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SOBO EVENTS

April 7 – June 8, 2025



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- 4/7 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.
- 4/7 – Writers Exchange In Person**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers of all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.
- 4/8 – Coffee and Classics Book Club**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11am-12pm.
- 4/8 – Design Your Own Birdhouse**, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Benefit for Second Chance. 6-8pm. \$
- 4/8 – South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. General Meeting**, AJ’s on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. 6:30pm.
- 4/9 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.
- 4/9 – Varsity Baseball: DHHS Rams vs. Patterson**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.
- 4/9 – Stoop Storytelling: Battling the Elements**, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Stories about confronting the forces of nature. Musical guests J Pope and the HearNow. 7-9:30pm. \$
- 4/9 – Locust Point Civic Assoc. Meeting**, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 7:30pm.
- 4/10 – Groundbreaking Ceremony: Rash Field Park Phase 2**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Elected officials and skateboard demonstrations, “seedball” making activity, and light refreshments. 12pm.
- 4/10 – Boys Varsity Lacrosse: DHHS Rams vs. Edmondson-Westside**, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

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Construction to Begin on ‘Phase 2’ of Rash Field Park

By Steve Cole

Groundbreaking for the much-anticipated second phase of the Rash Field Park renovation is set for April 10. With a slightly modified design plan, construction of the 5-plus-acre site on the Inner Harbor is expected to be completed by mid-summer 2026.

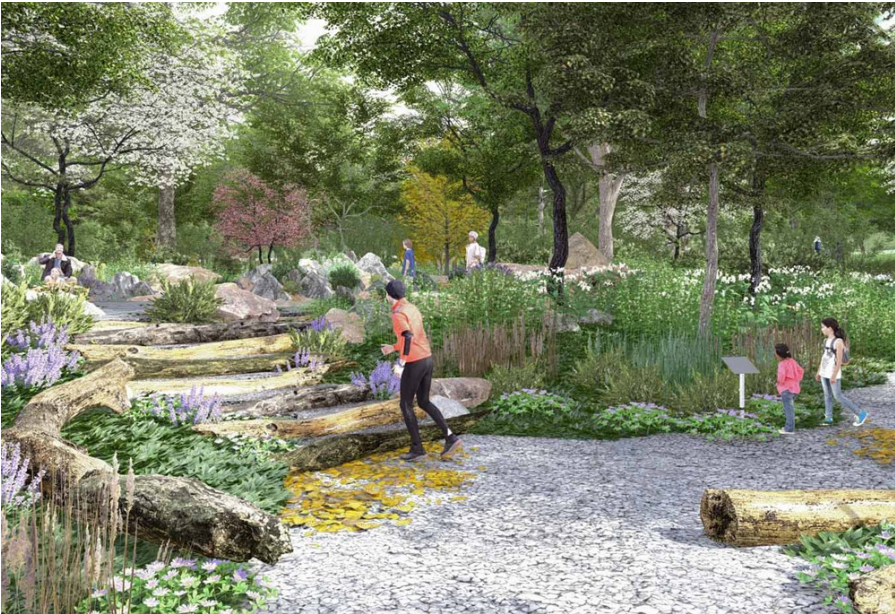
This section of the park – twice the size of the redeveloped portion next to the Maryland Science Center that opened in November 2021 – will feature gardens, trails, beach volleyball, an expansive open lawn, plaza, and pickleball courts. In a change from the design released two years ago, the park will include the Pride of Baltimore Memorial, unchanged, in its current location, said Laurie Schwartz, president of Waterfront Partnership, in an interview last month.

The goal for this new area is to broaden the appeal of Rash Field Park, Schwartz said. “This phase is going to provide a broader diversity of uses for all different ages. While Phase 1 is mostly oriented to children and youth, Phase 2 will be focused on serving families and adults as well as more youth.”

Phase 2 construction will create five areas in the park. The Gardens will be a newly landscaped hill rising gradually from the park up to street level along Key Highway, replacing the terraced wooden bleachers. In addition to pathways through native plants and trees, this area will feature a rock garden, birdhouses, and potentially a “dye garden” with plants once commonly used for dyeing fabric. There will be educational opportunities developed around these features, Schwartz said, including an extension of the current Rash Field “Wildlife Gardening” workshops held in the summer months.

