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SOBO EVENTS

February 9 – April 12, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- Federal Hill Prep Winterfest (2/22)
- Liquid Courage Celebration (2/28)
- FSK’s Annual Pasta Palooza (3/8)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

- 2/9 – Chili Cook-Off and Hot Sauce Competition, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. 12-4pm. \$
- 2/10-15 – Blind Date with a Book, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Choose your “date” based on a brief description of the book; for teens and adults.
- 2/10 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 2/10 – Music: Djembe Orchestra, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Exploring the culture and history of the Mali Empire. 6pm.
- 2/10 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.
- 2/11 – Coffee and Classics Book Club Meet and Greet, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly book club. 11am-12pm.
- 2/11 – Guerrilla Art, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Teens make art with different media. 3pm.
- 2/12 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 2/12 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.
- 2/12 – Cupid Cafe, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Crafts and cocktails. 6:30-8:30pm. \$
- 2/12 – LPCA Membership Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Monthly meeting of the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.
- 2/13 – Galentine’s Day Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 5:30 & 7pm. \$
- 2/13 – Pour Your Heart Out, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a pour paint masterpiece with artist Esta Baker. 6:30pm.
- 2/13 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

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Baltimore’s Keur Khaleyi African Dance Company performed during the American Visionary Art Museum’s annual Martin Luther King “Dare to Dream” Day on January 20. The celebration also featured a poetry slam, craft workshop, and an artist talk. Photo by Mary Braman.

New Council Rep Shares Vision for City and SoBo

By Saskia Lindsay

The peninsula’s new representative on the Baltimore City Council, Zac Blanchard, said in a January 21 interview with the *Peninsula Post* that he is ready to tackle District 11’s biggest issues. Blanchard was sworn in on December 5, replacing incumbent Eric Costello.

Blanchard, a Marine veteran, father of two, former President of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, and volunteer football coach at Digital Harbor High School, said he’s ready to hit the ground running. One of the big citywide issues he plans to focus on is the vacant housing crisis. According to Blanchard, there are around 400 vacant houses in District 11, which includes most of the SoBo peninsula as well as much of the downtown central business district and adjacent neighborhoods to the northwest.

“We have vacant homes because we’ve lost population, but we also are losing population because these neighborhoods have hundreds of vacant homes,” said Blanchard. “When a young person can see fifteen different boarded up doors and windows on their block, nothing says more clearly ‘there’s no future where you live’ than that.”

According to Blanchard, the city loses about \$200 million each year because of vacant houses, and it’s an issue that ultimately impacts every neighborhood.

“When people ask ‘why are our property taxes so high and the services so bad?’ – this is a core part of the problem,” said Blanchard. “It may not be a problem in the neighborhood you live in, but it is a problem in the district you live in.”

Late last year, the City Council signed into law a bill to create a special property tax increase on vacant houses, but that’s not enough for Blanchard. By the end of this year, he expects the Council will pass a bill to also impose tax increases on owners of vacant lots.

Raising two young children in the Federal Hill neighborhood, Blanchard is particularly attuned to the quality of local schools. He is proud that District 11 boasts thriving primary schools with economically diverse student bodies, but he hopes to see the same success at Digital Harbor High School.

“Digital Harbor is the second largest high school in the city, and the percentage of students that come from

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Virtual Parking Permits Coming to Federal Hill South

With so much to do in SoBo, the demand for parking has seemingly never been higher. Two peninsula neighborhoods with residential permit parking recently grappled with switching from physical decals displayed on car windshields to the city’s virtual permits, an initiative that aims to address concerns about parking in these areas. Ultimately, after much discussion, one neighborhood association voted to adopt the program while the other rejected it through a vote of its membership in late January.

Parking on the peninsula can be especially challenging in the Federal Hill area, where an influx of traffic on weekends and around Ravens and Orioles games makes it difficult for residents to find a spot. “Our biggest parking issues are on event days,” said Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) interim president Lochanan Sreeharikesan. “It’s also very hard to park after 6pm on most days, especially on Fridays and Saturdays.”

Beginning later this year, residents within the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association’s (FHSNA) residential parking zone (Area 19) hope to see some relief after the association voted in October to adopt virtual parking permits. The new system aims to provide a streamlined experience for residents obtaining permits

and improve the efficiency of parking enforcement, according to Tiffany James, communications manager for the city’s Parking Authority.

The new system ties parking permits to a vehicle’s license plate instead of requiring physical windshield decals or visitor placards to park legally on restricted streets. Residents would no longer have to deal with lost permits, shipping fees, or in-person permit pickups, which are processing concerns noted by the Authority. The permits will remain \$20 and the virtual option will spare residents the annual chore of removing permits from their windshields.

The Parking Authority will transition Area 19 permits to the virtual system at the start of the 2025 permit period on May 1. Residents will soon be able to apply for permits, upload documentation, and pay the permitting fee entirely online. A Parking Authority representative reviews the applications and, if approved, informs applicants by email that their virtual permit is active and ready to use. Registered permit holders can also apply for visitor permits online, on an as-needed basis, with their guest’s license plate number.

FHNA residents in Area 9 ultimately rejected the switch to virtual permits after two votes on the issue by associa-

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FROM THE EDITOR

## A Chance to Show Off Your SoBo Creativity

As we near the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the covid pandemic, I'm reminded of one positive effect of that difficult time: It uncovered a lot of creativity across the SoBo peninsula. Remember the random acts of chalk art on sidewalks and brick walls, which were followed by the "kindness rocks" that popped up in tree pits and parks?

At this year's "I Love SoBo Day" (May 4 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry outdoor pavilion), we're hoping to uncover even more of that local creativity with the first-ever "SoBo Arts & Crafts Show and Contest," an opportunity for all types of artists and makers from across the peninsula to show off their talents. Like our SoBo Photo Show at previous SoBo Days, this show is open to SoBo-hemians of all ages.

No matter what your creative thing is - drawing, screen painting, wood-working, knitting, pottery, metal-working, or Lego sculptures - we hope you'll enter. And there will be prizes! We start accepting proposals on March 1. For all the details, visit [sobopost.org/soboday2025/artsandcrafts](http://sobopost.org/soboday2025/artsandcrafts). - Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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lower income families is very high," said Blanchard. "The percentage of students who come from families on the peninsula is very, very low. If we want to help all the students at Digital Harbor thrive, we have to make families on the peninsula feel good about their kids going to high school at Digital Harbor, so that's a big item to tackle for me."

