-waste wood collection yard run by the Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks. The department's Forestry Division founded the Camp Small Zero Waste initiative in 2016 to sort and distribute many types of reclaimed wood at its Jones Falls valley site and make it available for area residents and businesses to purchase.

Enter Sandtown Furniture, which eagerly began to purchase logs to add to its furniture-making efforts. Up until then, Sandtown had primarily been using salvaged pine beams, but thanks to this new cache of wood, they moved ahead with the goal of using 50 percent pine wood and 50 percent other types of wood, primarily white oak, ash, and walnut. Including the reclaimed rowhouse beams, the Camp Small wood yard, and felled trees from a few local arborists, all of the wood sourced for Sandtown Furniture comes from Baltimore.

Once the wood is claimed, it's sawed into lumber with one of two saws at the mill. A forklift operator positions the trunks, and the blade, guided by a technician, saws into the wood horizontally. One saw produces slab wood which can be used for tabletops. The other saw produces dimensional wood, beams of different sizes for a variety of uses. Felled trees that are sawed into slab wood retain their bark on the sides for a rustic look.

Then the planks and beams are stacked in the warehouse, with spacers in between each piece to evenly distribute the weight and prevent warping. Once stacked, they are left alone to dry, anywhere from three months to three years. Phillips can assess the levels of moisture via a moisture meter or a small pin he sticks in the wood. After the wood is deemed ready, it gets a final drying in a vacuum kiln before it is brought over to the production workshop to be joined into furniture.

Sandtown's workshop is in a 140-year-old warehouse on Wicomico Street with 32,000-square-feet of floor space that Phillips and Battaglia bought in 2021. The abandoned structure underwent a year and a half of

renovations before opening to the public in January 2023.

The production process varies greatly item to item, as every order is custom made and no two orders are the same. The production team is small – eight people in all – but they crank out orders at a breakneck pace. They handle from 500 to 1000 orders a year.

Battaglia starts with SketchUp software to handle some aspects of the design, but many of the design decisions rely on the skills and experience of the woodworkers. With the wood selected, pieces are joined by hand with steel from DS Steel, a Pigtown pipe and supply company. After the assembled piece is stained and other finishing touches applied, it is ready to ship. The entire crafting process can take up to 12 weeks, but with all hands on deck, projects can be completed in as little as three weeks. Most of Sandtown's work goes to customers in the DMV area.

The company represents Baltimore through and through and has collaborated with other local businesses and individuals. When the Peninsula Post toured the sawmill in September, we watched white oak planks being sawed into staves for Sagamore Spirit's whiskey barrels. They have also incorporated some of the artwork of local artist Kelly Walker into their limited-edition pieces. Phillips remarked that Walker is one of “Baltimore's biggest advocates and brings such a collaborative energy to the design process.”

Sandtown's Wicomico Street location, dubbed Sandtown HQ2, doubles as a showroom and gallery with vaulted ceilings, exposed brick, and lots of natural light. The space is so large and attractive that they rent their 7,000-square-foot event venue known as the “Butterfly Room” upon request. They've held the Bmore Flea market there as well as Baltimore's CreativeMornings, a monthly breakfast lecture series. It's also a popular wedding venue.

To find out how you can order a custom piece of furniture or book the showroom for an event, make an appointment on their website at sandtown.com. – John Thomas



South Baltimore Astronomer Explores Planets Far, Far Away

Two years ago, on Christmas Day 2021, Laurent Pueyo was at home in Locust Point with his family when NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope blasted off from South America to begin its exploration of the universe. About a month and a million miles later, the telescope arrived at its target orbit and Laurent helped get it ready to make scientific observations. An associate astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, he spent the next three months working with a team at the Institute on the Johns Hopkins University campus to carefully adjust Webb’s 18 primary mirror segments to bring the telescope into focus. The amazing new views of our universe have continued ever since.

The Princeton-trained scientist originally from Toulouse, France, moved to Baltimore in 2010 to work on Webb and eventually settled on the peninsula, near Riverside Park, with his wife Natalie in 2013. The couple and their three children now call Locust Point home. I talked with Pueyo in November about his astronomical career as well as his scientific research exploring “extrasolar planets” (worlds orbiting around stars other than our Sun) and a new space telescope project he is working on that will search for Earth-size planets that have the chemical building blocks of life. – Steve Cole

How did you discover SoBo, and what drew you to living here?

