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SOBO EVENTS

October 4–November 5, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

AVAM Mega-Exhibit Opens  
(10/12)

SoBo Halloween Bash  
(10/26)

Christmas Caroling  
(12/2, 12/10, 12/15)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

10/5 & 6 – Open Studio Tour: School 33 Art Center, 1427 Light St. Visit the studios of nine working artists during the Open Studio weekend. 10am-6pm.

10/5 & 6 – Open Studio Tour: D’Agostino Studios, 1440 Light St. 10am-6pm.

10/5 – BMI Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

10/5 – Crab Feast, Knights of Columbus, 1338 Hull St. 3-7pm. \$

10/6 – Costume Creations, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Design and craft your own costume. 10am-12pm. \$

10/6 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

10/7 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

10/7 – Lafayette Arrives in Baltimore, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Bicentennial celebration reenacting the arrival of the French Revolutionary War hero. 2-4:30pm.

10/7 – Boys Soccer: DHHS Rams vs. Forest Park, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

10/7 – Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers. 6-7:30pm.

10/8 – Meet the Author: Stephanie Brick, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. SoBo author discusses her novel “The Secret Doors of Cannondale.” 11am.

10/8 – Girls Flag Football: DHHS Rams vs. Dunbar, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

10/9 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

10/9 – Whiskey on the Water, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Guided whiskey tasting and sunset cruise. 5:30pm. \$

10/9 – Labor + Innovation: Bishme Cromartie, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Fashion designer Cromartie discusses the intersections of work and art. 6:30-8:30pm.

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THE ROCKETS GLARED RED over Fort McHenry on Saturday, September 14, during the Defenders’ Day celebration marking the 210th anniversary of the British bombardment of the fort. In addition to the evening fireworks display, the annual event featured dance performances by the Native America’s Protectors and Keur Khaleyi African Dance and Cultural Institute and a concert by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers’ Chorus. Photo by Federal Hill Photography, LLC.

As Under Armour Move Nears, Locust Pointers Plan for Future

As the days shorten this fall, so does Under Armour’s time at its Tide Point headquarters in Locust Point. In the meantime, local residents are working together in an effort to influence future uses for the large site.

The first UA employees are slated to set foot in the company’s new Baltimore Peninsula headquarters starting in November, according to a UA spokesperson. More employees will move in waves to the new campus until it is fully occupied in December. The new building will hold about 1,500 people. In announcing the design for its new headquarters in 2022, UA claimed it would be one of the “most environmentally sensitive and sustainable buildings” in the region, according to a press release at the time. The building is currently on track to obtain the three environmental certifications it set out to, a spokesperson confirmed.

To help meet sustainability goals, the 280,000-square-foot structure is built with mass timber, according to its architect’s website. That means the beams holding up the building are made of layered pieces of wood in-

stead of metal or concrete. The structure will also be able to harvest rainwater and will feature solar panels and geothermal heating and cooling.

What becomes of UA’s sprawling Tide Point campus is uncertain. Molly Miller, president of the Locust Point Civic Association, said that she has not heard anything about the campus’ future. A UA spokesperson did not indicate when they would be selling their buildings and properties.

But local residents are not taking a wait-and-see approach. They are working to see what they can do to shape the future use of the property in a way that benefits the community and surrounding households.

LPCA formed a task group to discuss the effects that UA’s move and Tide Point’s potential new ownership will have on the community. The first meeting was held in May and a second on September 16.

Among the topics participants discussed is Tide Point’s current zoning restrictions. The land is under a Planned Unit Development agreement, a special type of zone created by the

City Council that allows developers to more easily construct large-scale projects that are in the city’s interest. Because any changes to these zoning restrictions need the approval of the City Council, there is an opportunity for public input, if the potential new owners wanted to amend the PUD.

LPCA and its members plan to go through the existing agreement line by line and vote on the parts they want to keep, Miller said. Their goal is to present their modifications to Tide Point’s potential new owners.

Miller said that, in general, they want the property to feel connected with the neighborhood and the Locust Point community. Retaining public access to the public spaces at Tide Point, including the “lovely waterfront space” along the promenade, is a priority, she said.

According to a published report in the Baltimore Business Journal, two of UA’s lots nearby have been listed for sale, including the lot that used to hold the Locust Point Community Garden. But as of press time for this issue, UA had not listed its Tide Point buildings for sale. – A. W. Taylor



FROM THE EDITOR

## Life in SoBo Blends the Old with the New

We all love to hear about the newest restaurant or store to open on the peninsula, or a fun new event or feature added to our parks and waterfront. But I've been reminded recently that it's also SoBo's rich history – its legacy of past accomplishments and enterprising citizens – that gives this part of Baltimore its character.

There have been some big local anniversaries this fall. It was 200 years ago that Marquis Lafayette arrived at Fort McHenry on his "farewell tour" of America, a scene slated to be re-enacted on October 7. It was 100 years ago this September that the huge concrete-and-steel B&O Railroad grain elevators opened in Locust Point, the structure that became Silo Point condominiums (see story on page 8). And 80 years ago, Muir's Tavern opened on E. Fort Avenue and has stayed in the family ever since, a milestone marked by a block party in September.

So while we gladly welcome the new to the neighborhood, we're awfully glad that the old has stuck around. – *Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief*

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## Grant Helps Brighten One SoBo Block

When Nadine Bowen first saw café lights strung between houses around South Baltimore two years ago, she thought they were charming. At night, she chose to walk through blocks with café lights because, in addition to their good looks, they made her feel safe.

So this summer when she saw on Facebook that a local realtor was offering a grant to help one SoBo block put up café lights, she was interested. Luckily, within a day, a neighbor texted her and three other households on the 1200-1300 block of William Street about the grant, and everyone was in to apply. In September, the block was awarded the grant and before the end of the month, the lights were shining.

The \$1,000 grant was sponsored by the Key Group of Cummings & Co. Realtors. The SoBo business tries to do a community event each year, said Jim Gunsiorowski, one of the group's agents, and this year the café lights grant was it.

The idea came to Gunsiorowski because his clients liked seeing the lights on houses, and he felt they offered another bond to help connect blocks. As soon as he told the rest of Key Group's team about the idea, they were on-board, said Jody Buck, another Key Group agent.

Key Group announced the grant this spring online and in an advertisement in the June issue of the *Peninsula Post*. To apply, a block had to select a "block captain" to coordinate the effort, get the permission of at least seven next-door neighbors, contact Key Group's café lights installer for a quote, and submit an application by the end of August.

Bowen, who served as her group's "block captain," said the process to apply was exciting, but intimidating. She and her neighbors worked together to reach out to everyone on their block because "everybody knows somebody." They divided their block into sections, and each person reached out to households in their section. After about a month, 21 houses on their block had signed on.

"Doing this project together has fostered community," she said, citing the challenges they had to overcome together.

A total of eight blocks applied for the grant, which, Buck said, was more than Key Group expected. It was hard to narrow down the applications, she said. In the end, they chose the application with the largest number of



households because it would have the most impact in the community, said Gunsiorowski.

The \$1,000 grant went toward the cost of buying and installing the lights. Bowen said the total cost for installing lights on her block was about \$2,000 or around \$95 per household. She doesn't think her block would have put up lights on that large of a scale without the grant.

Because so many blocks applied for the grant, Key Group decided to work with its partners in the community to sponsor additional smaller grants for the other applicants, Buck said. Grants of \$250 or more were provided by Upper Chesapeake Insurance Agency; Stephen J. Tant Plumbing; Broadview Title; Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. (Federal Hill); WireWorx Electric, Inc.; and Carin Ganjon, another Cummings & Co. Realtors agent.