Violent crime in the district is another important issue for Blanchard. Acknowledging that crime rates on the peninsula are significantly lower than the rest of the district, he believes that what happens in one neighborhood affects others and the entire city.

"Neighborhoods are connected to other neighborhoods. If we want neighborhoods that people feel good about staying in, raising families in, we have to solve the violent crime issue," said Blanchard. "I've had good working conversations so far with the mayor's office, the sheriff's office, and the [Baltimore Police Department] Southern District. We will have a plan to make improvements by the spring. I can't guarantee that it will work, but I can guarantee that we are very seri-



SoBo's City Council representative Zac Blanchard addressed the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association on January 28. Photo by Mary Braman.

ous about making actual changes for our residents. We want to make people feel safe."

For Blanchard, small, local issues

matter too. Blanchard says he already has legislation in the works to improve District 11's Main Street programs (including Federal Hill's on the peninsula), while also working on road and pedestrian improvement projects.

One of his goals is to work on making public spaces in the district more vibrant and efficient. An area on the peninsula that Blanchard would like to see improved is Key Highway. He says it is not particularly pedestrian- or cyclist-friendly, and he'd like to see changes made including bike lanes, traffic calming, and road revisions.

"Key Highway is right next to the harbor. We're splitting off our neighborhoods from one of the most important assets our neighborhood has," said Blanchard.

He also aims to make the city's free Harbor Connector water transit system a seven-day-a-week service.

"We have to support all of our neighborhoods, and we have to grow our population. If we don't do these things, the city is going to be in the same situation it's been in," said Blanchard.

Blanchard hopes to hear from residents about their concerns and issues. He encourages citizens to reach out directly to his office via email at [zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov) or by phone at 410-396-4816.

## Tech Center to Develop STEM Curriculum for Autistic Students

The Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Center at 1045 Light Street is the coreipient of a nearly \$2 million federal grant to design and implement a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum for youths and young adults with autism in an inclusive environment. The \$1.98 million grant from the National Science Foundation was awarded to the Tech Center and researchers at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) last fall.

The three-year experimental program is titled "Space for All: Creating Accessible Technology-Rich Makerspaces and Learning Activities for Youth and Young Adults with Autism." The program, which started in September and is currently in the planning stage, is a collaboration with Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore Parks and Recreation, GWWO Architects, and MN Associates. The project will extend to two other Baltimore makerspaces and directly impact 90 youths and young adults with autism. Special educators and students with autism from Kennedy Krieger and youth from Parks and Recreation pro-

grams will be involved.

Andrew Coy, CEO and president of Digital Harbor Foundation and coprincipal investigator on the grant, said: "We are excited to continue building on our multi-year work in partnership with [coprincipal investigator] Dr. Hamidi and UMBC to create inclusive, technology-driven spaces where youth with autism can more fully explore their interests in technology. This project not only advances our mission of fostering digital equity but does so by directly centering young people in designing learning environments with their needs and strengths in mind."

Dr. Foad Hamidi, UMBC associate professor, commented that "this work builds on our long-term interdisciplinary collaboration on investigating and implementing technology-rich, equity-based, inclusive learning spaces and programs for youth and young adults. It will prioritize centering the perspectives and interests of learners with autism through a participatory, community-engaged approach."

Program activities may include 3-D printing, computer programming, and designing video games. Learning op-

portunities will foster curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The success of the curriculum will be evaluated through student focus groups, expert interviews, and session observations. Surveys both before and after the program will also be used.

The resulting design framework, guidelines, and lessons learned from the project will be utilized as teaching tools in computing courses at UMBC and shared as a nationwide model through peer-reviewed journals and professional conferences.

"Some possible ideas are to create multiple presentations of the same information and provide personalized and localized activities so that many youths with diverse abilities can engage," said Hamidi. "I also anticipate changes to the physical [learning] spaces that provide multisensory experiences and quiet spaces for taking breaks or working individually."

For more information about the "Space for All" program, to donate laptops and tablets, or to learn how you can get involved, email Digital Harbor Foundation at [contact@digitalharbor.org](mailto:contact@digitalharbor.org). - Barbara Stanton



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tion members. The FHNA membership originally voted for the transition after its October meeting. At that time, the Parking Authority offered a hybrid permit system for the first year that would have included both physical windshield decals and virtual permits. A second vote was called after the hybrid option was revoked by the Authority in January. FHNA voted 22-15 to reject the virtual permit system.

Sreeharikesan believes that residents may not have trusted the Parking Authority to effectively implement the new, higher-tech system, especially since there have been issues with enforcement under the legacy system. These concerns were highlighted by a 2024 FHNA parking audit that concluded enforcement in the neighborhood was inadequate. It estimated that the city loses over \$3 million per year in revenue in Area 9 alone and recommended changes to parking enforcement strategy, fees, and collection rates. The audit also advocated for increases to enforcement officer salaries and broadening the use of parking boots. These concerns have not yet been addressed by the city, according to Sreeharikesan.

Residents of Federal Hill neighborhoods have expressed apprehension about how to identify illegally parked cars without windshield decals. “Without a permit displayed, there will be no visual sign that the car is properly permitted,” said Cindy Spearman, FHSNA’s parking liaison. “With the current decal and visitor pass system, if a car is parked without a pass, it’s



Residential parking permit Area 19 will switch to virtual permits this year after a vote by members of the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association.

easier for the car to be reported for ticketing or towing.”

Under the new system, residents can check if a car is parked legally by entering a license plate number into the Parking Authority’s online plate checker ([pabc.myparkinginfo.com/cws/plate-checker](http://pabc.myparkinginfo.com/cws/plate-checker)). The website identifies if a car is registered in a virtual parking area, but it does not specify which area, a concern that was brought up in FHNA’s January meeting.

The Parking Authority maintains that the virtual permit system will free up parking for residents through increased enforcement. Under the legacy system, enforcement officers inspect each car windshield for a valid permit, a process that can be time-consuming and lead to infrequent enforcement. With the virtual system, officers will use vehicle-mounted license plate recognition camera systems to scan parked cars as they drive through restricted areas. This should allow officers to cover more streets each day and make enforcement easier during inclement weather. An enforcement pilot initiative of the Department of Transportation’s Safety Division is expected to begin this winter.