It was really the proximity to water. My wife is a rower, and she rows [from Middle Branch Park] in Cherry Hill. When we first moved to Baltimore, we lived in Roland Park. I would drive her down to the boat-house early in the morning and I’d go to a coffee shop here and work. The area was alive that early in the morning: people were out, people were running. It felt like a really nice neighborhood. So, when it was time for us to buy a house, we decided on South Baltimore. And then we discovered there are a lot of restaurants and activities that we didn’t know about. We absolutely love it here.

How did you get interested in astronomy and space telescopes?

I was good at science in high school back in France. It took me some time to find out what I loved to do. I did applied physics, electrical engineering, and some software work. At Princeton, I worked on astronomical instrumentation, building cameras for telescopes. After a month, I knew this is what I’m going to do for the rest of my life. It was the combination of a hard technical problem and the things you can look at with these instruments – the universe! I was fascinated.



Laurent Pueyo of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore is studying exoplanets with NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope. Photo by Mary Braman.

What type of work did you do on Webb as it was getting ready for launch?

I was good at optics, so I was hired for the alignment of the telescope. Webb has a few coronagraphs, which is kind of my niche in instrumentation. These instruments block the light from a star so you can look for planets orbiting a star, which is my area of research. They are very finicky to operate. I ended up doing a lot of the operations for those instru-

ments, helping prepare the software, understanding how you analyze the data.

How much is known about planets around other stars?

Thirty years ago, we had not seen any extrasolar planets, but some scientists theorized they could exist. That changed in 1995 with the first discovery using mainly ground-based

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Holiday Shopping, Parties, and Public Safety Improvements



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.

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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FHNA has been focused on **combating the rise in violent crime** in the neighborhood, which has doubled over the last two years. We have a neighbor-led effort to petition our city leadership to get all the key stakeholders together, which FHNA firmly supports. We encourage any concerned residents to reach out to our public safety team at fhna.publicsafety@gmail.com to get involved.

Concerning **traffic calming and pedestrian safety**, we have several areas of focus that we are currently looking into: Key Highway, Warren Avenue, and Montgomery Street. This is on top of our efforts to slow cars and facilitate pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Light Street, Warren Avenue, and Henrietta Street, which should be complete this spring, and the successful FHNA effort to put a four-way stop at S. Charles and Henrietta streets.

Concerning beautification, we have a **\$1-to-\$1 matching grant** for window planters from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. FHNA will pay up to \$125 for interested residents within our boundaries. To register, send us your email via the link at federalhillbaltimore.org/resources#beautification.

We have a **new tree-planting coordinator**, Helen Holden; a **new social chair**, Paco Cummings; and several new members of our public safety committee. We thank our outgoing social chair, Sheri Hunt, for her years of leadership with social events, historical efforts, and serving as treasurer with both FHNA and Federal Hill Main Street.

Concerning membership, our dues-paying **membership is up roughly 50 percent** over the last six months to 160 dues-paying members. Participation in our monthly meetings has also been trending upward, with

roughly 80 attendees at our November meeting. We are honored to see our neighbors' willingness to put in the time and money to make their neighborhood a better place.

We will have our third annual **Best-Decorated Block Contest** on Wednesday, December 13. We will tour the blocks with the best holiday decorations in the neighborhood. All participants will vote (best block gets our Leg Lamp trophy). This will likely start at 5:30pm, but keep an eye on our social media pages, website, and monthly newsletter for more info. – Submitted by Zac Blanchard, President

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Federal Hill Main Street enjoyed a fun **holiday-season kickoff** on the last weekend of November and the first weekend of December. Our triple-header events included Small Business Saturday, Twilight Madness, and our Second Annual Frosty Fest. They were a hit for the businesses and the community alike! We look forward to making these legacy events a part of our business district year after year.

Even though the kickoff events have passed, you can still shop our business district all season long and enjoy holiday discounts through January. If you need inspiration, check out our website (see above) to see our online local gift guide and catalog.