Buck noted that the café lights project may "take off and become bigger" if the community likes them. She said



Resident Nadine Bowen (right) and realtor Jim Gunsiorowski were on hand when new café lights were installed on the 1200-1300 block of William Street in September. Photos by Steve Cole.

that when she's walking around the neighborhood with her future clients, she'd like them to see that the lights are "not just on one set of blocks, they're everywhere." – *A. W. Taylor*

## New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

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

**AllCare Chiropractic LLC**, 1425 Light St. Providing chiropractic and physical therapy services. 410-949-1233

**Davidus Cigars**, 1011 Light St. Cigar lounge with a selection of cigars, pipes, tobacco, and accessories. 443-449-5871

**Galactic Guitar Exchange**, 1133 Light St. Used guitars, basses, drums, and accessories for sale and trade, specializing in repairs and setups. 240-578-7728

**Morning Mugs Bakery Cafe**, 1644 Beason St. Coffee, handcrafted espresso drinks, breakfast burritos, and from-scratch pastries. 443-830-3150

**Pancho Villa Tex Mex Restaurant**, 1400 Key Hwy. Authentic Mexican cuisine featuring tacos, enchiladas, sopes, and tamales. 443-835-2075

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# Museum to Preserve the Key Bridge Legacy

The eyes of the world turned to Baltimore when the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed in March, but the full extent of the tragedy's impact on local communities still remains largely undocumented. The Baltimore Museum of Industry has embarked on an ambitious initiative to preserve and tell the lesser-known stories of the bridge and its legacy.

The museum's "Echoes from the Key Bridge" project will memorialize experiences of the bridge and its collapse through a collection of oral histories, videos, and artifacts. True to the mission of the museum, the initiative will center on the accounts of workers and highlight the impact of the collapse on the local economy.

"When the bridge collapsed, after the initial shock and disbelief, it occurred to us as a museum that we had a role to play in preserving the story," said Anita Kassof, the museum's executive director.

With the help of grants from the Baltimore Community Foundation and the Baltimore National Heritage Area, the museum enlisted Baltimore-based artist Maria Aldana to interview members of affected communities. These first-hand accounts will be paired with videos produced by Aldana, as well as collected artwork, photographs, and other materials. Aldana has started the interview process, and the initiative is expected to last through the end of this year, said Kassof.

Museum leadership plans to preserve a record of individual experiences related to the bridge collapse

from local workers, first responders, longshoremen, and others close to the structure. The project will serve as historical documentation of the tragedy's longer-term impact on the surrounding communities and the Port of Baltimore.

"The idea of these oral histories and this relationship building is about telling what happened, to talk about history through stories and individual experiences," said Beth Maloney, BMI director of interpretation. Through the project, the museum will amplify the voices of those whose stories often go unheard, including immigrants and laborers.

The oral histories and artifacts will enter the Baltimore Museum of Industry's permanent collection, but the longer-term goal is to create an exhibit similar to the current Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project, which captures the impact of the steel mill's closure on the city. The museum is still working to secure funding for an exhibit and to determine a timeline for the next steps.

In the meantime, the museum is working with community partners to obtain several larger objects and mementos related to the bridge. Leadership is currently in conversations to acquire a piece of steel from the Key Bridge to create memorial artwork on the grounds of the museum. Museum representatives engaged in initial conversations with artist Roberto Marquez about securing parts of his mural tribute to the construction workers who died in the collapse. While no

conversations have occurred since the piece was moved for safekeeping to a city facility next to the museum in late May, the museum maintains an online digital representation of the original memorial.

The Baltimore Museum of Industry will feature the Echoes from the Key Bridge project as part of the museum's Labor + Innovation series on-site on December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Aldana will provide an update on the project in a conversation moderated by Aaron Henkin, a senior producer at WYPR radio. The event is free, but registration is required through the museum's website (thebmi.org).

The museum is now looking to local communities, including those on the South Baltimore peninsula, to help shape the story of the Key Bridge. South Baltimoreans are encouraged to share artifacts with the museum through an online donation form (thebmi.org/collections-archives/donation-form). Aldana is not actively soliciting additional stories at this point, but she may request supplemental narratives from the community in the future.

- Douglas Bennett

# Christ Lutheran Church Recovering from Fire

Day-to-day operations at Christ Lutheran Church (701 S. Charles Street) have begun to return to normal after an electrical fire on June 14, but the shelter for homeless women and their children housed in the church's basement is not expected to return until next year.

Pastor Amsalu Geleta reported that part of the church building that suffered smoke damage has been cleaned and the scaffolding taken down. They have received permits to renovate four bathrooms affected by the fire that date back to the 1930s.

The church is currently running on a generator, which is expensive, Geleta said. Electric cables are present throughout the building. He hopes BGE will connect the power soon so that community groups can return.

Already, neighborhood parents are back to gathering twice weekly for playgroups. Two regular services in the main sanctuary resumed in mid-September, as did Sunday school classes.

"We are blessed by gifted leaders, efficient contractors, and a supporting community," Pastor Geleta wrote on the church's website.

The Baltimore Outreach Services shelter, which has been housed in the church for 20 years, was displaced by the fire. BOS provides women and their children experiencing homelessness a safe place to rest and heal while assisting with long-range planning for safety, stability, and independence. All the families living at the church at the time of the fire were evacuated safely, but they lost everything they had.

BOS is set to reopen on S. Charles Street in early 2025. The church continues to support the organization in its temporary location at a local hotel. BOS is accepting donations of \$25 VISA gift cards to help families purchase needed items. Donations can be mailed to Baltimore Outreach Services, 701 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. - Barbara Stanton

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# How the Sausage (and Crab Cakes) Are Made at Fenwick's

By Robert Hardy



When Manuel Raymundo stands behind the meat counter at Cross Street Market, carefully feeding seasoned ground pork into a gleaming steel sausage-stuffing machine, methodically filling balloon-like natural sausage casings and tying them off one by one, he's making a product that has been made at **Fenwick Choice Meats** for more than half a century.

"Our sausages have always been popular with customers," he says, holding up a handful of plump, pink links, "because they are a good, quality product. And that's number one: a quality product."

Offering high-quality products at fair prices is at the top of a long list of standards, maxims, and lessons that Raymundo, 47, learned from his mentor and predecessor at Fenwick's, Henry Reisinger. At the beginning of 2024, Raymundo took over ownership of the shop from Reisinger, who retired from the business after more than 50 years. Reisinger bought the business in 1987 from Mrs. Edith Fenwick, who had owned the shop with her husband since the 1950s. The business occupied one of the first stalls in the Market when it opened in 1952 after a massive fire destroyed the original building.

"Henry was working for Miss Edith after school and before school, then eventually full time," Raymundo says. "He grew up with my mother, so he's known me since I was in my mother's belly, that's how far back we go. He taught me everything I know about the meat business and about business in general: how to keep things in balance and not overspend, fair pricing, the importance of customer relations, cleanliness, just everything."

Raymundo became involved with Fenwick's through his relationship with Reisinger, who offered encouragement and a chance to help out around the shop. "I'd walk through the Market every day on my way to and from school," he recalled, having grown up on Olive Street in South Baltimore. "I'd see Henry waiting on customers or cutting meat, and we'd talk, and I was always fascinated. Then, years later, I left my job at the Post Office, and I was still interested in the business. I always liked to



Manuel Raymundo took over ownership of Fenwick Choice Meats in Cross Street Market this year after learning the ins and outs of the business from long-time owner Henry Reisinger. Photo by Mary Braman.

cook, and I love good food.

