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SOBO EVENTS

April 7 - June 8, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

‘I Love SoBo Day’ at BMI
(4/27)

Charm City Bluegrass
Festival (5/3-4)

BMI Farmer’s Market
Opening Day (5/18)



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4/7 – **SUNday Funday**, Maryland
Science Center, 600 Light St. Eclipse-
themed activities. 12-4pm. \$

4/7 – **Soccer: Baltimore City Foot-
ball Club vs. Ittihad**, Latrobe Park,
Banner Field. 1pm.

4/8 – **Solar Eclipse Watch Party**, Mary-
land Science Center. 10am-4pm. \$

4/8 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Patterson**,
Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor High
School home game. 3:45pm.

4/9 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Coppin
Academy**, Latrobe Park. Digital
Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/10 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251
Light St. Children under 2, 10:30am;
ages 2-5, 11:30am.

4/10 – **Locust Point Civic Assoc.
General Meeting**, Francis Scott Key
Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E.
Fort Ave. 7:30pm.

4/11 – **Fundraiser: Take a Swing for
Recovery**, to benefit The Baltimore
Station, Topgolf Baltimore, 1411
Warner St. 1-4pm. \$

4/11 – **Lacrosse: DHHS vs. Mervo**,
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4/11 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Mervo**,
Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S.
home game. 3:45pm.

4/11 – **Happy Tails Yappy Hour**, M8
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team on-site. 6pm.

4/11 – **Community Run/Walk**,
Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave.
Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

4/11 – **Music: Lower Case Blues and
The Fitzke Brothers**, The 8x10, 10 E.
Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/12 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Forest
Park**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor
H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/12 – **Thrift Market**, Sailors Union
Grace Church, 454 E. Cross St.
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4/12 – **Monthly Bingo**, The Church of
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TWO TALL SHIPS graced SoBo peninsula waters in March, thanks to the Sail Baltimore nonprofit’s visiting ships program. On March 15, the flagship of the Colombian Navy, the ARC Gloria (above), sailed past Harborview Towers on its way to the Inner Harbor. The Peruvian Navy’s BAP Union visited Baltimore on March 2. Both ships offered free weekend deck tours. Photo by Steve Cole.

Upgraded Fields,
Courts Set to Open
in Riverside Park
by Summer

Riverside Park’s lower playing fields and courts, closed since fall 2022 for extensive renovations, are on track to reopen by June, said Adam Boorman, chief of capital development and planning at the Baltimore City Recreation & Parks Department in a March 19 interview with the Peninsula Post.

Work on the park began in September 2022, after protective fencing was installed around the entire southern section of the park, from Covington Street to Johnson Street, encompassing the playing field, softball field, courts, and the red field house near the swimming pool.

After the existing courts were demolished and the tree line at the southern end of the field was removed to make way for an expanded playing field, construction began on a drainage system, concrete bleachers, and a wheelchair ramp to the field. A sidewalk was installed last spring, connecting Covington and Johnson streets behind the new southern fence line. Drainage lines across the multi

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New Miss Twist Store to Open This Month in Locust Point

The Miss Twist ice cream truck has been a familiar and much sought-after sight on the South Baltimore peninsula for years, dating back three decades to when the fledgling business first drove the streets of Locust Point. That era comes to an end this month when Miss Twist opens a brick-and-mortar storefront in the former Southeastern Roastery (1433 E. Fort Avenue), next to Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School.

But Miss Twist is not completely giving up the truck, although now you will have to visit the new shop to find it.

Owner Tammy Radtke reports that the Locust Point shop will serve the same variety of ice cream and ices that the truck is known for, along with a few additions: Creamsicle ice cream and four more ice flavors. A new walk-up window will be added to the side of the building, and when patrons step through the front door, they’ll be greeted by a familiar sight.

“We’re putting a custom, real truck on the wall inside, so that when you walk through the door, you’ll walk up to an actual Miss Twist truck window

to order,” Radtke said. “We’ve had the truck on and off the wall five or six times now to perfect it.”

The Locust Point store will be the third Miss Twist location. Radtke opened her first store about six years ago in Essex, where she lives with her husband. Her second store in Havre de Grace is two years old.

Radtke has had her eye on the Fort Avenue location for years. “Locust Point is my heart. That’s where we started,” she said. “We actually started in Locust Point and Essex. We had routes in both places, and we were at both places pretty much every day, except for the winter. We got to know a lot of the families in Locust Point. We’ve known a couple of generations there.”

Radtke is happy that the new store will reconnect Miss Twist with SoBo. “We’re interviewing a lot of the neighborhood kids to work at the store, some that have been buying ice cream from us their whole lives. It’s very touching for them and for us,” she said.

The business started to drift from its Locust Point roots about 15 years ago,

when their trucks began serving ice cream at events, Radtke recalled. That side of the business has grown ever since, with less time dedicated to the routes. “Now the events have kind of taken over. We do events all year,” she said. When one of the three Miss Twist trucks was destroyed by fire in 2020, she had to cut back even further on the routes.

“Over the past two years, our route business has dropped drastically. Now if we make it to Locust Point once a week, we’re lucky,” she said. “But people call every day, they text and message and email every day to see if we’re coming to Locust Point. So we felt we really did need a store there because so many people are still looking for us every day.”

Will the iconic Miss Twist truck still be seen on the streets of the peninsula? “Maybe on occasion,” Radtke said, noting that a new third truck that her husband is working on is nearly ready to hit the road.

But Miss Twist’s ice cream delights will be available every day, year-round, at the Fort Avenue store very soon. – Steve Cole

FROM THE EDITOR

Shocking Bridge Collapse Hits Close to Home

The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge on Tuesday, March 26, that killed six workers sent shock waves across the city, the state, and beyond. It robbed the families and friends of their loved ones. It choked the livelihood of thousands whose workplace is the Port of Baltimore, which includes docks and piers along SoBo shores. And it rattled our confidence that catastrophe will never find us.

Well, this one found us, and the impacts will be felt here on the South Baltimore peninsula in the weeks and months ahead. Whether it's a longshoreman or sugar refinery worker without a paycheck or a neighbor still dazed by that graceful span vanishing into wreckage, there will be people in need around you. Keep an ear open for ways you can help. We'll do the same and will pass along what we learn on our social media feeds and in future issues of this newspaper.

– Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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Checkerspot Marks Women’s History Month with Market, Panel

To celebrate Women’s History Month in March, Checkerspot Brewing Company invited the SoBo community to two events that recognized influential women of the past and today.