Adjacent to the Gardens will be a wooded area along the Key Highway side of the park with a Fitness Course. “Unlike many parks that have various pieces of stationary equipment, this will be a ninja-type obstacle course,” Schwartz explained.

Between the Garden and the waterfront promenade will be the Lawn area. Originally conceived as primarily an athletic field with space for two youth soccer fields, the Lawn will start off as a free-form, multipurpose grass field, Schwartz said. “People can use it to play flag football or throw frisbees around, or families can bring a blanket and lay out on the grass with the kids and have a picnic. Or we could host special events there. We want to



The new Plaza area of Rash Field Park (top) will feature covered tables and chairs. Nearby will be two pickleball courts and six sand volleyball courts in an area called the Beach. The Gardens area (above) will be built on a new hillside featuring pathways through native plants and trees. Illustrations courtesy of Waterfront Partnership.

leave it open for a period of time to see how people want to use that space.”

The Beach will feature six sand volleyball courts and a lounge area for anyone who just wants to relax in the sand. While volleyball adult league play is expected to return to Rash Field once Phase 2 is completed (with an operator not yet selected), Schwartz anticipates there will be new opportunities for youth and families to play as well. “Waterfront Partnership and City Rec and Parks are really interested in seeing a broader population participate in beach volleyball here,” she said. Tucked into a portion of the Beach’s sandy landscape will be an area for lounging in the shade on chairs or beach towels.

The Plaza area will feature covered

tables and chairs and, possibly, outdoor game tables, according to Schwartz. No additional concessions or restrooms are planned for this area; visitors will be encouraged to use the existing facilities in the park’s BGE Pavilion.

The Phase 2 park development will also feature two dedicated pickleball courts. There will be a new pathway with improved lighting to the Pride of Baltimore Memorial at its present location. And just outside the park proper, along the water’s edge at the marina, a new public kayak launch will be built this spring or summer, Schwartz said. The launch is part of the planned Baltimore Blueway system to create a network of access points and water trails through the Inner Harbor and

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FROM THE EDITOR

This Four-Year-Old Looks to the Future

On March 12, 2021, the very first issue of the *Peninsula Post* hit the streets of South Baltimore. That inaugural eight-page edition evolved from a blog we started at the onset of the pandemic as a way to connect neighbors and communities across the peninsula.

Since then, the small nonprofit created by local residents to support the newspaper launched the annual community celebration “I Love SoBo Day,” which will host its fourth edition on May 4. And the newspaper has gone on to establish itself as a valued community resource, publishing 6,000 copies regularly every other month.

We are now looking at the next stage of the evolution of this community enterprise. Our goal is to move it from an all-volunteer effort to a more sustainable model with a solid foundation for the long-term.

We’re excited for what lies ahead. If you have thoughts that you’d like to contribute to this effort, let us hear from you (editor@sobopost.org). – Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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Church on a Mission to Recycle Plastic Film

There’s a form of plastic used in a variety of consumer products – plastic film – that cannot be recycled with the plastic, glass, metal, and cardboard packaging that the city picks up curbside each week. Most of us probably toss this material in the trash, but an environmentally conscious group at a SoBo church is trying to change that.

The “Green Team” at the Light Street Presbyterian Church (809 Light Street), led by Carole Norris-Shortle, has started a campaign to recycle plastic film and in the process increase awareness about waste and landfill and change consumers’ habits. The group, which focuses on the intersection of social justice, climate justice, and faith, helps with South Baltimore community gardening projects. Its mission, said team member Emily Padin, is faith-based: “God created Earth, and we should be stewards.”

The campaign is encouraging SoBo residents to collect their plastic film waste, record how much material they have collected, and deposit the plastic film in bins located outside several area stores. Once 1,000 pounds of plastic has been recycled, the church will receive a bench for their garden made from recycled plastic film. The campaign is part of the NexTrex recycling challenge sponsored by the Trex Company, manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing.