"One Saturday, he brought me in and started me off with first things first, the proper methods and techniques, the proper tools, and always, 'wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands.' He drilled that in. One day, during a six-hour shift, I counted the times I washed my hands: 152 times. I shadowed Henry for some time, until he said, 'take the knife and do it for yourself.' And I did. I worked with Henry full time for 13 years."

As a customer comes to the counter one afternoon this summer, Raymundo looks up from a rack of pork chops he's cutting and greets her, then sets his knife down on the cutting table, and goes to the sink to wash his hands. She wants a pound of Virginia ham sliced thin. Raymundo takes a ham from the display case to the slicing machine and smoothly, expertly works it back and forth, the paper-thin slices falling neatly onto a sheet of butcher paper. When Raymundo suggests a cheese that would go nicely with the ham, the customer thinks that sounds good, and she leaves with both ham and cheese.

"Listening to the customer, making suggestions, helping the customer out. I think that's why our customers re-

turn," Raymundo tells me as he washes his hands again after the transaction. Raymundo estimates he spends about half of his day interacting with customers and serving them at the counter and the other half "being productive" and manufacturing the homemade products for which Fenwick's is known.

Besides their pork sausages, Fenwick's makes chicken sausages (from boneless, skinless, chicken breasts and thighs; garlic; sun-dried tomato; and herbs and seasonings) and veal sausages. "We also make an authentic German pork bratwurst, which is very good," says Raymundo.

"And then there's the crab cakes." He estimates that the shop sells around 45 to 50 crab cakes a week. "It's probably the most popular homemade product we do. We don't mix with a spoon. We mix with our hands to preserve the lumps, because the spoon breaks up the lumps. Everybody loves to see those big lumps of crab meat."

I have to ask: What's the secret?

"Honestly, keeping filler to an absolute minimum. We use Old Bay crab cake seasoning mix, so with the little bit of filler that's in there, we add nothing extra, just good Hellman's

mayonnaise, and that wonderful jumbo lump crab meat. And that is it. That is the winner."

Reflecting on some of the changes he's seen in the business, in the Market itself, and in the surrounding community, Raymundo notes some of the ways that Fenwick's has been able to adapt and adjust.

"Over the last decade or so, there's been a big movement toward pre-prepared foods for people who work long days and don't want to prep a full meal and cook it with all the pots and pans and dishes and stuff," he says. "I try to do things to help them out. I do as much prep as I can for things that require a little prep. For example, we do a wonderful stuffed pork chop: cornbread stuffing on three-quarters of a 1.75-pound boneless pork chop. People love that. You just take it home and put it in the oven and 25 minutes later, your meal is done."

Consistently popular meats also include whole chickens, thick-cut pork chops, New York strips, and rib eyes. An impressive standout in the meat case is the "tomahawk" steak: a massive 2.5- to 3-pound beef rib eye steak prepared in the shop that is currently among the most popular cuts at Fenwick's. Raymundo describes the process of creating the tomahawk cut:

"From the kill floor at Old Line Meats on Monroe Street in Baltimore, they'll send me a half a rib portion: half of the steer's rib, around 65 or 70 pounds of all rib meat. That's where you get your bone-in prime ribs, your boneless prime ribs, your short ribs, and of course good ground beef off the trimmings of all that rib meat. I cut down each individual rib, usually 2.5 to 3 inches down each rib, with the knife. Then I carry this 55- or 60-pound rib portion over to the saw and just cut the bone. The meat is cut with our knife, not a saw blade. It's just a much cleaner cut, a better cut, honestly."

Raymundo shows off the resulting cut after the steak is French trimmed, leaving about 5 inches of bone artfully exposed like the handle of a tomahawk. "It looks good, and it tastes even better," he says proudly. "Grill these up, and then bake them with butter and herbs. Absolutely delicious."

As a couple of customers approach the counter and begin perusing the choices, Raymundo looks up and greets them. Before he turns to wait on them, he steps to the sink and washes his hands.

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# SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

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## Community Events

**October: Read to Reef at Enoch Pratt Library.** We love the National Aquarium (even my infant, whom we just took for the first time!) and are so happy this program provides free access to it. Throughout the month, kids in 5th grade and younger can visit the library to get a Read to Reef bookmark. Read any five aquatic- or conservation-themed books and log them on your bookmark, and you can reserve up to four free admission tickets to the National Aquarium. [prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef](http://prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef)

**October 18: “Walk-Up” Movie Night.** Join us for a classic drive-in movie experience made city style with a “walk-up” movie night viewing of “Hocus Pocus” in the Knights of Columbus parking lot (1338 Hull Street). Bring your chairs and blankets. Popcorn, candy, and drinks are included in ticket prices (including all-you-can-drink beer and wine for 21+), and kids get an engaging activity packet as well. Sponsored by the Belles of Good Coun-

sel. *Event at 6pm, movie at 7pm; tickets at [ticketleap.com](http://ticketleap.com).*

**October 20 & November 17: Bmore Babes Play at Checkerspot.** I’m pumped to hear this group is back at Checkerspot! Bmore Babes Play is a play group, hosted by a speech-language pathologist, for children ages up to 4 and their caregivers. 12-1pm. Registration required, visit [illuminatepedtherapies.com](http://illuminatepedtherapies.com).

**October 26: South Baltimore Halloween Bash.** One of my favorite neighborhood events of the year! There’s an adorable (and huge) costume parade, a costume contest, food, games, music by local parent DJ Natemare, a fall market, and more. My littles love getting another chance to show off their costumes, and there’s also tons of music, food and drink, and vendors that the grown-ups will love. *Riverside Park, 12-4pm*

**October 31: Trick-or-Treating.** One of the most frequently asked questions from new parents (or parents new to the peninsula) is about local trick-or-treating. Yes, trick-or-treating happens on Halloween itself (I guess in some places it doesn’t?), and based on polls of local parents in the South Baltimore Peninsula Parents Facebook group, most families will begin between 5 and 6 pm. Stoop-sitting to distribute candy is preferred (and more fun to get to know your neighbors!), and if your stairs are steep, consider handing out candy from the bottom

step or from a chair on the sidewalk.

**November 1 & 2: Science Center Fun.** On November 1 from 5:30 to 8:30pm, there’s a Teddy Bear Pajama Party, designed for kiddos ages 8 and under with tons of activities and fun. On November 2, the annual Pumpkin Smash happens. Bring your jack-o-lanterns between 10 and 10:50am, and then watch as the staff drops them from the Science Center roof. A second drop happens at noon. [mdsci.org](http://mdsci.org)

**November 9: Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School Fall Festival.** Another staple of the year, this TJEMS event is fantastic for families, complete with engaging kids’ games and crafts, great food, a huge silent auction, a popular dunk tank, moon bounce, and more. 12-4pm.

**Other fun, notable events.** Kidz Bop Live at Pier Six on October 11, AVAM’s Halloween Celebration on October 24, Bluey at the Lyric on October 26 & 27, Phish for Kids at Checkerspot Brewing on November 2, and Sesame Street Live at the Lyric on November 22.