The brewery hosted its first-ever “She Did It” vendor market of local female entrepreneurs and a panel discussion of the role of women in Baltimore’s brewing history. The market provided a present-day pulse on female success in the business community, while the panel discussion uncovered the unexplored relationship between women and beer.

The vendor market on March 2 featured 20 local, female-owned businesses selling products including candles, artwork, homemade sourdough, and other goodies. Beer drinkers and activists alike meandered through the tables, greeted by women with inspirational success stories in nontraditional fields.

Amidst the thrum of the market, 17-year-old singer-songwriter Cal Toner set a warm and pleasant mood from the corner stage. Between sets, District 10 Councilwoman Phylicia Porter made a guest appearance, emphasizing the crucial role that local female entrepreneurs play in stimulating the economy. She ended her speech chanting a playful “Buy! Buy! Buy!” over the audience’s applause.

Checkerspot co-owner and brewer Judy Neff and beer historian Maureen O’Prey unveiled their latest collaboration at the market: a 1960s-inspired Shannon Cream Stout, originally brewed at what was American Brewery in East Baltimore. The Irish-German beer strays from the light and dry lagers that were popular 60 years ago, O’Prey explained. Due to grain rationing during World War II, the creator of the Shannon Cream Stout swapped barley for flaked corn, then added lactose, Irish moss, and ale yeast pitched at cool temperatures. The final product is a roasted beer complemented by sweet notes and a dry finish.

Observing the bustling market filled with women empowering women, O’Prey commented that she was excited that an event like this is no longer surprising to people. “Women have taken back their roles. When I grew up, this opportunity wasn’t there. It is an honor to be here and to see that we did it,” she said.

Samples of the Shannon Cream Stout were served at the “Brewing Baltimore Legacies” panel discussion



Brewer Judy Neff (right) and historian Maureen O’Prey collaborated on a new brew to celebrate Women’s History Month. Photo by Mary Braman.

at the brewery on March 13. After a brewery tour, attendees listened to Neff, O’Prey, and Rachel Donaldson of the Baltimore Museum of Industry discuss how women fit into the long history of brewing beer in the United States.

The three women dusted off the little-known fact that women used to be responsible for brewing beer in the home as one of their many household duties. Donaldson pointed out that some women generated income for themselves by operating “shebeens,” small kitchen bars where home-brewed beer and alcohol were served to the neighborhood working class. But by the 1870s, when a wave of German immigrants introduced commercial brewing to the country, legal bars

replaced the not-so-legal shebeens.

In Baltimore, these new watering holes existed as corner bars. Last year, Donaldson helped open an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Industry exploring corner bar culture between 1870 and 1920. She also led a walking tour of some of the remaining SoBo corner bars along E. Fort Avenue. Donaldson noted that many corner bars in Baltimore were directly financed, owned, and operated by breweries in an effort to keep up with intense competition in the rapidly expanding brewery market.

As corner bars and large-scale breweries became commonplace, “alewives,” or female home brewers, grew estranged from the brewing process. This trend, compounded by the increase of male-dominated drinking institutions, caused a decline in female beer drinkers.

By the 1940s, companies began to notice the impact this had on their profits. Many responded by launching campaigns that refocused marketing efforts back on women. O’Prey theorized that Baltimore’s Shannon Cream Stout, sweet and surprisingly light, was brewed with women’s preferences in mind as American Brewery’s attempt to increase its share of the untapped female beer-drinking market.

As O’Prey closed out the panel discussion, she reaffirmed the important role women have played and continue to play in the industry. “Please remember, a woman’s place is in the brew house,” she said.

Checkerspot donated one dollar of each Shannon Cream Stout sold during the March events to the Women’s Housing Coalition, a Baltimore-based nonprofit providing affordable housing and supportive services to women experiencing homelessness. – Miranda Mowrey

New South Baltimore Peninsula Businesses Open

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

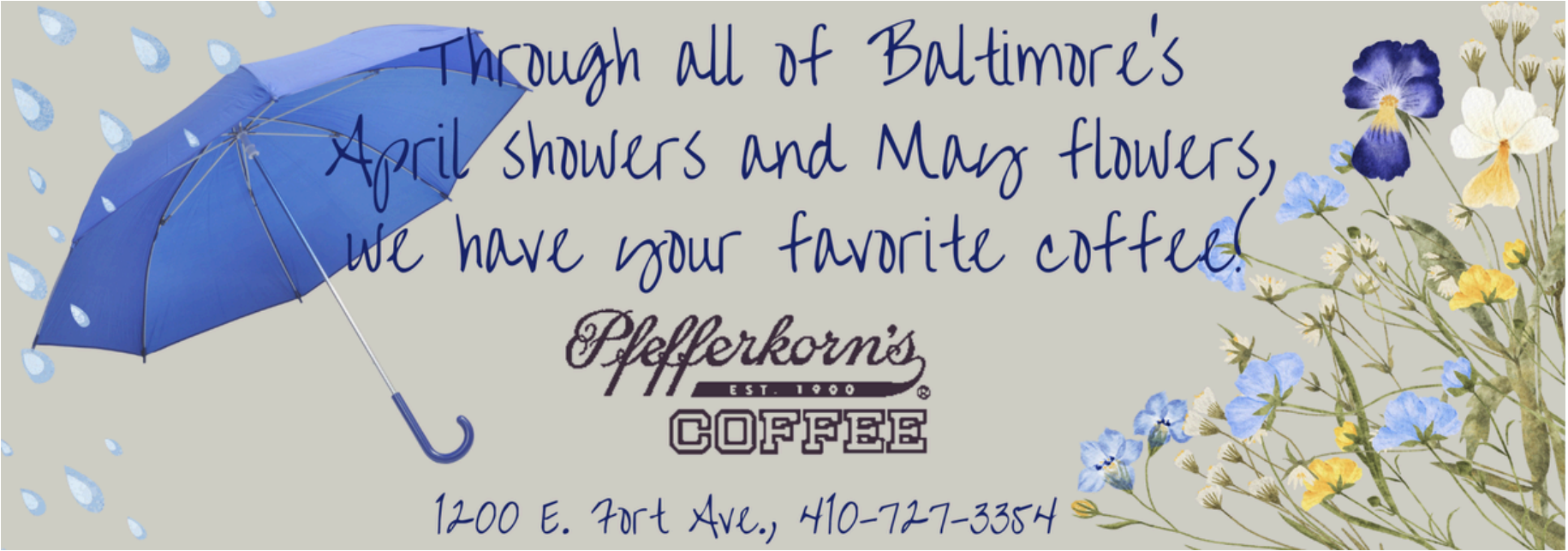
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purpose playing field were dug last summer and covered by new sod in the fall, when the new basketball and pickleball courts were paved. The softball field's diamond and bases were laid out in February.