Through January, February, and March, our office will be abnormally quiet for a few exciting reasons. First, our Executive Director is expecting a little girl in January and will be on maternity leave through March. Second, as our office will be short-staffed, our board volunteers will be taking the lead on Main Street projects including district business mapping, cleaning, greening, and safety, as we prepare for all the exciting new things coming from our office next spring.

There will be more details to announce (and see) this spring, but we are excited to announce that we are rebuilding our website to better demonstrate the vibrancy and culture that make Federal Hill Main Street so great!

Our board and staff would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and a joyful new year! We cannot wait to see you in the spring of 2024! – Submitted by Taylor Schwartz, Executive Director



Automated license plate readers were installed recently on several SoBo streets with state funding received by community organizations.

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Save the date for our **14th annual Chili Cook-Off** on Sunday, February 4, at Little Havana from 5-9pm. If you're interested in cooking chili this year, email us at the address above to be added to our participant list. – Submitted by Meg Murray, President

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The KHCA board met on November 13 to discuss new developments regarding the **under-lighting and painting of the walls of the E. Fort Avenue bridge**. Domino Sugar is donating the services of scrubbing and painting the walls. Pending a permit from Baltimore City, we expect this to be completed before the end of the year.

Our next general meeting will be on December 13, which will be the annual holiday party. – Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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New License Plate Readers Working to Keep Peninsula Safe – On November 8, new automated license plate readers (ALPR) were installed at primary egress points from Riverside and other peninsula neighborhoods. The system provides the Baltimore Police Department with vital, real-time data to track vehicles reported stolen, associated with an outstanding warrant, or reported seen at the scene of a crime. ALPRs are now in place at primary locations where vehicles exit the peninsula.

The equipment was purchased through a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development sought by and awarded to RNA, South Baltimore Neighborhood Association, Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, and Federal Hill Main Street earlier this year.

Automated license plate readers are high-speed, computer-controlled cam-

era systems that automatically capture all license plate numbers that pass through the covered area, along with the time and date. The data include a photograph of the vehicle's license plate. If the license plate of a vehicle that is sought by police is detected, officers in the vicinity can be notified immediately. In response to privacy concerns, officials note that the state requires all vehicles to display a license plate. The Maryland State Police began using ALPRs in 2004. In 2022, there were more than 320 ALPRs in Maryland.

In addition to funding the purchase and installation of the ALPRs, the \$91,000 grant also funds installation of flashing pedestrian lights to protect pedestrians crossing E. Fort Avenue at Webster Street as well as other improvements throughout the peninsula. – Submitted by Rich Badmington, President

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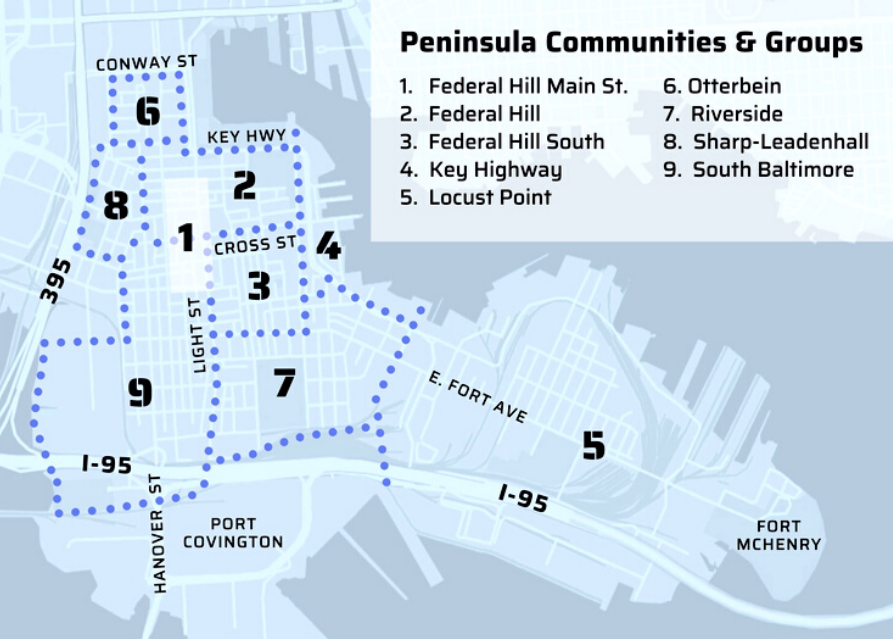
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A huge shout-out to the volunteers who participated in the **Mayor's Fall Cleanup** on Saturday, October 21. We had just under 30 participants and lots of bags of trash hauled away. We hope to conduct quarterly cleanups in the future to coincide with our community dumpster days. Contact Ryan at ryan.mceaneney@mysobo.org if you're interested in helping with the Clean and Green Committee.