## Ongoing Family Fun

If your calendar doesn’t fill up with the above events, here are some fun ongoing opportunities for families:

**Tummy Time.** Everyone I know who has attended this free playgroup (often on Thursdays, rotating among M8 Brewing, Riverside Park, and occasionally at Wander and Well at 912 Light Street) has raved about the experience and the other parents they’ve met. It’s organized by a children’s physical therapist and often includes other educational sessions for parents/guardians of babies. [linktr.ee/kidsfirstpt](http://linktr.ee/kidsfirstpt)



The Fall Festival returns to Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School on November 9. Photo by Mary Braman.

**SoBo Play Space.** Exciting news in the peninsula parent community is the soon-to-be-open SoBo Play Space (in the former Beth El location, at the corner of Battery Avenue and Randall Street). Parents with kids older than mine often refer to the drop-in experiences at “the JCC” when their kids were babies. That space sadly closed in 2020, and since then, local mom Rachel Wagner has been dreaming of filling that need. Exact launch date is still TBD as of the writing of this article, but you can expect a fun and engaging playroom for kids 5 and under and their grown-ups, as well as a homework room for the bigger kids. (And for those wondering ... Yes, this is the location of the brand new SoBo Ballet classes. The first session of classes is already underway, and the next session will begin in January. Stay tuned for registration on their website: [www.soboballet.com](http://www.soboballet.com).)



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# Paddling the Peninsula

## Adventure Is Just Down the Street

By Miranda Mowrey

Let's face it, summer in Baltimore can be a challenge. The sticky air and sizzling temperatures swallow the city whole, spawning dreams of cool waters and breezes or actual plans of getting out of town.

Lucky for us SoBohemians, escape from summer swelter is not far away; in fact, it's literally all around us. Baltimore boasts about 61 miles of shoreline, including the Patapsco River which surrounds the South Baltimore peninsula. If you walk straight in almost any direction, you have a good chance of finding water and some way of paddling out into it.

This past summer, I was eager to find my sea legs and explore the opportunities available to SoBo residents looking for a new perspective and a break from the heat. I spent the summer paddling the peninsula and recording my experiences. Whether I embarked on the spa-like paddleboard retreat on the Inner Harbor, the camaraderie-filled kayak excursion with a neighborhood paddling group, or an informational kayak tour led by the City, each event offered a rewarding and refreshing new look at life in Baltimore.

The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore's "Baltimore Blueway" initiative to promote greater access to the waterfront was a helpful source for the aspiring "urban paddler." The proj-

ect's website provides a ton of information about the waterfront to help push people offshore, including outlines of eight water trails around the city available for exploration. I discovered a handful of access points and rental places along peninsula shores that offer paddleboard and kayak rentals and tours, sunrise and sunset paddling sessions, and other creative aquatic activities.

### Paddleboarding with B'more SUP

I first broke into the water in August at B'more SUP, a stand-up paddleboarding company located in the Inner Harbor Marina, by Rusty Scupper restaurant off Key Highway. Its prime real estate allows for the picturesque Baltimore skyline to serve as the backdrop for all classes, day or night. Skimming the class schedule, I was surprised by the many creative ways to experience the waterfront: nighttime "glow in the dark" paddle sessions, full moon and summer solstice paddles, and yoga and social paddle events, to name a few.

When I set off from the dock to start the Paddle & Flow Yoga Class at 6am, the city was still asleep except for the determined morning joggers running along the promenade. Shawn, our jovial instructor, directed our group of seven women out into the harbor until I felt like a TicTac floating in a vast ocean.



A variety of group paddleboard excursions on the Inner Harbor were offered during the summer months, ranging from nighttime "glow in the dark" sessions to the early morning paddle shown here. Photo by Miranda Mowrey.

Minus the lap of my paddle skimming the water and the gentle hum of the Domino Sugar factory, a peaceful quiet fell over the group. We each enjoyed this inside-out perspective, this opportunity to digest the surrounding city in one bite-sized piece. At our feet, twisting schools of fish splashed the glassy surface and birds overhead responded by swooping low in the air, looking for breakfast. Observing all of this while rocking along with the current made the familiar landmarks dotting the waterfront seem like an entirely different world.

We paddled until the Domino Sugar sign towered above us, its fuzzy red glow peeking through the morning fog. The second half of the class took place back at the dock, where Shawn directed a 45-minute yoga flow to further quiet our already soothed souls. If you're looking to treat yourself to a unique adventure, B'more SUP is the place to visit.

### Riding with the Riverside River Rats

A group of residents that goes by the name "The Riverside River Rats" regularly explores the water flanking both sides of SoBo. Their Facebook group called "Riverside River Rats Baltimore, MD" launched this summer and has grown to over 60 members looking to "discover hidden gems, share adventures, and enjoy the beauty of our city's waterways."

I was invited out on an expedition with the River Rats and was delighted to discover a like-minded community equally as passionate about getting out on the water. Launching at an access point by Rye Street Tavern in the up-and-coming Baltimore Peninsula, the River Rats and I set off on what turned into a 5-mile kayak tour.

The troop navigated starboard (right) toward Nick's Fish House, mouths agape as we passed a Goliath-sized ship docking near the Port Covington Marina (talk about feeling like a TicTac!). Sean, the leader of the River Rats, was an encyclopedia of knowledge, supplementing the tour with interesting facts about the historic waterway. As we paddled

beneath the Hanover Street Bridge, Sean told us that debris from the 1904 Great Baltimore Fire was dumped in the water beneath us.

After some time, the group encountered a dystopian web of concrete bridges overhead that could only be Interstate 95. Beneath the highway was a thriving oasis of bending cattails, puffs of lemongrass, and wildlife, too, including a particularly active school of fish that followed our crew (a fellow kayaker liked to point toward them and exclaim, "dolphins!"). I felt a tinge of sadness as we paddled through, noting that this natural beauty goes unrecognized when we sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic on the road overhead, unaware of the pulsing ecosystem below. In true Baltimore fashion, there was the occasional abandoned shopping cart poking through the surface and a disappointing amount of trash lying around, but overall, the trail was beautiful.

After we reached Top Golf's ball-ridden lawn positioned in front of M&T Bank Stadium at the end of the peninsula, we headed back. Arms heavy from two hours of rowing, I said goodbye to my new friends with a full heart and slightly damp bottom, taking with me a newfound appreciation for this great city and the community that inhabits it.

For this excursion, I borrowed a kayak, but rentals are available at Eastern Watersports, located on the access beach in the Baltimore Peninsula where the River Rats launched. The Canton Kayak Club also keeps a rack of kayaks here for member use. Rentals from Eastern Watersports, along with a variety of group tours and experiences, are available here throughout the summer months before they close up shop in the fall (as do most of the other rental and tour places on the peninsula).

### Kayaking the Inner Harbor

For my final paddle session, I found myself back at the Inner Harbor for a kayak tour organized by Baltimore City Recreation and Parks. Tours were

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Above: SoBo kayak enthusiasts in the Riverside River Rats group prepare to paddle the Middle Branch from the public access point near Sagamore Spirit. Photo by Mary Braman. Top: The view paddling beneath I-395. Photo by Matt Klinck.



# From Grain Elevator to Luxury Condos in the Sky

By Robert Hardy

Rising high above the piers and rail lines along the north shore of Locust Point, the Silo Point condominium complex stands as a 24-story-tall witness to the peninsula's past once dominated by railroads and shipping. The structure repurposes a massive concrete grain elevator opened by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 100 years ago this fall, which was erected to replace wooden grain elevators from the 1870s that were destroyed by fire.