The courts could be ready to open before the playing fields, depending on weather conditions in April, according to Boorman. "The final step is the striping and painting of the hard courts, which is the most weather dependent of the whole process, because you have to have consistent temperatures over 50 degrees for several days in a row," he explained. "The contractors estimate that could be completed by late April or early May. If that happens, we could consider opening the courts shortly after that."

The courts will be available for community use during park hours on a first-come, first-served basis.

The multipurpose field and the field house are tracking for completion around the first of June, Boorman said. Remaining work on the field includes adding lines to accommodate football, soccer, and lacrosse. Power conduits for lights around the field have been installed, but the lights themselves will not go up when the field opens. "For budgetary reasons, they didn't make it into this first phase," said Boorman. "It will be a quick and easy project to install them down the road."

The regulation adult softball field has a special feature that Boorman



The extensive Riverside Park renovations begun in September 2022 involved constructing a drainage system across the playing fields, covering the fields with new sod, creating new basketball and pickleball courts, and upgrading utilities to the red field house, which will now have bathrooms. Photos by Mary Braman.

expects will keep grown-ups on their toes. "We pushed the right field corners as far as we could to make it a little more challenging for the adults," he said. One unplanned feature – a baseball pitcher's mound built by mistake – was leveled out by the contractor in March.

Renovations on the field house are nearing completion much earlier

than planned. "We moved up the work on the red house, which was going to be part of a later phase of the project," Boorman said. "It will have restrooms, meeting space, and storage space, which the Friends of Riverside Park will use. The restrooms will be available during permitted field games and events."

The city plans to replace the tree line

along the southern end of the fields, according to Boorman. "We do intend to revegetate that slope and create that buffer from Interstate 95," he said. He expects tree planting will start this year.

An opening ceremony for the renovated park will be scheduled with the Mayor's office, Boorman said. – Steve Cole



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Improv Workshops and Performances Come to SoBo

The Baltimore-based Highwire Improv group has landed in the Riverside neighborhood for a series of workshops and performances to spread the gospel of improv, or improvisation, a type of performance art in which creativity, communication, and community come together.

In improv, two or more people improvise a skit based on a single word or idea. They may use words, gestures, and whole-body movements to develop a skit that often takes unexpected turns.

A recent grant from the Maryland State Arts Council has allowed Highwire Improv, formed in 2020, to introduce communities around Baltimore to improv through an experienced core group of improv leaders. Workshops are open to anyone. Highwire chose Riverside as one of its 25 locations because of its central location among several neighborhoods.

The performances and free workshops are held in the basement of Salem Lutheran Church (1530 Battery Avenue). Performances are scheduled on the third Friday of each month, at least through August. A six-week introductory class on Saturdays started on March 9, and another class starts on May 9. A four-week sketch comedy class will run on Tuesdays starting May 14.

Highwire cofounder Barry Wright described improv as a “team event where creativity and communication



Highwire Improv regulars perform at Salem Lutheran Church. Above: Eileen Heady (left) and Brian Shea. Right: Ti Malik Coleman (left) and Rasheed Green. Photos by Mary Braman.

skills” come together to achieve a goal. “Most people think of that goal as comedy, but it can be used for developing communication,” he explained. Cofounder Brian Shea likes the freedom in improv that comes with nothing being planned. “There are so many different ways to do it,” he said.

Wright started improvisation to combat consistently working late evenings at his job. At the urging of his wife and friends, he decided to try it. “I knew that workaholicism wasn’t the best outcome for me,” he said. “The workshop meant that I had to be somewhere at seven o’clock on a Tuesday night, and I fell in love with it from there.”



In Wright’s view, improv helps reintroduce a sense of play into adult life. “Research shows that play increases our ability to learn new skills,” he said. Improv is also excellent for building friendships and community relationships. It can assist individuals in developing key emotional and communication skills necessary in daily life in a low-stakes setting. It can also help to foster assertiveness and the ability to listen more carefully to others.

Highwire Improv was started out of the desire to stave off pandemic isolation, its founders say. The group now conducts workshops and performances across Baltimore City as well as

in Frederick County and Pennsylvania.

I participated in a Highwire workshop in February and attended a March performance to research this article. I was one of six participants in the workshop. Using improv games, we quickly grew to appreciate the art form and each other. Games included pantomiming throwing an imaginary object to another person who catches it, transforms it into a different object, and throws it to the next person. Another game involved replying to each other by using words with successive letters of the alphabet at the beginning of a speaking turn. The ingenuity of all the participants was amazing, and the laughter was frequent.

About two dozen audience members turned out for Highwire’s March performance, where several groups of performers strutted their stuff. The “Not Botanists” group acted out a skit about having too many husbands. A skit by Ti Malik Coleman and Rasheed Green imagined two interlopers at an Antarctic research station who change themselves into a penguin and a bear so they can sneak up on the researchers.

Wright encourages SoBohemians to try one of the Highwire workshops, in part because it is good for you. “Improv can have a reputation of being a scary or difficult activity when we see people perform on TV shows like ‘Whose Line Is It Anyway?’,” he said. “It looks magical and impossible, and it is magical but it’s possible for everybody. If you allow a little bit of the unexpected into your life, you’ll be happier as a result.”

For more on the workshops and performances, visit HighwireImprov.com.
– Barbara Stanton

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@BehindBmoreLots Brings Neighborhood History to Life

Riverside resident Katie Labor is walking with a brisk step, gazing at the rowhouses along E. Fort Avenue. “The way I see it,” she says, “there are stories everywhere, in every house.”

This way of seeing comes naturally to Labor, 34, a native of San Antonio, Texas, who earned her Ph.D. in American History at the University of Maryland and has lived in South Baltimore with her wife and daughter since 2021. However, she goes a step beyond using her imagination by employing her research skills to uncover some of those stories – to “bring them back to life” – and to bring the human texture of city neighborhoods more clearly into view.

Since 2022, Labor’s posts on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter) at @BehindBmoreLots have captured a quirky assortment of newspaper stories, primarily from the archives of the Baltimore Sun, with many SoBo streets as settings and residents as characters in a tragicomic drama unfolding piece by tiny piece throughout the last century.