Plastic film is used in a dizzying array of packaging, from plastic grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, and bubble wrap to ziplock bags, frozen food bags, drycleaning bags, “air pillow” cushions from package delivery, plastic shipping envelopes, and plastic films labeled with the #2 or #4 recycling symbol. As with regular recycling, all plastic film must be cleaned. For additional information on



A SURE SIGN OF SPRING arrived in late March with the return of youth baseball and softball practices at the Robert E. Schautz, Sr. Memorial Fields on E. Fort Avenue in Locust Point. A scrimmage on March 23 pitted the SoBo Baseball Club against the Linthicum-Timonium Rec Council Comets (above). South Baltimore Little League kicks off its spring season at the fields on April 5 following a parade from Riverside Park. Photo by Mary Braman.

recyclable plastic film, visit nextrex.com/view/educate.

Bins for recycling plastic film can be found on the SoBo peninsula in front of the church and at Giant and Harris Teeter. A new bin is due soon in front of Federal Hill Preparatory School on William Street, according to Padin. Other area stores with recycling bins include Safeway, Food Lion, Weis, Wegmans, Acme, Sprout’s Market, Redner’s Mar-

ket, Goodwill, and Kohls.

To participate in the church’s recycling challenge, put the plastic film in a clear bag, take a photo of it, and weigh it or estimate its weight. After you drop off the bag at one of the retail locations, submit your photo and weight information online using the QR code below. If you drop off plastic at the church’s bin, you don’t need to photograph or weigh it or submit anything online.



For more information about the project, email Carole Norris-Shortle at norrisshortle@verizon.net. – Barbara Stanton

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

Since our last issue in February, the following businesses have opened in SoBo:


Buffalo Wild Wings GO, 843 E. Fort Ave. Wings and tenders, fries and tater tots, and fried pickles for delivery and takeout. 443-545-2999

Darwin’s After Dark, 554 E. Fort Ave. Casual Latin spot specializing in loaded tortas sandwiches, dirty horchata, drinks, and tres leches cake. 617-354-5233

Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Offering pottery classes, workshops, and memberships with 24/7 studio access. mudhousepotterystudio.com

South Baltimore Music Academy, 1200 Light St. New location for this teaching studio offering instruction in piano, guitar, ukelele, violin, cello, and drums. 410-401-0813


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Beach Volleyball Takes a Vacation at Rash Field

The start of construction this month on “Phase 2” of the Rash Field Park redevelopment (see story, page 1) brings with it a two-year hiatus for a warm weather SoBo tradition along our Inner Harbor shore: scores of beach volleyball players competing on the sand throughout the day and into the night. It’s a tradition that Todd Webster, founder of Baltimore Beach, has fostered there for over two decades.

In officially announcing the suspension of league play this year on the Baltimore Beach website in March, Webster emphasized his commitment to helping “this great sport” and “the beach spirit” fostered by the hundreds who have played it at Rash Field continue in the area. Who carries on the tradition at the six new beach volleyball courts planned for Rash Field will be determined next year by the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department through a request for proposals, Webster said.

What started as a passion for the sport among a few neighbors playing on a single sand court not far from Rash Field led Webster to launch a business that grew to hosting leagues, clinics, and tournaments with 1,200 participants a year over a seven-month season playing on seven courts.

That single court was at the Harborview condominium complex in the late 1990s, before townhomes were built there along Key Highway. “I used to manage a volleyball court in a little park there in front of the marina building,” Webster recalled. “A bunch of neighbors would get together after

work to play. It was very informal. We did mini clinics for people who wanted to learn more about beach volleyball.”

But when townhome development came to that area, Webster looked for another location. “I did not want to see the spirit of that community die,” he said. He found the new home at Rash Field. Starting in 1988, a portion of the field was used in the winter to set up a portable skating rink, which required a foundation of sand. Webster and friends started using that abandoned sand for beach volleyball in 1999 with their own nets and equipment.