That repurposing and a look back at the dominant role the B&O once played in Locust Point are documented in a new book celebrating the centennial of the grain elevator and tracing its redevelopment. *Silo Point: The New B&O Grain Elevator at Locust Point* by Cathie "CZ" Zimmerman (BookBaby, 2023) is a photo-heavy love letter to local history and to the iconic residential building that opened in 2009.

As Zimmerman recounts in clear, spare text and illustrates with an extensive collection of historical and contemporary photographs, the railroad influenced the history, appearance, and day-to-day life of Locust Point in profound ways. Starting in 1845, the B&O purchased land on the north shore of what was then called Whetstone Point for developing a rail and marine terminal with facilities to handle coal, grain, and merchandise. The eight acres originally acquired by B&O were located along the 2,600 feet of waterfront now occupied by Domino Sugar and Under Armour.

The first piers opened in 1848 and initiated a period of growth and prosperity for the railroad and for the community. "Over the next decade," Zimmerman notes, "an extensive network of piers, wharves, warehouses, freight yards, and grain elevators were constructed." Growth accelerated after the Civil War, when Locust Point was established as an immigration center and facilities were built to accommodate the influx of shipping and European immigrants. In the 1870s, the B&O filled in acres of land across the peninsula, laid miles of track, and expanded facilities further, including building its first grain elevators.

A grain elevator is a specialized warehouse and machinery complex, elevated above the adjacent piers so that grain flows by gravity into a ship's hold for export. Bulk products like grain came by rail to warehouses and transfer facilities on the waterfront, each specialized to handle large volumes of specific products, including tobacco, grain, and coal for export and imported sugar and coffee.

The B&O built three grain elevators between 1872 and 1881. Elevator A

was the first one, located on what was then Pier 5, just south of the steamship piers and immigration terminal. The wood-framed, slate-roofed structure could store 500,000 bushels of grain. In 1873, the facility exported more than 7 million bushels. Elevator B, also wood framed, opened in 1874 and could hold 1.5 million bushels. It stood on Pier 4, supported by more than 11,000 pilings, just south of Elevator A.

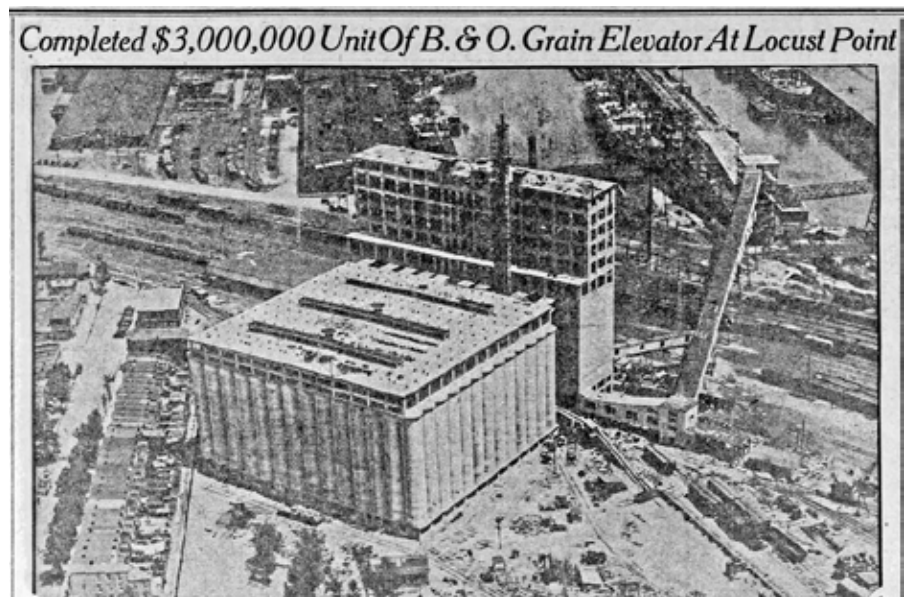
Within the decade, still more capacity was needed, and Elevator C on Pier 3 opened in 1881. Iron framed and covered with slate and brick, standing 174 feet tall, this largest of the three elevators had a capacity of 1.8 million bushels.

Early in 1921, the B&O began renovating and upgrading the Locust Point facilities, implementing improved methods and building new facilities for grain cleaning, dust control and removal, and, significantly, fire prevention and protection. A fire caused by a lightning strike destroyed Elevator A in 1891. As Zimmerman notes, "Crammed into the small Locust Point terminal were two elevators, several covered piers, warehouses, a large rail yard, transfer bridges, and a lot of machinery, all surrounded by acres of flammable grain and merchandise. The fire risk was staggering."

On the evening of July 2, 1922, as a rainstorm raged across Baltimore, lightning struck Elevator B. As the *Baltimore Sun* reported, "There followed a sweep of flames that wrought property damage equaled in Baltimore only once since the great fire of 1904." Along with front-page photographs of the fire consuming the warehouse on Pier 5 and of firefighters battling massive flames rising from Elevator B, the *Sun* recounted the destruction of both elevators and their contents (1,274,000 bushels of grain), two piers and warehouses full of merchandise, and other structures that "crumbled within a furnace that stretched along the waterfront over an area of six city blocks."

One of the most terrifying twists of the disaster came as the flames approached the hospital complex at Fort McHenry that was built in 1917. "Fire brands whipped through the air at great heights," the *Sun* reported, "rained throughout Locust Point, every section being menaced as the high winds changed. A torrential downpour of rain alone saved the wards at Fort McHenry just as the roofs began to smolder." Ambulances and a host of volunteers evacuated 400 war veterans and other patients to shelter in School No. 76 on Fort Avenue.

The damage and losses were extensive, and the disruption of commerce



The massive grain elevators built in Locust Point by the B&O Railroad 100 years ago replaced wood-framed elevators that were destroyed by fire. The structure was converted into the Silo Point condominiums. Photo below: Courtesy Baltimore Museum of Industry Archives. Photo above: Baltimore Sun, Sept. 9, 1924.



was significant. On the night of the fire, however, B&O President Daniel Willard vowed to rebuild the Locust Point facilities. And within a year, plans were completed and construction had begun on a new, modern, reinforced-concrete elevator, 206 feet tall with a 15-story "workhouse," which would be "one of the most efficient and rapid grain handling plants in the world," according to Zimmerman.

On September 9, 1924, the front page of the *Sun* featured a photograph of the new elevator complex, announcing the impending commercial opening of the facility within the week. The new elevator's capacity was 3 million bushels, with the ability to handle an additional 800,000 bushels in the adjoining workhouse.

Zimmerman's *Silo Point* walks the reader through the century between the opening of the "new" Locust Point grain elevator and its conversion to residential condos with a wealth of detail and an array of photographs. The author covers the productive years of the state-of-the-art complex and the decline of the railroads after World War II, the dissolution of the B&O, and

sale of the elevator to a private firm in the 1960s.

The grain business peaked in Baltimore in the 1950s, then steadily declined as grain elevators began to disappear along the East Coast. A grain elevator in Port Covington owned by the Western Maryland Railway closed in the late 1970s. A public elevator owned by the Northern Pacific/Pennsylvania Railroad operated until 1994. B&O sold the Locust Point elevator in 1967, but it continued operations until 2001 when a storm caused the collapse of Pier 7 and the conveyor system. "Passing without much notice," Zimmerman wrote, "this event signaled the end of the city's earliest trade."