Articles typically included addresses of residences and businesses, a boon to historical researchers, though now unthinkable. “We have different ideas of privacy now,” notes Labor. Adding to the tenor of the times, local newspaper reporting was less formal than today, with a light tone, often humorous.

“Lots of these stories would not be in today’s newspapers,” Labor says. “It’s little stuff that you might find on Nextdoor,” she added. “But it fostered a sense of community, like



Baltimore Sun, September 30, 1922

social media does now.”

The 1894 story “Royal Flush Did Not Win” describes a patrolman breaking up a poker game on a Marshall Street stoop and hauling away a group of “youthful gamblers” who lived on Patapsco and South Charles streets and Riverside Avenue.

Another piece from 1894, “She Was a Bride,” recounts a woman appearing before a judge at the Southern Police Station, accused by her father of stealing \$30 from the money drawer of his saloon. The woman, Miss Mollie Malloy, stated that her parents wanted her to work behind the saloon bar and that she escaped to an address on Haubert Street. A man stepped forward in court with a certificate showing they had been married the previous day “at the parsonage of William Street Indepen-

dent Methodist Church.” With no evidence against her, the judge dismissed the charge “and she went away smiling with her husband and friends.”

Other local incidents captured in Labor’s posts include a neighborhood quarrel on E. Fort Avenue in 1912, where Mrs. Elizabeth Craig struck Miss Annie Halfpenny “as they were quarreling across the clothesline; that Miss Halfpenny responded by a blow with a broom; that Patrolman Stitch then arrived and arrested Miss Halfpenny.”

“Three Roller Skaters Hurt” from 1922 illustrates both the pathos and humor in Labor’s posts. The article reports that three South Baltimore children suffered broken arms when they fell while roller skating. Two of them, residents of Sanders Street and E. Fort Avenue, are reported to be students of music. “In each case,” the article states, “the first question they asked doctors who treated them at South Baltimore General Hospital was whether their injuries would prevent their playing the violin.” According to the article, “Doctors were unable to answer the question.”

“This is the type of research anyone can do,” Labor emphasized. She discovers her blog posts through Newspapers.com, which provides searchable access to hundreds of digital newspaper archives.

While acknowledging that her academic training gives her a head start on novice researchers, she notes that “the tools are out there for anyone who’s interested.” – Robert Hardy



LOVE Sculpture Creator Comments on Painting

The LOVE sculpture that appeared in an empty SoBo lot last October (Peninsula Post, December 2023, pg. 5) received a colorful coat of paint in early February, sparking some controversy on social media. In response, the sculpture’s anonymous creator emailed the following comment to the Peninsula Post on February 13:

“It’s wonderful to see that people appreciate and value the sculpture so much. You have referred to the sculpture as a gift to SOBO, and, like any gift, the recipient can decide what to do with it. Whether it was inspired by the Super Bowl or Valentine’s Day, someone felt strongly enough to paint the LOVE sculpture. Hopefully, someone else will be inspired to do the same when they have a (respectful) message to share. Sure, the oxidizing bare steel was beautiful, but so too is an evolving canvas that represents SOBO.” – S.C.



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Local Author Launches ‘Portal Fantasy’ Series

Last month, a fantasy world featuring flying stone islands, a young girl’s discovery behind a secret door, and dark magical forces which was crafted in a South Baltimore row-house emerged into the real world of print, audio, and e-books. Local architect Stephanie Brick’s first novel, *The Secret Doors of Cannondale*, published March 26, is the opening volume of a planned trilogy written for middle-school readers.

The 232-page novel tells the story of young Adeline Perle who moves with her family into an old house named Cannondale, the latest upheaval for the military family that changes homes frequently, leaving the girl hungry for lasting friendships. In the house, Adeline finds invisible wall panels, hidden rooms, and a mysterious box. She is soon transported through a portal to a strange world of



savage beasts and warring factions of a once peaceful people. And there her adventures begin.

Brick started work on the book shortly after she and her husband moved to SoBo in 2017. A longtime fan of the fantasy genre, she said that in her youth, she “gobbled up Harry

Cover art from *The Secret Doors of Cannondale*, the first book of a trilogy by Stephanie Brick.

Potter and the Chronicles of Narnia” along with Madeliene L’Engle, Ray Bradbury, and others. Her first attempt at creative writing, a novella written at the age of 12 – “two best friends run away from home, live in a bookstore, and go on all kinds of adventures” – was lost in a computer upgrade.

An actual old house that she visited often as a child was the inspiration for the book – and her choice of careers. The house, in a place called Cannondale in southwest Connecticut, “actually had secret doors,” Brick recalled. “One of the things that inspired me to become an architect was my passion for secret hide-outs and secret passageways. I had the very good luck of discovering this as a kid in that house in Cannondale.”

Brick’s early interest in creative

writing was sidelined, at least temporarily, by her architecture studies and subsequent career. She is an expert in “salutogenic design,” which creates built environments that seek to improve the health and well-being of occupants, often by bringing nature and multisensory experiences into a design. Brick also has her own business in residential architectural design and has been a frequent contributor to *The Washington Post*’s real estate section on topics ranging from kitchen cabinets to senior-living facilities.

A career move that brought her to South Baltimore but did not deliver the expected outlet for her creative energies led Brick to start her novel. A few months after moving into their rowhouse, she recalled, “I was desperate for some kind of creative outlet, bursting at the seams. I was sitting on my couch, scanning my bookcases, looking for some kind of inspiration. It hit me right there, and I started forming the outline of the book.”

“Part of what I wanted to do with this book was to give my childhood self the adventure I’d always wanted,” Brick said. “Being 12 years old always seemed like a magical-feeling year to me. When I turned 12, that’s when all my adventures would start. What drove this book was wanting to create a world that as a 12-year-old, I would have dived straight into and been consumed by.”

After crafting a detailed outline, Brick resolved to write every day after getting home from work. Progress was slow at first, but once the pandemic hit, she had a lot more time to devote to the book. She is already well into writing book two and even has a bit of book three completed.

The Secret Doors of Cannondale can be ordered through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other major online retailers. Brick expects that book two of “*The Cannondale Chronicles*” will be published in 2025. For more about book one, visit stephaniebrick.com/secretdoors. – Steve Cole

Registration Open for Two New ‘Maker Clubs’

The Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Center (1045 Light Street) is offering two new after-school programs for students in grades 6 to 12. The “Maker Clubs” in Drawing and Movement will meet weekly starting on April 26.