These informal games gelled into the Baltimore Beach business in 2001, after the City approached Webster to make beach volleyball part of its first Waterfront Festival in the Inner Harbor that spring. He paid for poles and equipment, set up a few courts, and registered participants for two days of competition. With that, Baltimore Beach was off and running.

“That year, we played two nights a week and had 100 or 150 people,” Webster said. Interest in the sport grew and with it the number of courts and participants. He invested in tons of finer-grade sand to improve the courts, which require regular maintenance, and added portable lights for play after dark. And Webster added an office manager in 2013 when his wife Jaime joined the business. (The two met through Baltimore Beach league play a few years before.)

With no volleyball at Rash Field this



Todd and Jaime Webster operate Baltimore Beach, the local sports venue that has hosted volleyball leagues, tournaments, and clinics at Rash Field since 2001. The courts are closed this season as work begins on the park. Photo by Mary Braman.

year, the couple plans to take some time off and travel but stay engaged with the local beach volleyball community. Webster issued an open call to the community for enthusiasts “interested in assisting with the continuation of beach volleyball in the area” to work with Baltimore Beach on what comes next. A group of volleyball supporters was recently briefed on the design of the new Rash Field facilities, according to the Waterfront Partnership, which is leading the redevelopment of the park. – Steve Cole

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around the SoBo peninsula (see *Peninsula Post*, October 2023).

As this major step becomes a reality, Schwartz is clearly looking forward to the reimagined Rash Field Park, years in the making. “I’m so excited to see the entire Rash Field Park filled with families and children and kids playing. The Inner Harbor coming to life on its south shore is going to be a whole new experience for people.”



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Locust Point Garden 2.0 Awaits Soil Test Results

The Locust Point Community Garden, which lost its original home in 2023 when Under Armour began preparing to depart its Tide Point campus, is still working toward reestablishing itself at its new location in Latrobe Park. According to garden manager Dave Arndt of the Locust Point Civic Association, a lease agreement is currently being hammered out with the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department and a second round of environmental test results is expected soon before the garden can move ahead.

An initial round of soil testing of the garden's new space at the southern end of Latrobe Park Terrace, conducted by Baltimore City in July 2024, was found to have inaccuracies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result, Baltimore City Rec and Parks retested the soil in January. The results are being reviewed by the department along with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and EPA.

The 2024 test sampled soil from 2 feet below the surface and found lead, chromium, and arsenic. However, according to the EPA, soil testing only requires samples from the top 3 inches of soil. Proper testing is particularly important because the planned garden borders a Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School playground and a youth soccer league field.

The raised beds planned for the garden plus a 6-inch layer of mulch between the beds will help prevent exposure to any potential toxicity found in the soil, Arndt said. However, there is still a question of how to handle the soil in the process of creating the garden, particularly when installing the fence and watering system.

The new garden is eagerly awaited by the many Locust Point gardeners from the previous location as well as 30 others on a waiting list. Arndt hopes that the new garden will have a lease, water, and a fence by the start of the 2026 growing season. – *Barbara Stanton*



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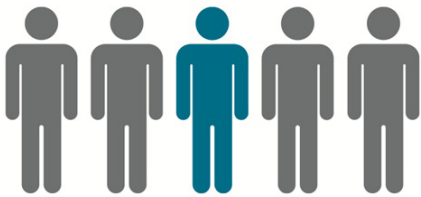
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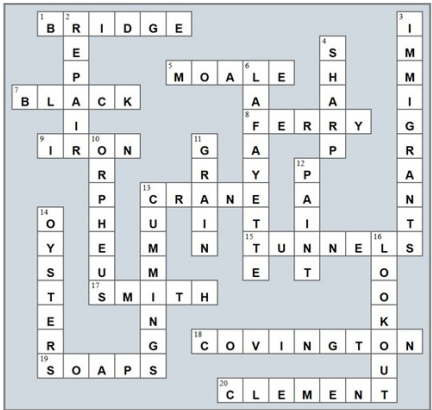
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Federal Hill Project Yields Archaeological Finds

On March 25, as work began to install new pedestrian safety features and garden beds atop Federal Hill Park, part of a \$50,000 improvement project by South Harbor Renaissance, archaeologists were on hand to see what artifacts might be unearthed from the historic site.