It was only a few months later that developer Patrick Turner began pursuing purchase of the obsolete facility, the sale of which ultimately resulted in the development of the 24-story, 228-unit Silo Point condominium complex. Zimmerman, a current Silo Point resident, fills her book with descriptions and photos of every phase of development and construction of this South Baltimore jewel of adaptive reuse.

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# Planting Trees, Carving Pumpkins, and Shopping Small in Fed Hill



The South Baltimore peninsula has several 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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Get ready for a fall marathon of fun in Federal Hill! From spooky nights to holiday cheer, we've got exciting events for everyone. Check them out:

**Spellbound Soiree at Illusions Bar & Theater, October 27.** Celebrate Halloween with magic and local businesses at Illusions Bar & Theater (1025 S. Charles Street)! This adult-only event will feature magic, reiki, acupuncture, tarot, and more! Tickets are on sale now via Eventbrite or our website under Events.

**Neighborhood Cleanup, November 16.** Help us make Federal Hill sparkle! Join your neighbors for a community cleanup just in time for the holiday season. Bring your energy and let's tidy up the district before Small Business Saturday.

**Small Business Open House, November 30.** Warm up with treats and coffee at our office (42 E. Cross Street) before hitting the local shops for holiday deals. It's the perfect way to start your day off shopping small and supporting our businesses.

**Fed Hill Frosty Fest, December 7.** Get into the holiday spirit at our 3rd Annual Frosty Fest! Enjoy stocking shopping from local businesses, meet Santa, and listen to festive street music. It's a holiday celebration you won't want to miss.

Join us for a season full of fun, community, and holiday magic! – *Submitted by Taylor Schwartz, Executive Director*

## Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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FHNA president Zac Blanchard stepped down in September. He will continue to serve the neighborhood and peninsula as city councilman. Until our next election in May, Locchanan Sreeharikesan will be serving as the **interim president**.

Our transition in leadership has not stopped our work, however. Our public safety team has put a lot of work into victim advocacy and administering the **South Baltimore Camera Network**. The network consists of



Community and park cleanups are coming to Locust Point and Sharp-Leadenhall on October 20 and 26, respectively. Photo by Mary Braman.

volunteers requesting footage from neighbors that have opted into the program. The team activated the network 17 times during the summer for crimes including arson, rape, gun and knife attacks, and armed robberies. We received helpful footage that has helped the Baltimore Police Department's investigation in almost every case. Camera footage directly enabled arrests in three cases this summer. There are many others where the footage has led to the identification of a suspect. We are hoping those individuals are located and arrested soon.

As crime typically spikes in the fall, we encourage everyone to get a camera and join the camera network by going to [bit.ly/sobocamerasurvey](https://bit.ly/sobocamerasurvey).

On a lighter note, we have **several fun events** coming up.

October 14-18: Pending weather and DoT permits, several artists will be **installing a ground mural** at the newly improved intersection of Warren, Light, and Henrietta streets. Similar installations have been used around the city to calm traffic.

October 26: Please join South Harbor Renaissance and FHNA to **plant 23 new trees** in Federal Hill Park.

November 2: Please join FHNA and SOBO Green to **plant even more trees**. The sign-up link is [sobogreen2024fall.eventbrite.com](https://sobogreen2024fall.eventbrite.com). – *Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, Interim President*

## Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Fall is here and FHSNA is gearing up for the season. Our **association meeting** was held September 24. We heard from the FHNA Public Safety Committee, the Office of Emergency Management, Baltimore Parking Authority, Baltimore Police Department, and elected

officials. If you missed the meeting, check out our website. Click the menu bar at top left corner and choose "Meeting Notes" to find out what is happening in the neighborhood.

Are you getting excited about pumpkin season? Come join us on the St. Ignatius Loyola Academy blacktop (300 Gittings Street) for our **Pumpkin Carving Party** on October 19 from 1 to 3pm. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided, along with drinks and snacks. The cost is \$10 for the first child in a family, \$5 for each additional child.

**St. Mary's Star of the Sea** parish church (1400 Riverside Avenue) will be celebrating its tenure in Federal Hill with a mass on November 16 at 4pm, followed by a reception at St. Ignatius school. On November 23, there will be a final Mass at 4pm.

Our last **Dumpster Day** of the year is November 30 from 8am until noon or when the dumpster is full. This is your opportunity to get those items out of your house that have been collecting dust.

December 7 is our annual **Wreath Sale** on the corner of E. West and William streets. Hanging a fresh wreath on your door is a great way to welcome guests into your home to celebrate the season. Presales will be available via the FHSNA website.

**Our next meeting** will be held in-person only on October 29 at 7pm at the St. Ignatius school gymnasium. Please join us to hear updates from Mark Sapperstein about his proposed addition of 50 apartments above the 1201 Wall Street parking garage.

**We need YOU to join FHSNA** to keep our neighborhood vibrant and friendly. Visit our website, click the menu bar at top left corner, and choose "Become a Member." It's only \$10 a year, and seniors are FREE! – *Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President*

## Historic Sharp-Leadenhall Community

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Our community will be participating in the **Mayor's Fall Cleanup** on Saturday, October 26, from 8am to 12pm. Tools, gloves, and bags will be available at 118 W. Cross Street, along with refreshments for volunteers.

On September 22, the Historic Sharp-Leadenhall Community hosted a **walking tour** of the neighborhood for the Culture Landscape Foundation, a group based in Washington, DC. The group started in Solo Gibbs Park and walked along Cross, Leadenhall, Hamburg, Bevan, Henrietta, and Montgomery streets. Plans for walking tours for the public are in development.

Betty Bland-Thomas has been selected by Baltimore Heritage to receive one of its annual **preservation awards** for her work in promoting the heritage of the Sharp-Leadenhall community. The award will be presented at Baltimore Heritage's 2024 Preservation Celebration on October 10 at Hollins Market.

Our next **community meeting** is October 24 from 6 to 7:30pm at Martini Lutheran Church (100 W. Henrietta Street). The focus of this meeting will be the November election. – *Submitted by Betty Bland-Thomas, President*

## Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA held its **quarterly spring meeting** on June 19. The main agenda item was a presentation by the Harborplace Forum members who oppose the new project by MCB Real Estate. The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session. KHCA had scheduled a presentation by MCB about their Harborplace proposal for its **quarterly fall meeting** on September 18, but that discussion was postponed until October due to the current court challenge to the Harborplace ballot referendum. We hope that these two discussions will allow our community to vote with better information on the referendum on this project in the November election.

KHCA is also working on improving the system that supports the **under-lighting of the Fort Avenue bridge** with the support of South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. – *Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President*

## Locust Point Civic Association

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LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on October 9 and November 13

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at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School (1425 E. Fort Avenue). Both meetings will start at 7:30pm.

On October 20, we will be having a **Latrobe Park cleanup and maintenance day** from 2 to 4pm. Tools and equipment will be provided. All are welcome, and there will be a fun local treat for all those who participate.

November 2 will be our last **Dumpster Day** of the year. The dumpster will appear at Fort Avenue and Andre Street around 8am and disappear when it's full. There will also be a U-Haul next to the dumpster where you will be able to donate items to benefit others and keep the stuff out of the incinerator.

Team FSK will be participating in the 2024 **Baltimore Running Festival** on October 19. To sign up for the team, visit [runsignup.com/Race/MD/Baltimore/TeamFSK](https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Baltimore/TeamFSK).