“The hope is that with the new virtual permits, enforcement will be easier for parking enforcement officers,” said Spearman of FHSNA.

The city’s virtual permit program started with a 2020 pilot in SoBo’s

Riverside neighborhood, which now has virtual permits in the small Area 48 near Riverside Park. The Parking Authority plans to offer the virtual program to all residential permit parking areas across the city in advance of their annual renewal periods.

Of the 48 residential parking permit areas, the other virtual permit areas are Ridgely’s Delight, Roland Park/Wy-mans, Mt. Vernon, and the 1900 block of Light Street (Area 51). The South Baltimore Neighborhood Association has not been offered a virtual permit option for Area 30, despite its upcoming April 30 permit expiration date, according to association leadership.

FHSNA is planning additional communication to Area 19 residents in advance of the transition to the virtual system. FNHA will host a permit pick-up day to distribute physical windshield decals for the legacy system and could consider the virtual system again next year. – Douglas Bennett

New Businesses Open on the South Baltimore Peninsula

Since our last issue in December, the following new businesses have opened:

**Arteasy Studio**, 1539 Light St. An art space and gallery offering drop-in studio time, workshops, classes, and private event rentals. 410-205-5488

**Bar Vegan**, 2424 Distillery St., Baltimore Peninsula. Bar and restaurant.

**Ben & Jerry’s**, 2450 Rye St., Suite 105, Baltimore Peninsula. Features premium ice cream and nondairy options. 410-801-8993

**Bobapop Tea Bar**, 1114 Light St. Bubble

tea store. 443-835-2354

**Dirty Dough**, 849 E. Fort Ave. Super-stuffed cookies. 443-869-6643

**Jersey Mike’s Subs**, 2424 Distillery St., Baltimore Peninsula. 443-552-5439

**Pilates House**, 1238 Light St. Studio specializing in reformer and infrared mat pilates training. 276-240-2891

**Slutty Vegan**, 2424 Distillery St., Baltimore Peninsula. Vegan hamburger restaurant chain.

**Sun 2 Moon Café**, 1448 Light St. Asian fusion restaurant. 301-651-1349

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## New Grants Support Youth, Hunger, and Recovery Programs

Community-building youth activities, food rescue and distribution, and substance abuse rehabilitation are some of the programs serving the peninsula that were awarded “local impact grants” in December by the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. Twenty-three nonprofit projects across south and southwest Baltimore received a total of \$728,000 in funding generated from video lottery terminals at area casinos.

God’s Best Family received \$81,000 to support its ongoing efforts to bridge the socio-economic gap in Baltimore with support programs for youth and their families (*Peninsula Post*, August 2024, page 4). Programs include breakfast and an after-school program, summer camp, and community events such as the annual “SoBo Friends and Family Day” in Solo Gibbs Park.

So What Else is a Maryland-based nonprofit that rescues food that would otherwise go to waste and distributes it to low-income youth and families. According to the nonprofit’s director of development, Allie Bonney, the new \$70,000 grant will support the distribution of “an extra 5,000 pounds of rescued food and other necessities to vulnerable communities in South Baltimore.” Ten percent of that food will be targeted for students at Federal Hill Preparatory School.

The Baltimore Station, which works

with homeless male veterans suffering from addiction and behavioral health issues, received \$49,000 to support its “Adult Recovery Court” program. This program provides rehabilitative support for individuals convicted of nonviolent crimes related to substance abuse.

The LET’S GO Boys and Girls nonprofit received \$30,000 to support its hands-on STEM education program at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. The grant will help train educators, provide mentorship opportunities, as well as offer advanced STEM courses such as robotics and 3-D printing.

A \$28,000 grant will contribute to the ongoing effort to update the library at Federal Hill Prep. Funds will be used to pay for new books as well as seating and shelving for a multiuse space that accommodates students’ varying physical, emotional, and social needs.

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association received a \$23,000 grant to renovate and increase the green space outside of Digital Harbor High School’s back entrance. The goal is to create a positive public space for students to use before and after school with improved seating, solar-powered charging stations, and outdoor games. The grant will also support the association’s summer evening music series.

Other peninsula organizations receiving the new grants include Federal Hill Main Street, to hire grant administration staff and support marketing and community events; the American Visionary Art Museum, for its summer Flicks on the Hill series; and Our Joyful Noise Baltimore, for its outdoor music series. – Steve Cole



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# Light Street Bakery Specializes in the ‘Study of Sweets’

By Rachel Cohen

Sweet aromas waft from **Dulceology Bakery**, a Latin-inspired bakery on S. Charles Street at the corner of West Street, where bakers are preparing fresh pastries ranging from cronuts – a croissant-donut – to custom-made cakes.

Business has been so good that owner-founder Nicole Leiva expanded her offerings this winter with coffee and espresso service. She had been waiting for the right moment for this since opening the bakery at this location in September 2020.

“We are so appreciative of our customers,” Leiva said, “all the comments we hear every day and the pictures they show online of our pastries.”

The past couple of years have been about refining recipes and mastering the flow of running a shop, Leiva said. But now, with things going so well, she plans to open up the space at Dulceology to create more seating for the coffee service, provided in partnership with Baltimore-based roaster, Ceremony Coffee. In addition, the bakery will start opening earlier for morning guests. Leiva says she is delighted to share a quality cup of coffee with customers, the way her supportive husband makes one for her.

Leiva grew up with her mother baking and has always loved the tastes of tres leches and tamarind from her family’s native El Salvador. “I always saw mom baking for us. She put so much care into the flavors,” she recalled.

After high school, Leiva tried a recipe from her grandmother for alfajores, which are dulce de leche shortbread sandwich cookies. Everyone enjoyed them so much that Leiva felt encouraged to expand into a home business with the cookies as her main product. At first, it was just Leiva and her family members bringing baked goods to church. Then she expanded to taking orders online.

“Having that first taste of seeing that you can create something with your own hands and then you can share it and see their reaction,” Leiva said, “was something I wanted to chase.”

At the time, she was studying biology at Towson University. Learning that “ology” means “study of,” she invent-



Alfajores shortbread sandwich cookies, custom-made cakes, cronuts, brioche donuts, macarons, and eclairs are some of the pastries that Nicole Leiva and her team create at the Latin-inspired Dulceology bakery. Photos by Mary Braman.

ed a name for her shop – Dulceology – which means the “study of sweets” (dulce is sweet in Spanish). Business was going so well that she decided to leave school to pursue baking full-time.