SBNA recently coordinated an effort to respond to the **Mayor's redistricting proposal**, which would have split SBNA into two districts and altered its representation for the next decade. The City Council President's office countered with a new proposal that would keep SBNA intact and represented by only the 11th district. Our neighbors responded swiftly, submitting oral and written testimony opposing the Mayor's proposal and supporting the Council President's plan, which passed the Council with a 8-6 vote. Unfortunately, the Mayor vetoed it, which means his proposal will automatically go into effect. On the plus side, SBNA will now have two council members representing our interests. Time will tell how this plays out.

In **public safety news**, three license plate reader cameras were officially installed thanks to a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development. SBNA received a quote to install another two cameras around area businesses. We estimate that we can install between four and five cameras with the remaining funding allotment. SBNA is coordinating our efforts with the Baltimore Police Department, the Sheriff's office, and other neighborhood associations to ensure that the peninsula is safe for its residents and businesses.

In lieu of our December general membership meeting, SBNA is having a **holiday party** on Tuesday, December 12. State Senate President Bill Ferguson has been invited. More details are forthcoming and will be made available on our website and through our social media channels. Be sure to "like" and follow us! – Submitted by Jen Eastman, Board Secretary





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telescopes. Fifteen years ago, we had found a few hundred of them, mainly giant planets the size of Jupiter. The Kepler space telescope, launched in 2009 to systematically look at a few hundred thousand stars, brought us up to a few thousand planets, and surprisingly a lot of small ones. It established that “super Earths,” planets two to four times the size of our Earth, are the most common type of planet. It’s much harder to detect small, Earth-size planets, especially ones that orbit in what we call the “habitable zone.” And now we’re beginning to explore the atmospheres of these exoplanets, starting with the giant planets. With data from the Hubble Space Telescope, we started to do a little of this work. You could detect water vapor but not much else.

How will Webb advance what we know about extrasolar planets?

Webb is much bigger than Hubble, so it can gather more photons of light and it can collect light from the infrared part of the spectrum where you can see more types of molecules. So far with Webb, we’ve seen carbon dioxide, methane, carbon monoxide, and more on a few giant planets, and that’s just the tip of the iceberg. This lets you understand the chemistry and atmospheric processes of these giant planets and compare them to what we know about giant planets in our own solar system. There’s so much more cool stuff that will be coming out next year from data we already have.

A big unsolved question is how do

the giant planets form. We have a really good picture of how we thought they formed using just the ones in our solar system. But now we find giant planets around other stars that complete an orbit in 10 days, others that take 100 years. They’re all over the place. Why? There’s no big, unified theory that explains it all.

And what about finding Earth-like planets that could support life?

That’s much harder, but it’s one of the things I’m working on now at the Institute. I’m part of a team that’s preparing the Habitable Worlds Observatory, which is a future NASA flagship space telescope. With Webb, we can see giant planets and we should be able to eventually study the atmospheres of the super-Earths, but not Earth-like planets. This mission will both search for them and analyze their chemistry. It’s a big part of my job right now. We have a lab here doing custom optics to find Earth-like planets around other stars. I’m also working on committees of scientists to define this mission and build consensus on what it’s going to look like.

A decade or two from now, what do you expect we’ll know about other habitable planets in the universe?

We’ll know which stars have habitable planets. And we’ll know if the building blocks of life are there, so we’ll know how common or rare these conditions are in the universe. After that we could focus a giant telescope on one specific planet and try to look for continents. I’ll probably be retired when that happens, but it will certainly inspire more questions.