The eight-week Drawing club lets students learn increasingly sophisticated basic drawing techniques and principles. In the Creative Movement club, students explore the basics of parkour, the sport of traversing environmental obstacles by running, climbing, or leaping. The six-week program also introduces students to creative ways to capture and share their movements.

The enrollment deadline for the two programs is April 19. For more information, visit: digitalharbor.org/youth-program-enrollment. – S.C.

Correction

Our article in the February-March 2024 issue, “The Man Who Made Us South Baltimore” (page 5), mistakenly stated that the Maryland provincial legislature in 1706 did not pass a bill designating Whetstone Point (now Locust Point) as the official port of entry for the county. That bill did pass the legislature, but Whetstone Point did not become an active port at the time due to limited interest.

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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 Main Street

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A Fresh Look for Federal Hill Main Street – In a world where first impressions are paramount to the success of business districts, Federal Hill Main Street has embarked on a transformative journey to redefine its image and brand identity to better reflect our district's growth and represent the unique perspective we bring to the market. We will soon be unveiling a new aesthetic that not only reflects our evolution as an organization, but also resonates with our patrons.

The cornerstone of our new brand is authenticity and representation. We aim to convey sincerity and transparency in everything we do, from our communication strategies to our visual identity. Gone are the days of generic marketing gimmicks and hollow promises. We are embracing a genuine approach that fosters trust and loyalty among our stakeholders.

Central to our visual transformation is modern design language that reflects our progressive outlook. Clean lines that embrace our historic edifices, bold typography, and vibrant colors come together to form a cohesive visual identity. Please keep an eye out for the new look, launching early summer 2024.

One of the most striking elements is our redesigned logo. Inspired by our organization's rich heritage, the history of the community in which we exist, and our forward-thinking ethos, the logo embodies our commitment to innovation and excellence.

Accompanying our revamped visual identity is a comprehensive messaging strategy. Through compelling storytelling, we aim to foster meaningful relationships with our audience that transcend transactional interactions.

Our rebranding efforts will extend

to every facet of our organization, including our website which is in the process of being redesigned. We want to make it easier for patrons to connect with makers and for makers to connect with resources that support their small businesses.

As we prepare to unveil our new look, we are excited for the possibilities that lie ahead for our entire community. We invite our stakeholders to join us on this journey as we continue to push boundaries, challenge norms, and make a positive impact in Federal Hill and the world around us. – Submitted by Taylor Schwartz, Executive Director

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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FHNA will be **planting about 20 trees** on Saturday, April 6, across Federal Hill and Sharp-Leadenhall. We could use more volunteers! We will meet at Martini Lutheran Church at 100 W. Henrietta at 9am.

The neighborhood association will be supporting **Federal Hill Prep's Spring Fling** on May 11 with a "Taste of Baltimore" locally brewed beer garden. Please come out and support our elementary school and sample some of the best beers in the city!

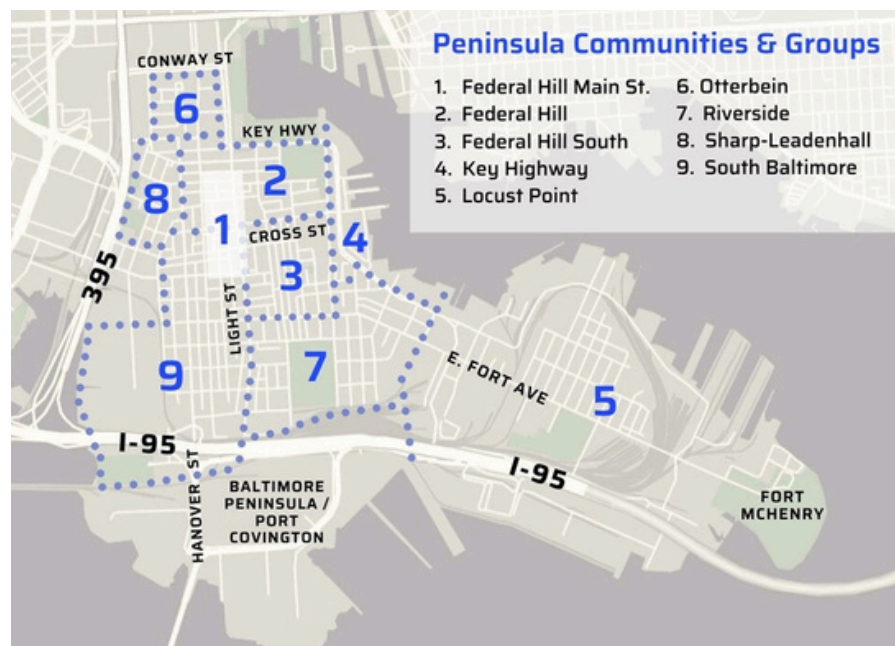
Thanks to a grant from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, we will be hosting our **Federal Hill Spring Socials** event series in Federal Hill Park the first four Wednesdays in May. We hope to see you there.

Lastly, our **monthly meetings** take place the third Tuesday of each month at Light Street Presbyterian Church (809 Light Street) at 6:30pm. We also cohost a monthly happy hour with Federal Hill South and South Baltimore neighborhood association the next day. – Submitted by Zac Blanchard, President

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Parking Pass Community Pickup – Get your Area 19 Residential Parking Program passes in person, right down the street, in April. We have two dates and locations for residents who have placed their orders to pick



up their parking passes. The first opportunity is Sunday, April 28, from 11am to 1pm in Henry Street Park (1240 Henry Street), followed by Tuesday, April 30, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy (300 Gittings Street).

Remember that you must have ordered your passes from the Parking Authority no later than April 25 to be eligible for these community pickups. – Submitted by Meg Murray, President

Locust Point Civic Association

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Our monthly LPCA membership meeting on April 10 will feature a **mayoral forum** where candidates get to present why we should vote for them. Their presentations will be followed by a short Q&A session. The meeting starts at 7:30pm in the auditorium of the Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School.

LPCA will have a booth at this year's **"I Love SoBo Day"** peninsula-wide community event on Saturday, April 27, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry's outdoor pavilion. We hope to see you there!

Our **Earth Day cleanup event** is slated for April 21 from 2 to 4pm. Volunteers will attempt to clean every street in Locust Point, from Lawrence Street all the way to Fort McHenry. Trash bags and tools will be available for everyone at the entrance to Latrobe Park. Participants will receive a treat from a Locust Point vendor.