“I had that fire inside me and felt I need to do this now,” she said.

In 2019, Leiva and her sister, who was a graduate student at George Washington University in Washington D.C., entered and won a university start-up business competition which gave them coaching and start-up money.

During that time, Leiva was baking out of her home in Silver Spring and a rented bakery on the weekends. While looking for other spaces to grow into, she was making a delivery to Federal Hill and found the S. Charles Street corner. “It was just meant to be,” she says of making this the bakery’s first storefront home.

They spent a year setting up the shop and opened to the public a few months after the start of the covid pandemic. “It was challenging, but we have been overwhelmed by the amount of support,” Leiva said.

They have been fine-tuning their recipes, working to achieve consistency in their pastries and to understand the ingredients and how different factors like temperature and moisture af-

fect each one.

“So many factors change with the season. Everything can affect the dough,” Leiva said. “We want it to always grow to the same height.”

Leiva has also been figuring out what customers like most. Cronuts, brioche donuts, macarons, eclairs, and specialty cakes are very popular, she said. She crafts the bakery’s offerings with customers’ health in mind with lower-sugar pastries and natural flavors, a shift that was inspired by studying abroad in an intensive pastry program.

Although it can be tough for a new small business owner to take time away from the business, a year ago Leiva found a certificate program in Barcelona for a month and a half of nonstop learning. Six days a week, students made chocolate, European tarts, and sourdough. “It was anything you can think about baking and really broadened my knowledge,” she said.

Leiva’s devotion to baking drives her to learn more and more about the field. When her mother and aunt asked her what she would be doing if she didn’t have a bakery, she recalled realizing that she would still be baking. “It feels like, ‘this is your calling, this is what you’re meant to do,’ so I



should pursue getting as many skills and as much education as possible.”

In the Barcelona program, she learned that European chefs feel they have a responsibility to take care of their patrons by using a little less sugar. So she adjusted some of Dulceology’s recipes to significantly reduce their sugar content.

A challenging part of being a small-business manager-operator, Leiva says, is having a hundred things on your to-do list and only time to get 20 percent of them done, which really tests your problem-solving skills.

Day-to-day, Leiva’s favorite part about running the bakery is working with her team. “Managing people teaches you so much about taking care of others, about how to be a good leader,” Leiva said. “I take pride in building a close-knit team. I know that I have their backs and they have my back. Most of my staff is younger, and I am not only their boss, but they know that I am their mentor too.”

Things are going so well that Leiva recently signed a lease for five more years on S. Charles Street. She is looking forward to getting the shop more involved in the community. Meanwhile, she is also looking for a larger space to do production off-site.

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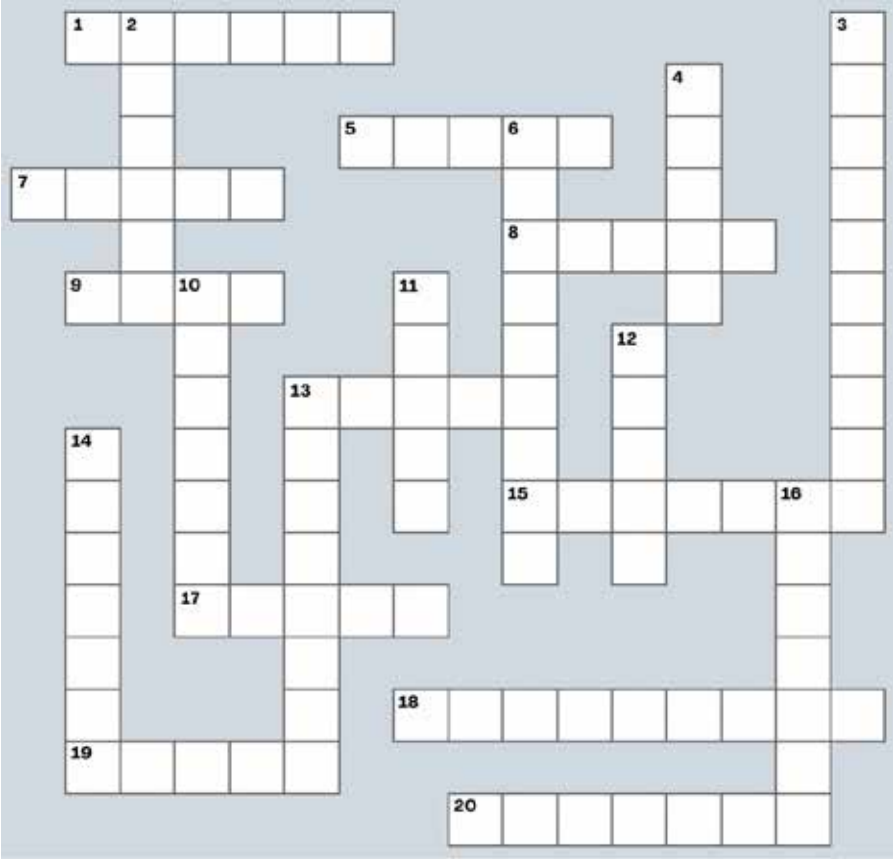
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### Across

1. First plan for I-95 called for a \_\_\_\_\_ across the Inner Harbor
5. Colonial landowner who made us “South” Baltimore
7. Ebenezer A.M.E. is the oldest standing church built by a \_\_\_\_\_ congregation in Baltimore
8. Baltimoreans once escaped summer heat with swimming, dining, and drinking at \_\_\_\_\_ Bar resorts
9. The peninsula’s earliest industry was \_\_\_\_\_ mining
13. The big green \_\_\_\_\_ outside of the Baltimore Museum of Industry once worked at the shipyard on Key Highway
15. What lies buried beneath Federal Hill
17. English explorer who glimpsed the Inner Harbor in 1608
18. Name of a fort then a port on peninsula’s southern shore
19. Ivory, Tide, and other \_\_\_\_\_ were once made in Locust Point
20. In 1951, six E. \_\_\_\_\_ Street row-houses fell victim to mysterious “caverns” beneath their foundations