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SOBO EVENTS



Roller skating comes to SoBo weekends through January at the Roller Wave House pop-up. Photo by Mary Braman.

- 12/20 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.
- 12/20 – **Music: Celebrating Frank Zappa's 83rd Birthday with Delightfully Deranged and Friends**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/21 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.
- 12/21 – **Winter Solstice Yoga**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Mark the start of solstice with a free beginner yoga class. 7-8pm.

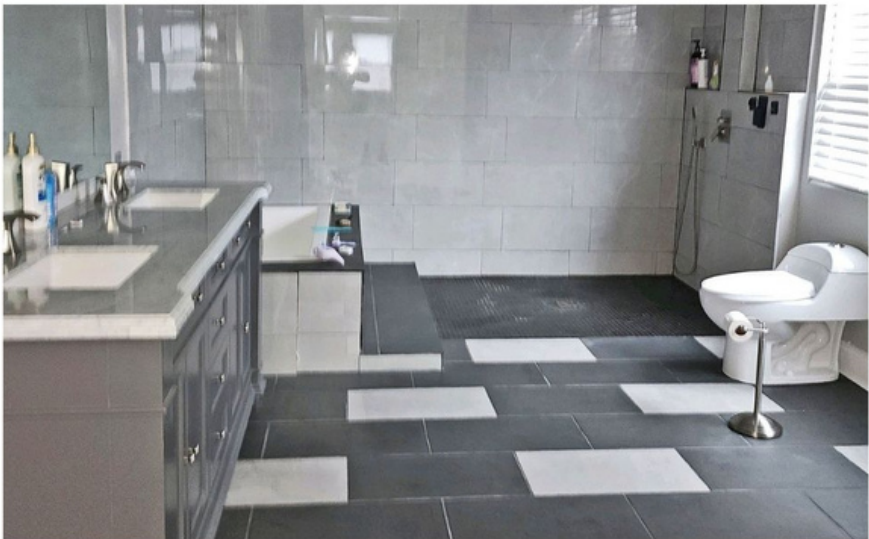
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- 12/13 – **Listening Event: Selector Series #10** by Geologist (from Animal Collective), Idle Hour, 201 E. Fort Ave. The soundtrack from “The Shining” is featured. 6:30pm. \$
- 12/14 – **Workshop: Intergenerational Healing through Art**, School 33 Art Center, 1427 Light St. “Watch Your Step” exhibit artists Hope & Faith invite families to create a collage to honor loved ones; registration required. 4-6pm.
- 12/14 – **Music: Sly 45**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. An open house with refreshments and music. 6pm.
- 12/14 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.
- 12/14 – **Music: Big Something with Higher Education**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/15-17 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, local pop-up markets. 12pm-12:30am. \$
- 12/15 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.
- 12/15 – **Toymaker Pajama Party**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. For children 8 and under, make a toy for yourself or a friend. 5:30-8:30pm. \$
- 12/15 – **Music: Big Something with The Ries Brothers**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/16 – **BLK ASS FLEA MKT: Kwanzaa Edition**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street, 3rd floor. Pop-up shops and programming about Kwanzaa. 12-7pm.

- 12/16 – **Music: DJ Brownie with Baba G**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/17 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride meets at 8am, casual ride meets at 8:45am.
- 12/18 – **Stuttering Support Group for Families**, Ella Bailey Rec Center, 100 E. Heath St. Join other people who stutter, their friends, family, and speech-language pathologists. 6-7:30pm.
- 12/18 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.
- 12/19 – **Christmas Caroling in Riverside**, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Hosted by the Catholic Community of South Baltimore. Meet at 5pm for cookies; caroling starts at 5:15pm.
- 12/19 – **Tour: Baltimore Immigration Museum**, 1308 Beason St. Hear about the ethnic groups who started their American journey in Baltimore. 5:30pm. \$
- 12/19 – **FHNA Monthly Community Meeting**, Light St. Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. Sponsored by Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.
- 12/20 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for babies and toddlers. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.
- 12/20 – **Musical Storytelling**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra for a musical story and introduction to classical music. 10:30am.
- 12/20 – **Carols and Cocktails**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Create a holiday-themed cocktail. 5:30 & 7pm. \$