Visit our website for more information about the above events or other happenings in Locust Point. – *Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member*

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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**New Soccer and Lacrosse Goals at Riverside and Swann Parks** – With funding from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP), RNA coordinated the purchase and installation of 10 new soccer goals and 4 lacrosse goals, plus corner flags, pylons, and nets for parks utilized by residents within the 17 neighborhoods surrounding the casino. Equipment repairs were also made at Latrobe Park. The equipment and repairs were provided under SBGP's Enhanced Services program, funded by the Local Impact Grants provided in the casino's enabling legislation.

Our thanks to the SBGP team and RNA board member Jackson Fisher, Al Passarella from the South Baltimore Youth Soccer League, and other volunteers for making this project happen.

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department will begin permitting

use of the recently completed athletic fields in Riverside Park by various organizations early next year when construction of the utility building and restrooms is complete. While the fields are open to the public now, the new grass continues to grow more resilient.

**Accepting Nominations for Two Open RNA Board Seats** – Two of the nine seats on the all-volunteer RNA Board of Directors are currently open. The board welcomes nominations for residents who would like to serve the balance of the current terms, which expire in February 2025. Appointees will be eligible to continue on the board for a full two-year term. If you have time and talent to contribute to the improvement of Riverside, we welcome your self-nomination or that of a neighbor. Drop us an email at [RNABaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:RNABaltimore@gmail.com).

RNA's next regular community meeting is Monday, October 28, at 7pm at the Riverside Third Space, downstairs at Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Avenue. – *Submitted by Rich Badmington, President*

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Want to find out about recent developments in the neighborhood before you read about them on the SoBo Complaints Facebook page? Interested in learning more about Baltimore City government and how to get things changed for the better? Have an issue that 311 doesn't seem to fix? **Come to a neighborhood association meeting!** SBNA meets the second Tuesday of every month at AJ's on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover Street) at 7pm. We have guests present about their organizations or developments, we vote on issues relevant to our neighborhood, we organize cleanups, and we apply for grants for improvements.

Follow SBNA on Facebook and Instagram to get up-to-date activities happening in the neighborhood. – *Submitted by Jen Eastman, Vice President*

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held every Sunday morning from May until October and were only \$15.

Our group of five meandered from the promenade by the Maryland Science Center over to the aquarium side of the harbor. We even crossed paths with B'more SUP-ers emerging from the Inner Harbor Marina in a full-circle moment for me.

Our tour guide, Lou, a relaxed local whose bare feet hung over the sides of his kayak, kept a leisurely pace and took time to get to know everyone on the tour. He ushered us by the historic ships docked along the waterfront and squeezed us between Pier 3 and 4, where new floating wetlands thick with vegetation and marine organisms flourish. We then crossed the harbor, hugging the shore past the Baltimore Museum of Industry and Harborview Marina before returning to the launch site and concluding the tour.

Touring the popular waterfront via kayak was a great way to spend a Sunday. I was surprised that more people didn't opt in for such an inexpensive, interesting excursion highlighting our city's main attraction, the Inner Har-

bor. I recommend this tour to anyone with a few free hours and interest in learning more about their city.

Honoring Our Waterways

All totaled, I paddled over 10 miles of our peninsula's waterfront this summer, dipping my toes into the wide array of aquatic activities for SoBo residents to enjoy. Bobbing along the water's edge and consuming the familiar sites that make SoBo SoBo was like holding a microscope to ordinary, everyday objects and realizing how intricate and grand even the most familiar things really are. Through this closer look at the city's rich offerings, deep history, and wildlife, I felt like I was given access to a secret world.

Now that the nippy air and crunchy leaves of fall have set in, opportunities for paddling the peninsula have grown slim. But it won't be long until chilly winter and early spring temperatures give way to sticky summer air once again in Baltimore. Adventure awaits us in the springtime, along with the secret beauty of our city's fantastic waterways.



## SOBO EVENTS

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**10/9 – Music: Delightfully Deranged with Experience**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/9 – Sunset Salsa**, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Latin dance lessons and music, with local food and drink. 7pm.

**10/10 – Football: DHHS Rams vs. City College**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/10 – Acrylics Pour Painting**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Make a one-of-a-kind artwork with Esta Baker. 6pm.

**10/10 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/10 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**10/10 – Music: Armchair Boogie with Liam Purcell and Cane Mill Road**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/11 – Sunset Jams**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music by Roses N Rust. 5-8pm.

**10/11 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/11 – Monthly Bingo**, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

**10/11 – Super Science Sleepover: Pokemon Party**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. 5:30pm. \$

**10/11 – Outdoor Movie Night: “Barbie” and “Mean Girls,”** The Lawn, 300 E. Cromwell St. 6pm, showtime at dusk.

**10/11 – Music: Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/12 – BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**10/12 – Boards & Breakfast**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skateboarding lessons for young kids with Joey Jett. 9-11am.

**10/12 – Exhibit Opens: “Good Sports: The Wisdom & Fun of Fair Play,”** American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. New mega-exhibit on sports. 10am-5pm. \$

**10/12 – Glass Art: Stained Glass Bat**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Workshop for ages 8+. 10am-1pm. \$

**10/12 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**10/12 – Spooky Science**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. 12-4pm. \$

**10/12 – Music: Baltimore Symphony Musicians**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

**10/12 – Music: The Baltimore Campaign**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/14 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

**10/14 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**10/15 – Crafternoon: Origami**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn basic folding techniques and create a simple origami project. 3:30pm.

**10/15 – Boys Soccer: DHHS Rams vs. NAF**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/16 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**10/16 – Football: DHHS Rams vs. Poly**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/16 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**10/16 – Homebrew Extravaganza**, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. 6-9pm. \$

**10/16 – Sunset Salsa**, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Latin dance lessons and music. 7pm.

**10/17 – Girls Soccer: DHHS Rams vs. NAF**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/17 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**10/17 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/17 – Music: Airshow with Wicked Sycamore**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/18 – Sunset Jams**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music by Scott Patterson and Kojo Red. 5-8pm.

**10/18 – “Walk-Up” Movie Night: “Hocus Pocus,”** Knights of Columbus, 1338 Hull St. Classic drive-in movie experience made city style. 6pm. \$

**10/18 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/18 – Hoodstock XXI**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Food, live music, and silent auction. 7-11pm. \$

**10/18 – Music: Brock Lanzetti Ogawa**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Hemingway Room jazz series. 7 & 9pm. \$

**10/18 – Music: Electric Love Machine with Uncle Kunkel’s One Gram Band**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/19 – BMI Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**10/19 – Bird Monitoring**, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. 9-11am.

**10/19 – Wildlife Gardening: Milkweeds and Monarchs**, Rash Field, 201 Key Hwy. Make a positive impact on our harbor ecosystems. 10am-12pm.

**10/19 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**10/19 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

**10/19 – Meet Marathon Swimmer Katie Pumphrey**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11am.

**10/19 – Whiskey on the Waterfront**, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food, and beverages. 12-6pm.

**10/19 – Smoketoberfest**, Concert Park (between York and Lee streets), Otterbein. BBQ, lawn games, and live music. 1-5pm.

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**10/19 – Día de los Muertos Altar Making,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn the traditions and art techniques of altar making. 2-4pm.

**10/19 – Music: Sam Grisman Project,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/19 – Music: Luke Stewart Trio,** Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Hemingway Room jazz series. 7 & 9pm. \$

**10/20 – Federal Hill Tour,** Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. Guided walk exploring Federal Hill history. 9:30am. \$

**10/21 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

**10/21 – Girls Flag Football: DHHS Rams vs. ACCE,** Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/21 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**10/22 – Playdate at the Library,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

**10/22 – Guerilla Art,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Teens create art with different media and a variety of upcycled materials. 3pm.