### Down

2. Ship \_\_\_\_\_ was the specialty of Bethlehem Steel’s Key Highway Shipyard
3. Thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ first set foot on American soil in Locust Point
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Leadenhall: the peninsula’s historic Black community
6. French general who recently returned to Fort McHenry for a bicentennial visit
10. Mythological Greek hero standing tall on the grounds of Fort McHenry
11. The silos of Silo Point originally held tons of \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_ making was the first business conducted inside the building that now houses visionary art galleries
13. The 11-year-old boy injured in the summer of 1962 during violent anti-integration protests at Riverside Pool
14. Canning \_\_\_\_\_ was the original industry conducted inside the building that now houses the Baltimore Museum of Industry
16. This fort occupied the high ground at Riverside Park long before the gazebo was built



### Crossword Clues: Tips from the *Peninsula Post* Back Pages

Regular readers of this newspaper know that one of the topics we love to return to again and again is South Baltimore peninsula history. We have brought you over a dozen articles on SoBo history, from the British attack on Fort McHenry to the “road wars” that reshaped the peninsula. All of the answers to the Peninsula Puzzler above can be found in these stories. We’ve collected links to all of them in one blog post available by scanning this QR code or by visiting [sobopost.org/2025/02/01/sobo-history-1](https://sobopost.org/2025/02/01/sobo-history-1).



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# A Brief History of Cross Street Market

By Robert Hardy

South Baltimore's Cross Street Market is one of America's oldest continuously operating public markets, opening in 1845. Four markets preceded it in Baltimore, three in the 1780s shortly after the city's incorporation – Lexington Market, Broadway Market, and Hanover Market – followed by Hollins Market in 1836.

In 1838, residents of the growing South Baltimore area petitioned for their own local market. The city acquired land on E. Cross Street between S. Charles and Patapsco and by 1845 built an open-air wooden shed to house licensed vendors selling meat, poultry, seafood, fruits, and vegetables.

The market proved popular, and public support for expansion grew quickly. "There is considerable feeling in the southern section of the city in relation to the establishment of regular markets at the Cross Street market house," according to an 1851 notice in the *Baltimore Sun*. "The folks over there have as good a right to have a market for their own convenience as any other people. ... To be compelled to attend a market very distant from home is a very disagreeable thing."

By 1860, the City Council passed ordinances expanding the market and commissioned local architect Frank Davis to execute the design. After closing briefly in 1869, Cross Street

Market reopened in 1871 in a two-story Italian Revival-style brick building at E. Cross stretching from S. Charles to Patapsco with a single-story wooden shed continuing east to Light Street.

Modeled on Broadway Market in Fells Point, the first floor housed nearly 250 market stalls and the second floor featured a public auditorium and meeting rooms. By the 1920s, a basketball court on the second floor was used regularly by local leagues.

Although popular, municipal markets were rarely profitable for the city. The Comptroller wrote in a 1913 research journal article that "total license and rent charges upon the butchers of Baltimore markets were only \$25 per stall per annum, and in many instances the city derived only \$5 per stall per annum from street stalls." The city provided light, water, cleaning, trash collection, repairs, improvements, and other services; the health commissioner had responsibility for sanitary conditions; and the department of weights and measures supervised market regulations around these activities, with city food inspectors "at

all times in the markets."

While the market's high maintenance costs yielded low return for the city, consumers benefited. Fresh, high-quality food was a priority that kept competition at bay from small corner grocers. "[T]he housewife is compensated in going to the markets, not only in being able to purchase cheaper than from her groceryman, but particularly in being able to get first quality fresh goods," Baltimore's

Comptroller noted in 1913. "Only the freshest goods are brought to the markets. In fact, some of the farmers and retailers sell their surplus after market hours to storekeepers in the city."

Market inventory was extensive, and shoppers could usually acquire all they needed there. Fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, game, fish, oysters, crabs, canned goods, cakes, candies, butter, and eggs were all available in market stalls. Butchers often had the most profitable trades and occupied prime locations near the market's entrances.

Catastrophe struck Cross Street Market early on the morning of Friday, May 19, 1951, when a 12-alarm fire destroyed the market buildings and a dozen nearby houses. At the height of the blaze, the *Sun* noted, "the center of Cross Street between Light and Charles was a seething pit of flame." The fire started in the fish stalls and spread quickly, with nearby residents climbing onto their roofs to try to douse the sparks. The *Sun* reported that a butcher in the market said he had been fully stocked for Saturday trade and lost about \$10,000, "and the fire was the second in two years to burn him out." J.L. Harvey, operator of a butter-and-egg stall "for 69 of his 81 years without a vacation," said after surveying the ruins of his stall:

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A two-story brick building on S. Charles Street (above), built in 1871, was part of the original Cross Street Market. The structure, along with the rest of the market, was destroyed in a massive fire in 1951 (below).



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# SoBo Neighborhood Groups Seek New Members and Leaders



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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**Big Changes and a Big Mission for the New Year** – As we step into the new year, we're thrilled to share some exciting news: our team is growing! While we're still in the process of interviewing candidates, we're already inspired by what this expansion will mean for our community. A bigger team means more opportunities to connect, collaborate, and build a stronger, more vibrant district.

This year, we're doubling down on an essential message: shopping small isn't just a one-day trend or a social media post, it's a powerful, informed lifestyle choice that benefits everyone. When you shop small, you're doing so much more than making a purchase. You're building a community. Local shopping reduces your carbon footprint, empowers residents to advocate for policies that reflect shared values, and distributes wealth right where it's needed most. It also directly supports schools, lowers waste, and creates a thriving network of neighbors helping

neighbors.

Our goal this year isn't just to market how cool our district is, although it absolutely is! Instead, we're focusing on educating our community about the true value of supporting local businesses. We want our patrons to remember the impact they have when weighing the convenience of Amazon against the heart and soul of small businesses. It's about creating a culture where shopping small is celebrated all year-round and making a lasting impact on our environment, economy, and way of life.

Here's to an exciting year ahead, full of growth, community, and meaningful choices! – *Submitted by Taylor Schwartz, Executive Director*

## Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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Last year was an **exceptionally busy year** for FHNA. We saw the culmination of several multiyear efforts, including the traffic-calming project at Light Street, Warren Avenue, and Henrietta Street; the installation of a multicamera system at The Outpost; and the growth of the peninsula-wide public safety team. Thank you to all of our volunteers and members. This is an all-volunteer organization, so none of this would have been possible without them.