We will be hosting a **dumpster day** on May 4 starting at around 8am. The dumpster will be at the corner of Fort Avenue and Andre Street and will be

available for dropping off household trash until it is full.

At our monthly membership meeting on May 8, we will have **LPCA board and executive elections**. Please come out and volunteer and be part of this great organization.

The **Spring Maintenance Day** in Latrobe Park will be on May 19 from 2 to 4pm. Please come by and help get the park ready for all of our late spring and summer activities. Participants will receive a treat from a Locust Point vendor. – Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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April Community Meeting is 'Social,' Not Business – All are welcome at the next monthly RNA community meeting on Monday, April 29, at 7pm, which will be a social event at Little Havana restaurant featuring a cash bar and light refreshments. This meeting takes the place of the usual business meeting at Salem Lutheran Church.

The RNA Board modified its meeting schedule last fall to include a total of three social events over the course of the year, with locations to be announced. The purpose is to welcome neighbors who might not typically attend a business meeting and to enable all who do come to meet new and old friends and talk casually about our community, our city, or anything else of interest!

"We hope to create an opportunity for neighbors who might want to get

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involved or who would just like to get together socially to come together with Board members and other neighbors in a fun, informal setting,” said RNA president Rich Badmington. “Getting together in this way is at least as important as our usual business.”

There will be a handful of announcements, including an update on RNA’s placemaking initiative, but this will be a very short program. RNA would like to thank Little Havana owner and Riverside neighbor Marc Gentile for hosting the event.

The May 27 meeting will be a regular business meeting at Salem Lutheran Church with a virtual option via Zoom.

As a reminder, you can join our email list and pay your annual \$5 dues online at the URL above. Visit the RNA website or the RNA Neighbor Connect group on Facebook, or find us on Instagram. You can reach Board members by email at the address above. – Submitted by Rich Badmington, President

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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Spring is shaping up to be a busy season for SBNA! We continue to coordinate monthly Happy Hours with FHNA and FHSNA on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8pm. The meeting location changes monthly, giving you an opportunity

to broaden your horizons and try new SoBo establishments. Eat, drink, and meet your neighbors!

Be on the lookout for seven new trees being planted around the neighborhood as we wrap up a grant from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP). Other future greening efforts include an Earth Day cleanup the weekend of April 20 and a BloomBox fundraiser just in time for Mother’s Day! Details will be released soon.

April also means it’s time for Area 30 residential parking permit renewals. SBNA will be coordinating opportunities for residents to pick up their permits at Cross Street Market. Details will be shared via email by the Parking Authority, where you can pay in advance and choose your date of pickup. SBNA will also share information via its newsletter and social media outlets.

Our marketing grant from SBGP will also allow us to build a new website with professional photos taken of the neighborhood. Stay tuned for more visibility and increased access to the information you care about as a resident.

Speaking of visibility, we will be at “I Love SoBo Day” on April 27, so come say hello, meet some members, and ask how you can get involved more in your community. Or come to one of our general membership meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Our new meeting location is at AJ’s on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover St). – Submitted by Jen Eastman, Board Secretary

SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

Editor’s Note: In this issue, we introduce a new column that we hope will connect SoBo families to the many engaging community events and resources available on the peninsula. Parenting littles is never easy, but we’re fortunate to have lots of supportive programs and neighbors here waiting to help.

SoBo mom Beth Mayr is your guide, sharing her experiences and tips. We encourage you to send feedback on the column along with your own tips to Beth at hello@sobopost.org.

Hello, South Baltimore! My name is Beth Mayr, and I’ve called the peninsula home for 10 years and counting. Most days, my husband Nick and I can be found chasing around our toddler Charlotte or our infant Stephen.

Having experienced life in SoBo first as a young adult and then since becoming a parent in late 2020 (what a time to transition to parenthood!), I feel strongly that the peninsula has much to offer its residents in different life stages. The more I meet new parents and parents new to the peninsula, though, I find that a huge challenge is learning all the great happenings and resources for families, especially when most days are consumed with childcare logistics, diapers, potty training, or the latest sickness. Thus, this column.

Upcoming Events

Springtime in SoBo brings lots of kid-friendly events. Here are some I’m excited about.

April 27: I Love SoBo Day. A day full of fun for the whole peninsula (and all ages), SoBo Day always has great kids’ activities, local food, vendors, and a lot of space for children to run around. Baltimore Museum of Industry, 9am-12:30pm.

May 4: Kinetic Sculpture Race. This quirky Baltimore event starts by traveling from the American Visionary Art Museum to Federal Hill Park, then proceeds on Riverside Avenue, down Key Highway, and over to Canton and back to AVAM. My daughter loves watching the different creations bike past. 9:30am-4pm.

May 4: Neighbors Meeting Neighbors Block Party. This group always puts together an awesome party with a ton of great food and fun for kiddos. Martini Lutheran Church, 12-3pm.

May 5: A Taste of Spring. My toddler loves the free Kids Zone: face painting, crafts, and Plinko with toddler-friendly prizes. My husband and I love the food and drinks, including the Baltimore-famous lemons with peppermint sticks. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 12-5pm.

May 11: Federal Hill Prep’s Spring Fling. Prep puts together an awesome event, complete with bounce houses, kids’ games, and more. For adults, the beer garden and silent auction are big draws. 12-5pm.



Lots of activities for kids (and parents) at “I Love SoBo Day” on April 27 in the Baltimore Museum of Industry’s outdoor pavilion. Photo by Mary Braman.

May 9-27: Wine Village at the Inner Harbor. Yes, it does sound like an event intended for adults, but the Wine Village includes a carousel, scavenger hunt, card games, giant Jenga, Twister, and (on weekends) balloon artists and face painters. West Shore Park, Inner Harbor.

Get Outside

Spring also brings nicer weather, so for those interested in getting the kids outside:

Solo Gibbs Park in the Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood (1044 Leadenhall St.) has a beautiful new playground (redone in 2023!) with a ton of options for my toddler to get her energy out.

For kiddos working on those **bike or scooter skills**, parents recommend Swann Park (299 W. McComas Street), M&T Bank Stadium (when no games), or West Covington Park (101 W. Cromwell Street). My daughter loved picking out a helmet at Trek Bicycles on Key Highway, a great bike shop in the neighborhood.