**10/22 – Music: Red Wanting Blue,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

**10/23 – Puppet Show,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join Danny Joe and his puppets for a special show. 10:30am.

**10/23 – Whiskey on the Water,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Guided whiskey tasting and sunset cruise. 5:30pm. \$

**10/23 – Industry Social Night: Fashion / Textile / Craft,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. After-hours program for local professionals, creatives, and influencers. 5:30-8pm.

**10/23 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**10/23 – Sunset Salsa,** Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Latin dance lessons and music. 7pm.

**10/24 – Football: DHHS Rams vs. Edmondson-Westside,** Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

**10/24 – Luminary Lantern Workshop,** American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 5-7pm.

**10/24 – Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**10/24 – Classic Cocktails Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/25 – Sunset Jams,** Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music by Caleb Stine. 5-8pm.

**10/25 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**10/25 – Music: LITZ and DIZGO,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**10/26 – Port to Fort 6K,** 1215 E. Fort Ave., Locust Point. Family-friendly run/walk through Fort McHenry. 7am-10:30am. \$

**10/26 – BMI Farmers’ Market,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**10/26 – Baltimore Fashion Market Pop-Up,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 10am-4pm.

**10/26 – South Baltimore Halloween Bash,** Riverside Park. Costume parade, food, music, and games. 12-4pm.

**10/26 – Trunk or Treat,** Martini Lutheran Church, Henrietta & Hanover streets. 12-3pm.

**10/26 – Music: Lies from Granny with Youth Masters and Myles J. Cohen,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 5pm. \$

**10/26 – Halloween Baltimore,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. A 21+ event featuring music and drinks. 8pm. \$

**10/27 – Harbor Harvest Children’s Fall Festival,** Rash Field Park, Key Hwy. Carnival rides, petting zoo, and a Halloween costume contest. 10am-3pm.

**10/27 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**10/27 – Spellbound Soiree,** Illusions Magic Bar, 1125 S. Charles St. Live magic performance plus tarot reading and drinks. 1-5pm. \$

**10/28 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

**10/28 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**10/29 – Escaping the Cycle of Bullying,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. String puppet show presented by String Theory Theater. 11am.

**10/30 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**10/30 – Here for the “BOO-ze” Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Halloween-themed cocktail class. 5:30 & 7pm. \$

**10/30 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**10/30 – Sunset Salsa,** Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Latin dance lessons and music. 7pm.

**10/31 – Get on Board,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Board game fun for adults. 6:30pm.

**10/31 – Open Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**10/31 – Here for the “BOO-ze” Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Halloween-themed cocktail class. 6:30pm. \$

**11/1 – Football: DHHS Rams vs. Dunbar,** Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3pm.

**11/1 – Teddy Bear Pajama Party,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Activities designed for children 8 and under. 5:30-8:30pm. \$

**11/1 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**11/1 – Music: Tree Sap featuring members of Cabinet,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 10pm. \$

**11/2 – Community Dumpster Day,** Fort Ave. and Andre St. Dispose of your non-hazardous household trash. 8am.

**11/2 – BMI Farmers’ Market,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**11/2 – Community Dumpster Day,** E. Montgomery and William St. Dispose of your nonhazardous household trash. 9am-12pm.

**11/2 – SoBo Green Tree-Up,** meet at St. Ignatius blacktop, Gittings & Battery. Help plant trees around the neighborhood. 9am.

**11/2 – Pumpkin Smash,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Watch pumpkins fall from the museum roof. 10am-12pm.

**11/2 – Stars, Stripes and Chow Chili Cookoff,** Camden Yards, 333 W. Camden St. Fundraiser benefiting The Baltimore Station. 1-4:30pm. \$

**11/2 – Music: Melody Trucks featuring the Fitzkee Brothers with Gordon Sterling & the People,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**11/3 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**11/4 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

**11/4 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**11/4 – Writers Exchange,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers. 6-7:30pm.

**11/6 – Bird Monitoring,** Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. 9-11am.

**11/6 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**11/6 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**11/7 – Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**11/7 – Classic Cocktails Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

A photograph of a woman and a man participating in a 6K race. The woman is on the left, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and purple leggings, with a race bib number 1122. The man is on the right, wearing a blue and pink polka-dot jumpsuit with a small animal head on the hood. They are both running on a paved path with trees in the background.

*Run/walk the Port to Fort 6K on Saturday, Oct. 26. Photo by Mary Braman.*

**11/8 – Monthly Bingo,** The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

**11/8 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

**11/9 – BMI Farmers’ Market,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**11/9 – Pressed Flowers Craft,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Express yourself using your creativity, words, and pressed flowers in this card making/journaling program. 11am.

**11/9 – TJ Fall Festival,** Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, 100 E. Heath St. 12-3pm.

**11/9 – Music: Barely Dead,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors open at 7pm. \$

**11/10 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**11/11 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry,** 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of Veterans Day.

**11/11 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**11/12 – Lego Building Challenge,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

**11/13 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**11/13 – Light Street Lab,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

**11/13 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**11/14 – Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

**11/15 – Music: Phil Thomas,** Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Hemingway Room jazz series. 7 & 9pm. \$

**11/15 – Music: Johnny Lit’s Jerry Duty with Butte & Friends,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**11/15 – Music Under the Dome: Taylor’s Version,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. 7-10pm. \$

**11/16 – BMI Farmers’ Market,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

**11/16 – Bird Monitoring,** Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey. 9-11am.

**11/16 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11am.

**11/16 – Music: Jose Andre Quartet,** Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Hemingway Room jazz series. 7 & 9pm. \$

**11/16 – Music: Danger Bird and The Allman Others,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**11/17 – Federal Hill Beyond the Views: A Monumental City Tour,** Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30-10:30am. \$

**11/19 – Playdate at the Library,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

**11/20 – Industry Social Night: Hospitality & Tourism,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. After-hours program for local professionals. 5:30-8pm.

**11/21 – Get on Board,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Board game fun for adults. 6:30pm.

**11/23 – BMI Farmers’ Market,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Last market of the season. 9am-1pm.

**11/29 & 30 – Bazaar,** American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Annual holiday craft marketplace. Friday 12-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

**11/30 – Small Business Saturday,** Federal Hill Main Street, 42 E. Cross St. Shopping specials and festivities throughout the business district.

**11/30 – Sugar Cookie Decorating Class,** American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 11am. \$

**12/2 – Christmas Caroling in Locust Point,** Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 1532 E. Fort Ave. Meet at 5:30pm for pizza, caroling at 6:15pm.

**12/3 – Crafternoon: Winter Snowflakes,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

**12/3 – Labor + Innovation: Echoes from the Key Bridge,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Update on the preservation project. 6:30-8:30pm.

**12/7 – Annual Holiday Extravaganza,** Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 9am-1pm.

**12/7 – Glass Art: Sea Glass Tree,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Create your own sea glass tree. 1-4pm. \$

**12/8 – Music: Twisted Pine with Charm City Junction,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**12/10 – Christmas Caroling in Riverside,** Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Meet at 5pm for cookies, caroling at 5:15pm.

**12/12 – Music: Philtones,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 6pm.

**12/13 – Peninsula Post Issue #22 release,** available free at outlets all over the South Baltimore peninsula.

**12/15 – Christmas Caroling in Federal Hill,** Holy Cross church, 106 E. West St. Meet at 6pm for caroling; happy hour at Cross Street Market to follow.