If you live in Federal Hill, please **become a member**. Membership dues pay for the infrastructure that allows us to receive the grants that funded

the major projects we undertook this year. In addition, members can vote on what projects FHNA takes on, for board members, and on letters of support or opposition to events happening in the neighborhood. As always, if you have an idea for how we can make Federal Hill a better place to live, work, and play, please email me at the address above.

Please check out our full **2024 End of Year Report** using the QR code! – *Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, Interim President*



## Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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It has been a busy winter here in Federal Hill South with the Wreath Sale, the holidays, and the Chili Cook-Off. It is time to settle in a bit and enjoy the rest of this season.

Holy Cross will be having its **Annual Food Drive** to support the Digital Harbor High School Pantry/Free Grocery Store. You can drop items off at Holy Cross (106 E. West Street) on Saturday, February 8, from 3:45 to 5:15pm and on Sunday, February 9, from 9:45 to 11:15 am and 4:45 to 6:15pm as well as at Good Counsel (1532 E. Fort Avenue) from 10:45am to 12:15pm.

Our **next association meeting** will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy (300 Gittings Street) on Tuesday, February 25. The doors will open

at 6:30pm for a social hour, and the meeting will be held 7-8pm. – *Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President*

## Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA starts the new year with an updated, collaborative team approach by its Board. The **next general meeting** on March 19 will feature an informative presentation by Baltimore Port Alliance that includes interesting facts about the history and development of the marine terminals that underscore Baltimore's valuable place in the country.

The **last meeting of 2024** in December showcased the efforts of Thread, a mentoring organization for supporting teens in their efforts for education and life skills. – *Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President*

## Locust Point Civic Association

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LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on February 12, March 12, and April 9 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School (1425 E. Fort Avenue). All meetings start at 7:30pm.

**Accepting nominations for LPCA Board seats** – Six LPCA board positions will stand for election by the association membership this May. LPCA's is a "working" board, meaning each member takes on a responsibility to help lead activities in an area of interest to



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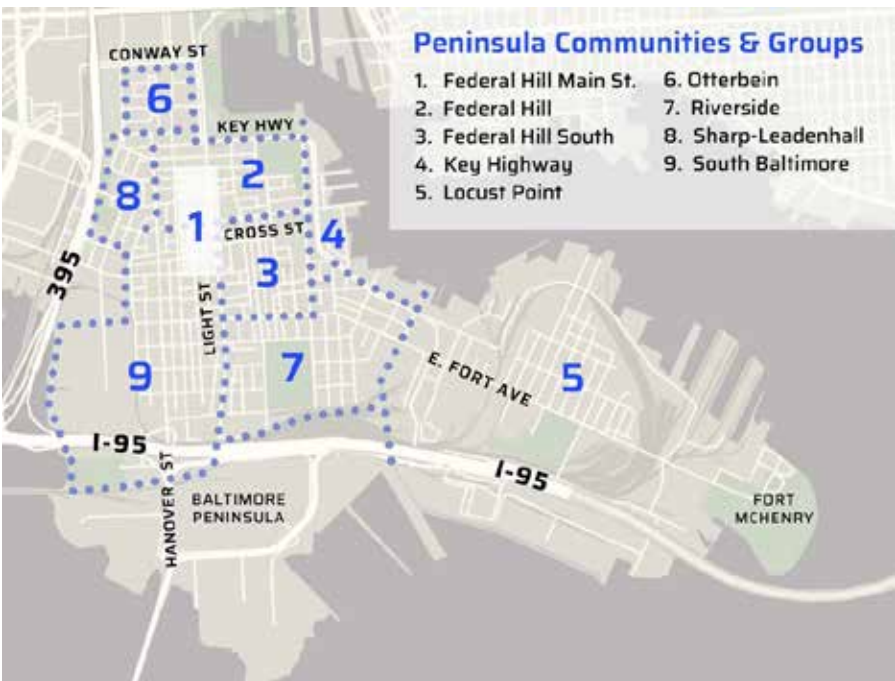
them and the community. Areas include development issues, relations with City officials and agencies, sustainability, legal, public safety, or something else you bring to the table.

If you live in Locust Point and believe you have something to offer your community, please attend one of our upcoming meetings and see what we're all about. Current board members will be there to discuss what they do. All are welcome to attend. To apply for a position, email us at the address above.

For more information, to become a member, or to see happenings in Locust Point, visit our website listed above. – Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member

**Riverside Neighborhood Association**  
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**Five dollars buys you hundreds of hours of community service and some year-round joy.** – That's right. RNA dues are \$5 each calendar year. Membership entitles you to vote on business of the association and feel good about asking for help. Or think of it as a contribution (not to the people doing the work, who, remarkably, do all that for nothing) that helps underwrite out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the neighborhood. Dues cover some event costs, like refreshments at the annual cookie contest or Halloween Bash, or upgrades to our Zoom camera for meetings. The real business of the neighborhood – hosting concerts in the park, advocating with City agencies, applying for and



managing grants to improve the community, engaging with developers, helping to resolve issues among neighbors – is done by those who live here.

Look forward to Riverside street banners this spring and a new RNA website soon.

Most important, by adding your name to the RNA roster of members, you demonstrate your interest and support for a community of neighbors helping neighbors. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, RNA can apply for grants only awarded to nonprofits. And, of course, any donation is tax deductible. You can pay dues online at our website (above).

**February 24 community meeting**

**will elect the RNA Board** – At the January 27 annual meeting, nominations for the RNA Board of Directors were closed. Elections will take place at the February meeting, following which the board will elect its officers. Paid members who attend in person are eligible to vote. All meetings are held at Riverside Third Space, downstairs at Salem Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Avenue. Sign up to receive meeting notices by email at our website. – Submitted by Rich Badmington, President

**South Baltimore Neighborhood Association**  
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SBNA is off to a good start in 2025 with **two new board members**, Jonathan Deprosse and Clausen Ely III. The board is looking forward to new perspectives and ideas in the coming months.

We are in the process of coordinating our **Dumpster Days** with surrounding neighborhoods to ensure the opportunity to unload bulk trash is distributed throughout the year. Once those dates are finalized, they will be posted on our social media pages and website.

The 2025 Maryland General Assembly kicked off on January 8, and SBNA is **tracking legislation** that impacts our area residents. Delegate Frank Conaway Jr. from the 40th District introduced the Porch Piracy Act of 2025, which consists of five pieces of legislation related to theft of mail or packages, something we can all, unfortunately, relate to! SBNA will be providing updates during our meetings and through our newsletter.