Planning for Summer

If you’re still in the planning process of lining up summer activities for your kids, here are my suggestions.

God’s Best Family on Ostend Street operates a tutoring program during the school year and a summer camp, plus family workshops and job readiness classes. I’ve been impressed with their work to support kids in the community, and their summer camp is a great opportunity.

Baltimore City Rec and Parks often has summer camp options at the three city recreation centers in SoBo: Ella Bailey (Riverside), Solo Gibbs (Sharp-Leadenhall), and Locust Point.

Baltimore Family Alliance has a free downloadable summer camp directory full of camps all over the region. – Beth Mayr



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SOBO EVENTS

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- 4/13 – **Thrift Market**, Sailors Union Grace Church, 454 E. Cross St. Clothes, books, and more. 8am-2pm.
- 4/13 – **Making It (Like) So: Paper Mache Vehicles**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. For ages 16 and older. 1-4pm. \$
- 4/13 – **Sip and Paint**, Pink Art Gallery, 1125 Light St. 7-8:30pm. \$
- 4/13 – **Music: New Potato Caboose**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 4/14 – **Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$
- 4/14 – **Soccer: Baltimore City Football Club vs. Jessup**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. 1pm.
- 4/14 – **South Baltimore Peninsula Schools Baseball Fundraiser**, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, 333 W. Camden St. O’s take on the Milwaukee Brewers; \$5 from each ticket donated to a SoBo school. 1:35pm. \$
- 4/14 – **Music: Seven Teller with Microcave**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 6:30pm. \$
- 4/15 – **Stuttering Support Group for Adults**, Ella Bailey Rec Center, 100 E. Heath St. 6-8pm.
- 4/16 – **Crafternoon: Glam Flower Pots**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3:30pm.
- 4/16 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Edmondson**, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

- 4/16 – **Softball: DHHS vs. ACCE**, Digital Harbor H.S., 1100 Covington St. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.
- 4/16 – **Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting**, Light St. Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. 6:30pm.
- 4/17 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for babies and toddlers. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.
- 4/17 – **Community Happy Hour**, location TBD. Monthly gathering sponsored by Federal Hill, Federal Hill South, and South Baltimore neighborhood assoc. 6-8pm.
- 4/17 – **Work Matters: Unions, from Bethlehem Steel to Baristas**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Panel discussion and Q&A. 6:30pm. \$
- 4/18 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Frederick Douglass**, Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.
- 4/18 – **Lacrosse: DHHS vs. City College**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.
- 4/18 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Poly**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.
- 4/18 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.
- 4/18 – **Music: Come Back to Earth** (Mac Miller tribute) and DJ Guillermo Giraldo, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 4/19 – **Anime and Manga Cafe**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion about anime and manga. 3pm.



Expect to see bizarre contraptions on SoBo streets during the annual American Visionary Art Museum’s Kinetic Sculpture Race on May 4. Photo by Mary Braman.

- 4/19 – **Whiskey on the Water**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Tasting and sunset cruise. 5:30pm. \$
- 4/19 – **Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$
- 4/19 – **Music: Weird Phishies**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 4/19 – **Baltimore Old Time Music Festival: Kick-Off Concert**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 6-10:30pm. \$
- 4/20-21 – **Garden Party**, Federal Hill Ace Hardware, 1214 Light St. Demonstrations, giveaways, and raffle. 10am.
- 4/20 – **Jake’s Day**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Free skateboarding lessons with Joey Jett.
- 4/20 – **Bird Monitoring**, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. 9-11am.
- 4/20 – **Farmers’ Market**, Silo Point lobby, 1200 Steuart St. 9am-12pm.
- 4/20 – **Baltimore Old Time Music Festival**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Workshops, music, and square dance. 10am-11pm. \$
- 4/20 – **Oyster Gardening Workshop**, Downtown Sailing Center. Oyster cage cleaning. 10am-12pm.
- 4/20 – **Mosaic Flower Mirror Workshop**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 10am-4pm. \$
- 4/20 – **Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry**, 2400 E. Fort Ave. In honor of the first day of National Park Week.
- 4/20 – **Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteer group. 11am.
- 4/20 – **Mosquito Bucket of Doom**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Make and maintain a “mosquito dunk bucket.” 11am.
- 4/20 – **Sip and Paint**, Pink Art Gallery, 1125 Light St. 7-8:30pm. \$
- 4/20 – **Music: Phoam**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 4/21 – **SoBo Spring Tree-Up**, 300 E. Gittings St. Plant new street trees. 9am-12pm.
- 4/21 – **Federal Hill Beyond the Views: A Monumental City Tour**, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30-10:30am. \$

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4/21 – **Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

4/21 – **Soccer: Baltimore City Football Club vs. JA Raiders**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. 1pm.

4/21 – **Earth Day Cleanup in Locust Point**, Latrobe Park. 2-4pm.

4/21 – **Brübakes V**, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Homebrew and baking competition. 2-4pm. \$

4/21 – **Music: Sons of Paradise and Feel Free**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/23 – **TJEMS Open House**, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, 100 E. Heath St. Information session. 8:30am.

4/23 – **Playdate at the Library**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

4/23 – **Art to Poetry: An Ekphrastic Experience**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Collaborative poetry program. 3pm.

4/23 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Edmondson**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/23 – **Music: LaMP**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/24 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

4/24 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. NAF**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H. S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/24 – **Annual Harbor Cruise**, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Fundraiser for the Baltimore International Seafarers’ Center. 4:30-7pm. \$



Expect a carnival May 11 at Federal Hill Prep’s Spring Fling. Photo by Mary Braman.

4/24 – **Whiskey on the Water**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Tasting and sunset cruise. 5:30pm. \$

4/25 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Coppin Academy**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H. S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/25 – **Get on Board**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Board games for adults. 6:30pm.

4/25 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

4/25 – **Music: Uncle Kunkel’s One Gram Band and Squeaky Feet**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/26 – **Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

4/26 – **Grown Up Field Trip: Jurassic Party**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Dinosaur-themed game night. 7-10pm. \$

4/26 – **Music: Cyphers Band, Moran Tripp, and All You Need**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/26 – **Music: Luther Allison**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Jazz series sponsored by the Sonic Lifeline. 7 & 10pm. \$

4/27 – **I Love SoBo Day**, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Activities and local vendors. 9am-12:30pm.