- 12/21 – **Music: A Very Jerry Christmas** with Chris Jacobs and Friends, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/22-24 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, local pop-up markets. 12pm-12:30am. \$
- 12/23 – **Movie: “Polar Express,”** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 1-3pm.
- 12/24 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride meets at 8am, casual ride meets at 8:45am.
- 12/26 – **Playdate at the Library**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.
- 12/27 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for babies and toddlers. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.
- 12/27 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.
- 12/28 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.
- 12/28 – **Get on Board**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Board games for adults. 6:30pm.
- 12/29-31 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, local pop-up markets. 12pm-12:30am. \$
- 12/29 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.
- 12/29 – **Music: Old Head Collective and Born Cross Eyed**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/30 – **Music: Tom Petty Tribute Show**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 12/31 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride meets at 8am, casual ride meets at 8:45am.

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12/31 – **Ravens Tailgate Fundraiser**, Union Brothers Building, 1120 S. Hanover St. Food and live music. 9am-1pm.

12/31 – **Midnight Noon**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Activities, games, and a noontime New Year ball drop. 10am-2pm. \$

12/31 – **Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Holiday show with Herb Scott. 7 & 10pm. \$

12/31 – **Music: New Year's Eve Celebration with Mallow Hill and Miles Bandana**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

1/1/24 – **Writers Exchange**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

1/3 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. Forty-five-minute vin-yasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

1/4 – **Mocktail Mixer**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Meet and mix with others as you explore recipes for winter mocktails. 6:30pm.

1/4 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

1/5-7 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, local pop-up markets. 12pm-12:30am. \$

1/7 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride meets at 8am, casual ride meets at 8:45am.

1/8 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 6pm.

1/9 – **Kitchen Science**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Fun science experiments using common household items. 3pm.

1/10 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 6pm.

1/11 – **What's Your Job?** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Speak with individuals in a variety of professions. 3pm.

1/11 – **Acrylics Pour Painting**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Make a one-of-a-kind artwork with Esta Baker. 6pm.

1/11 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

1/12-14 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, pop-up market. 12pm-12:30am. \$

1/12 – **Curbside Recycling Pickup**. Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Biweekly collection in South Baltimore.

1/13 – **Closing Celebration and Family Dinner**, School 33 Art Center, 1427 Light St. Join artists Hope & Faith as they celebrate the closing of their exhibit "Watch Your Step." 6-9pm.

1/13 – **Grown Up Field Trip: Game On**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Game night for adults. 7-10pm. \$

1/13 – **Music: Baked Shrimp with Greasy Hands**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$



The "Watch Your Step" exhibit and events from artists and twin sisters Hope and Faith McCorkle are featured at the School 33 Art Center. Photo by Mary Braman.

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1/20 – **Film and Discussion**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Watch the movie "Just Mercy" and join a discussion. 1-3:30pm.

1/22 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 6pm.

1/22 – **Music: Daryl Davis and Seth Kibel**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

1/24 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Baltimore Peninsula, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 6pm.

1/25 – **Community Run/Walk**, Fat Patties, 1724 Whetstone Way. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

1/26-28 – **Roller Wave House Baltimore**, Baltimore Peninsula, 2455 House Street. Roller skating, DJ, pop-up market. 12pm-12:30am. \$

1/26 – **Anime and Manga Cafe**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

1/26 – **Music: Big Richard**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

1/27 – **Music: Fireside Collective with Airshow**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

1/28 – **Group Rides**, Trek Bicycle Federal Hill, 1414 Key Hwy. Advanced ride meets at 8am, casual ride meets at 8:45am.

1/30 – **Playdate at the Library**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

2/1 – **Music: Late Night Radio**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

2/2 – **Peninsula Post Issue #17 release**. Available free all over SoBo.

2/3 – **Book Discussion: "Can My Child Play?: The Questions We Should Have Asked,"** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join author Martin McNair for the debut of his book. 11am.

2/4 – **14th Annual Chili Cook-Off**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Sponsored by Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 5-9pm. \$

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