**General membership meetings** are held the second Tuesday of each month at AJ's on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover Street). It's a great time to join us and become a member! (Please make note of our new meeting time: 6:30pm.) – Submitted by Jen Eastman, Board Vice President

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## SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

By the time February comes around, I'm fully craving spring sunshine, longer days, and outside time at the playground. Though the weather outside may currently be frightful, no reason to fear: there are many ways to stay warm and cozy and keep your kids entertained in the winter doldrums. – *Beth Mayr*

### Curing the Winter Blues

In addition to the ample kid-friendly museums nearby (Maryland Science Center, National Aquarium, Port Discovery, and the Baltimore Museum of Industry), SoBo is lucky to have a number of activities for kids to explore right on the peninsula.

**Music.** South Baltimore Music Academy and Music Together of Charm City each have homes on the peninsula, and the teachers are fantastic. Both my kids (15 months and 4 years) enjoy the “shakey eggs” the best, though the variety of songs and activities keeps us all entertained. [southbaltimoremusic.com](http://southbaltimoremusic.com) and [musictogether-charmcity.com](http://musictogether-charmcity.com)

**STEM.** Digital Harbor Foundation offers after-school maker programs for elementary and middle school kids. [digitalharbor.org](http://digitalharbor.org)

**Flag Football.** Charm City Athletics organizes flag football on the penin-

sula, with registration now open for its spring league that begins in late March. The kids I know who have played have loved this relatively new option for our neighborhood. [charmcityathletics.com](http://charmcityathletics.com)

**Art.** Arteasy Baltimore is one of the newest offerings for kids (and grown-ups). Parents raved about the studio's winter break “School's Out Camp,” and its ongoing sessions are highly popular among even the littlest artists. [arteasystudio.com](http://arteasystudio.com)

**Reading.** Have you seen all the “Little Free Libraries” around? As of about a year ago, this paper found 16 throughout the peninsula. We love taking a quick walk to one and picking out a book to bring back home to read. We also love that this zip code qualifies us for “Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.” My daughter has received a new book in the mail once a month since she was born. The books are generally diverse and engaging. My son has also gotten one book a month, almost always a different book than his sister! [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com)

**Dining.** On a long, cold winter Saturday, we are often close to our limit by dinnertime. Parents need a break – everyone needs a change of scenery – so if we can leave the house for dinner, we do. With two littles, we love Little Havana, Cross Street Market, South-

side Diner (breakfast or lunch), and Wiley Gunter's. Mindpub Café was recently the only peninsula restaurant highlighted in the *Baltimore Banner's* article on kid-friendly locations to dine, notably for its back room with a baby gate and toys (and delicious food for all).

Here's my pro tip for taking littles out to eat: Call in advance to ask if they have a changing table in the restroom. Most places on the peninsula have a high chair and a kids' menu, but if they have a changing table, then they will very likely have kid-friendly food, a high chair, and understanding staff. A lack of a changing table isn't a deal-breaker for us, but it helps to know the situation in advance. Plus the conversation can tell you a lot about the experience you might have.

Parents with kids of all ages rave about our local breweries, and I couldn't agree more: Diamondback (outdoors), M8, and Checkerspot are favorite spots for the whole family. Parents with school-age kids enjoy locations with games, like Pub Dog, Topgolf, and Cross Street Public House.

Check out my previous columns for more info on other peninsula gems: Enoch Pratt Library's Light Street branch, South Baltimore Little League,

SoBo Play Space, Bmore Babes Play at Checkerspot, and KidsFirst PT tummy time.

### Get Ready: Summer Camps, New School Year

Though it might seem far off, this is actually the ideal time to be preparing for summer and the next school year.

**Summer Camp Directory.** Baltimore Family Alliance recently published its free directory, with over 150 regional camps for all ages and interests. [baltimorefamilies.org](http://baltimorefamilies.org)

**Camps on the Peninsula.** From what I know from years past, there will be some camps offered on the peninsula (and many more not far away). Parents have raved about camps with God's Best Family, Camp Curiosity (for incoming Pre-K BCPSS students), and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks camps at the rec centers.

**Learning about Schools.** Live Baltimore is hosting a “Demystifying the Pre-K Enrollment Process” webinar on February 27 for those interested in learning more. They also have a prerecorded webinar on middle/high school choice, the charter school lottery, and more. [livebaltimore.com/families-with-children](http://livebaltimore.com/families-with-children)

### CROSS STREET MARKET, continued from page 7

“Now I've got a vacation ... and I don't want it.”

This was the third city market to burn within two years: Belair Market burned just the previous week and Lexington Market two years prior.

The strength of the local relationship with Cross Street Market was evidenced in a *Sun* article after the fire: “South Baltimore housewives on their traditional Saturday shopping sprees today are walking through the charred remnants of the market building destroyed by fire last week and purchasing their needs from about 50 stalls which have sprung up in the street.”

Even as corner grocery stores and supermarket chains proliferated, the public market was still a primary provider of food. Cross Street Market

reopened in its current structure in November 1952, with 20,000 people attending the opening. Operations continued for decades with stalls offering fresh market fare. For some years, the market had four butchers – including Fenwick Choice Meats (still operating in the market today) – and remained a center of community activity.

The ensuing years were not kind to public markets, and business declined as supermarket competition increased. In 2016, the city contracted with a private concern that undertook major renovations and brought in new businesses to Cross Street Market. The market that South Baltimore enjoys today is a very different type of market, although still part of the long history of public markets in America.