4/27 – **Sip and Paint**, Pink Art Gallery, 1125 Light St. 7-8:30pm. \$

4/27 – **Music: Theljon Allen**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Jazz series sponsored by the Sonic Lifeline. 7 & 10pm. \$

4/28 – **Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

4/28 – **Music: Seven Teller with Noodly Nester and Gator**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 6:30pm. \$

4/30 – **Opera Baltimore: Voice Your Story**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Kids create and perform “mini-operas.” 3:30pm.

4/30 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Patterson**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

4/30 – **Baseball: DHHS vs. Reginald F. Lewis**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

5/1 – **Bird Monitoring**, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey. 9-11am.

5/1 – **Storytime: Batter Up with the Oriole Bird**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Special storytime with the team mascot. 10:30am.

5/1 – **Painting with Alcohol Inks**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Explore methods and techniques. 3pm.

5/1 – **Fed Hill Spring Socials**, Federal Hill Park. Live music, crafts, games, and food. 5-8pm.

5/1 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

5/2 – **Softball: DHHS vs. Carver**, Latrobe Park. Digital Harbor H.S. home game. 3:45pm.

5/2 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/2 – **Improv Workshop**, Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Ave. Sponsored by Highwire Improv. 7-9pm.

5/2 – **Music: Peabody String Sinfonia**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 7pm.

5/3-4 – **Charm City Bluegrass Festival**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Dickman St., Baltimore Peninsula. \$

5/3 – **Music: Dead Dreams, DJ Groovy Twist, and Time Police** (BARCS benefit), The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/4 – **Kinetic Sculpture Race**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Human-powered contraptions compete for glory on the streets and waters of Baltimore. Opening ceremony 9:30am.



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5/4 – **Community Dumpster Day**, E. Fort Ave. and Andre St. Dispose of non-hazardous household trash. 8am.

5/4 – **Block Party**, Martini Lutheran Church parking lot, 100 W. Henrietta St. Neighbors of Otterbein and Sharp-Leadenhall are invited. 12-3pm.

5/4 – **Music: Charm City Bluegrass Festival Late Night**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 9pm. \$

5/5 – **Soccer: Baltimore City Football Club vs. Street Footie**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. 5pm.

5/6 – **Writers Exchange**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

5/8 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

5/8 – **Fed Hill Spring Socials**, Federal Hill Park. Live music, games, and food. 5-8pm.

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5/8 – **Locust Point Civic Assoc. General Meeting**, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 7:30pm.

5/9 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/9 – **Fundamentals of Improv Workshop**, Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Ave. Multi-week class begins. Sponsored by Highwire Improv. 7-9pm. \$

5/9 – **Music: Magic Beans and Three Fourteen**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors 7pm. \$

5/10 – **Monthly Bingo**, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

5/10 – **Music: Lovelight Band**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/10 – **Next Stop Comedy Show**, Diamond-back Brewing Company, 1215 E. Fort Ave. 7:30-9pm. \$

5/11 – **Breakfast & Boards**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skateboarding lessons for young kids with Joey Jett.

5/11 – **Spring Fling**, Federal Hill Preparatory School, 1040 William St. Carnival-style fundraiser. 12-5pm.

5/11 – **Yoga on a Yacht**, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Flow yoga class with Marissa Walch. 9-10:30am. \$

5/11 – **Music: 5 Spot and Greasy Hands**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/12 – **Soccer: Baltimore City Football Club vs. Florence**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. 3pm.

5/15 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

5/15 – **Fed Hill Spring Socials**, Federal Hill Park. Live music, games, and food. 5-8pm.

5/15 – **Community Happy Hour**, location TBD. Monthly gathering sponsored by Federal Hill, Federal Hill South, and South Baltimore neighborhood assoc. 6-8pm.

5/15 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

5/17 – **Anime and Manga Cafe**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion about anime and manga. 3pm.

5/17 – **Music: Lounge Fly and Evil Empire**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/18 – **BMI Farmers’ Market Opening Day**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Weekly through Nov. 16. 9am-1pm.

5/19 – **Federal Hill Beyond the Views: A Monumental City Tour**, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30-10:30am. \$

5/19 – **Spring Park Maintenance Day**, Latrobe Park. Help spruce up the park. 2-4pm.

5/21 – **Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting**, Light St Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. 6:30pm.

5/22 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

5/22 – **Fed Hill Spring Socials**, Federal Hill Park. Live music, crafts, and food. 5-8pm.

5/22 – **Whiskey on the Water**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Tasting and sunset cruise. 5:30pm. \$

5/22 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

5/23 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/25 – **BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Weekly through Nov. 16. 9am-1pm.

5/25 – **Music: Nanooks Naughty Nine** (Frank Zappa Tribute), The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/29 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

5/29 – **Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

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

6/1 – **Music: Better Off Dead**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/3 – **Writers Exchange**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

6/4 – **Guerrilla Art**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Using different mediums, teens will make creative art statements. 3pm.

6/5 – **Storytimes**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and play. Children under 2, 10:30am; ages 2-5, 11:30am.

6/6 – **Jazzy Summer Nights**, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5-10pm. \$

6/6 – **Art Exhibit Opening**, School 33 Art Center, 1427 Light St. Works by previous winners of the Municipal Arts Society of Baltimore Artist Travel Prize. Exhibit continues through July 21.

6/6 – **Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

6/7 – **Peninsula Post #19** available free all over the SoBo peninsula.

6/7 – **Fundraiser: Hope Gala**, to benefit Baltimore Outreach Services, 701 S. Charles St. 6-9pm. \$

6/8 – **BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

6/8 – **Crafty Cat Blankets**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a no-sew blanket to be donated to BARCS. 11am.

Peninsula Puzzler #2: A Walk Around SoBo

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid below? The title of the Puzzler gives you a clue to the theme. The words read left to right, down, and diagonally. Words are always in a straight line.

We are offering a **\$50 GIFT CARD** to a SoBo eatery or drinkery to the reader who finds the most words. (In case of a tie, we will hold a drawing to determine the winner.)

Send us a photo of your completed Puzzler with a message that includes your name and the number of words you found that match our theme. Text us at 410-340-8819 or send an email to hello@sobopost.org.

The deadline is **Thursday, April 25**.

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Rain Delay Forces Easter Egg Hunt Doubleheader

Heavy rains in Baltimore postponed the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Ravens Roost 54 South Baltimore until Saturday, March 30, the same day as the hunt in Federal Hill Park. Under sunny skies, kids scrambled for eggs at the Park in the morning and at the Little League fields in Locust Point that afternoon. Photos by Mary Braman.



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