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# SOBO EVENTS

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- 2/13 – Stoop Storytelling Series**, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Join The Stoop for “More Room in a Broken Heart: Stories about Loving, Losing, and Rebuilding.” 7-9:30pm.
- 2/14 – Anime and Manga Cafe**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion about anime and manga. 3pm.
- 2/14 – Monthly Bingo**, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Refreshments, food, and raffles. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.
- 2/14 – Music: Rachel Hall Band with Dannah Denice and Josee Molavi**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/15 – Bird Monitoring**, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9-11am.
- 2/15 – The Light Street Adventurers: An RPG Group for All**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Role-playing game group. 1-4pm.
- 2/15 – Tours and Tote Bags**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Enjoy tours highlighting works by Black artists, then screen-print a tote bag. 1-5pm. \$
- 2/15 – Music: Weekends at Noon with Donnie Breeze and Absent Habits**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/16 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$
- 2/17 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 2/17 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.
- 2/18 – Black History Bingo**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn interesting facts about Black history while playing bingo. 3:30pm.
- 2/19 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 2/19 – Industry Social Club: Black Voices of Baltimore**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. After-hours program for local professionals and creatives. 5:30-8pm.
- 2/19 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.
- 2/20 – Meditation and Movement**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. With Marcia McHugh. 6:30pm.
- 2/20 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

- 2/20 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.
- 2/20 – Music: The Local Honeys**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/21 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$
- 2/21 – Science Trivia Crawl**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Science trivia meets scavenger hunt. 7-9pm. \$
- 2/21 – Music: The Whom with 3 Fifths**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/21 – Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Vocalist Gracie Jay. 7 & 9pm. \$
- 2/22 – Farmer’s Market**, Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. Sponsored by Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.
- 2/22 – Read with Pride Book Club**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discussion of *Giovanni’s Room* by James Baldwin. 11am.
- 2/22 – Music: Better Off Dead**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/22 – Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room**, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Saxophonist Tim Green. 7 & 9pm. \$
- 2/22 – Prep Winterfest**, Union Brothers Furniture Building, 37 W. Cross St., Suite 300. Karaoke, drinks, and food to benefit Federal Hill Prep. 7pm-12am. \$
- 2/23 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$
- 2/24-26 – Minute to Win It Challenge**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Fun competition to beat the clock. 3pm.
- 2/24 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 2/24 – Our Time Kitchen: Meal-Prepping Workshop**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join a chef to learn how to create a meal prep program. 6pm.
- 2/24 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.
- 2/25 – Playdate at the Library**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.
- 2/25 – Music: Mihali**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/26 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 2/26 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

- 2/27 – Red Cross Blood Drive**, Christ Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 701 S. Charles St. Register online (search Sponsor Code “christinnerharbor”). 12-5pm.
- 2/27 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.
- 2/27 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$
- 2/27 – Music: Nik Greeley & the Operators and Knovo**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 2/28 – Liquid Courage: Celebration of the Art of Mixology and the Tasting Experience**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Cocktail competitions, interactive workshops, and live music. 5-10pm. \$
- 2/28 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$



Farmer’s Market at Silo Point condominiums on February 22 and March 22. Photo by Mary Braman.

- 3/1 – Music: Opera Outreach Ensemble**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Opera based on Little Red Riding Hood. 3pm.
- 3/2 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$
- 3/3 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 3/3 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.
- 3/5 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 3/5 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.
- 3/6 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

- 3/6 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$
- 3/6 – Music: The Wildmans**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 3/7 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$
- 3/8 – Farmer’s Market**, Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. Sponsored by Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.
- 3/8 – Astronomy for Kids**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Interactive astronomy lessons with Dr. Gonzales. 11am.
- 3/8 – Historical Research for Writers**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A how-to discussion with author Frances Altman. 3pm.
- 3/8 – FSK’s 10th Annual Pasta Palooza**, Knights of Columbus, 1338 Hull St. Fund-raiser for Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School PTO. 5-9pm. \$
- 3/8 – March Madness: The Improv Show**, Riverside Third Space at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1530 Battery Ave. Hosted by Highwire Improv. 7-9pm. \$
- 3/9 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$
- 3/10 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 3/11 – Coffee and Classics Book Club Meet and Greet**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly book club. 11am-12pm.
- 3/11 – Light Street Lab**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.
- 3/12 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 3/12 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.
- 3/12 – LPCA Membership Meeting**, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.
- 3/13 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.
- 3/13 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$
- 3/14 – Pi(e) Day**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Participate in various Pi(e)-related activities. 10am-2pm. \$
- 3/14 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

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**3/14 – Monthly Bingo,** The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

**3/14 – Music: Artifakts with K+Lab,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

**3/15 – The Light Street Adventurers: An RPG Group for All,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Role-playing game group. 1-4pm.

**3/15 – Music: Natalie Brooke,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**3/16 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

**3/16 – Music: Melt,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**3/17 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

**3/17 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**3/19 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**3/19 – Industry Social Club,** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Net-working happy hour. 5:30-8pm.

**3/19 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**3/20 – Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

**3/21 – Music: The Harbor Boys with Elephants Dancing and Stratus Fear,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**3/21 – Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room,** Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Vocalist Akua Allrich. 7 & 9pm. \$

**3/22 – Farmer’s Market,** Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. Sponsored by Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.

**3/22 – Katherine Needleman: “Ways We Have Failed Women in Classical Music,”** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discussion with the musician and composer. 11am.

**3/22 – Music: Grateful Allman Band Experience,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm.

**3/22 – Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room,** Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Saxophonist Tedd Baker. 7 & 9pm. \$

**3/23 – Music: Crooked Coast with Adam Almony,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**3/24 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

**3/24 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**3/25 – Jazz for Kids,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Baltimore Jazz Alliance band performs. 3:30pm.

**3/26 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

**3/26 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga,** Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class. 6pm.

**3/27 – Idris Goodwin and Lorraine Nam: “Your House is Not Just a House,”** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Meet the creators of this year’s Imagination Celebration book. 4pm.

**3/27 – Community Run/Walk,** Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

**3/28 – Under Pressure: Learn About Self Care,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join licensed clinician Maggie Welling and learn how to stress less. 2pm.

**3/28 – Music Under the Dome: Daft Punk,** Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Daft Punk’s album experienced in the planetarium. 7-10pm. \$

**3/29 – Read with Pride Book Club,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion of *Making It* by Laura Kay. 11am-12pm.

**3/29 – Music: Bearly Dead,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**3/31 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

**3/31 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp,** Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class. 6pm.

**4/4 – Peninsula Post Issue #24** available free all over SoBo.

**4/5 – Farmer’s Market,** Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. Sponsored by Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.

**4/5 – Community Reads,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Reading and discussion of *What Happened to You?* by James Catchpole, followed by a family-friendly activity. 11am-12pm.

**4/5 – Music: Ari and the Buffalo Kings, Rachel May with Red Smith & Blue Dawn and Luke Boardman Band,** The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

**4/8 – Coffee and Classics Book Club Meet and Greet,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly book club. 11am-12pm.

**4/9 – LPCA Membership Meeting,** Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

**4/12 – Music: Sac au Lait,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Celebrate National Library Week with a concert and parade down Light St. 3pm.



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