"Nobody expected to find anything significant here," said Jane Seiter, the archaeologist on the project, as she examined delicately curved shards of glazed redware pottery she extracted from the first holes dug by contractors.

As the crews continued digging holes for fence posts and bollards, Seiter began discovering pieces of brick, coal, and glass and a layer of oyster shells, "intact, laid horizontally, like a walkway," running near the current walkway on the east side of the playground. As she continued, she found "a brick wall four rows high with mortar holding it in place, possibly the underground foundation of an historic building or a retaining wall for the terraced hillside."

Seiter, a Federal Hill resident and cofounder of the Oxford Tree-Ring Laboratory, was on hand to conduct the required archaeological "monitoring brief" assessment of the site. A 1995 archaeological survey on the west side of the park "found almost nothing intact because there had been so much upheaval on the Hill over the years," she noted. "They figured it was blitzed."

"Every excavation is an opportuni-



Jane Seiter examines relics unearthed in the park. Photo by Robert Hardy.

ty," said Lauren Schiszik, an archaeologist with the City's Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), who joined Seiter on the new survey. "Federal Hill Park is a city landmark, and the archaeology is a required part of the [landscaping] process. In this case, it's low-impact work and it is really paying off."

Seiter and Schiszik anticipate that the Federal Hill artifacts will eventually go to the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory in Calvert County for curation and conservation.

After a pause in the work for Seiter to document her discoveries for the Maryland Historical Trust, landscaping resumed. Once excavations are complete, the rest of the work on the flower beds will take place gradually through mid-April. Planting of a variety of native plants will be the final step in this first phase of the project.

— Robert Hardy

May the Fourth Be with You on 'SoBo Day'

Join your friends and neighbors on Sunday, May 4, for the fourth annual "I Love SoBo Day," hosted by South Baltimore United, Inc., the nonprofit publisher of the *Peninsula Post*. SoBo Day brings together people from across the many neighborhoods of the peninsula for a fun, all-ages celebration of this great part of the city.

The free event takes place from 9am to 12:30pm, rain or shine, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry outdoor pavilion, 1415 Key Highway. Here are a few highlights.

Special Events

Start your day with a Total Body Community Workout for adults with FIT4MOM Baltimore City.

The first SoBo Arts & Crafts Show will showcase creative talents of peninsula residents with awards and a cash prize for the People's Choice winner.

Toddler Music Time hosted by the South Baltimore Music Academy gives the littles a chance to make some noise.

Sailboat Tours with the Downtown Sailing Center will be offered to attendees ages 6 and older on a limited, first-come basis (weather permitting).

Join a peninsula-wide Scavenger Hunt to track down a special breed of those little "Game of Frogs" sculptures.

Try out your Hula Hooping skills and watch a performance by the pros from Baltimore Hoop Love.

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knowledge and win prizes with a Trivia Contest conducted by Bmore booster Chris Riehl of Rent-A-Tour.

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Community Groups & Resources

Baltimore City Council Office (District 11), Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, Digital Harbor Foundation, Federal Hill Main Street, Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Federal Hill Prep PTO, Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School PTO, Friends of Fort McHenry, Girl Scout Troop 1687, Girl Scout Troop 4117, God's Best Family, Locust Point Civic Association, Riverside Neighborhood Association, South Baltimore Neighborhood Association, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School PTO



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Little Free Libraries Continue to Bloom

In a new survey of Little Free Libraries scattered across the SoBo peninsula, we at the *Peninsula Post* made a surprising discovery: these diminutive sidewalk structures have proliferated, doubling in number since our first survey in early 2021.

Our latest audit, conducted in February, counted 20 libraries, up from 16 in mid-2023, which was an increase over the 10 found four years ago. While a few of the original “take a book, leave a book” establishments have disappeared, an array of new ones have sprouted up to take their place. Several occupy refurbished newspaper boxes, and we now have our first “Tiny” Free Library inside a converted mailbox.

Below we list all 20 libraries with their locations. They are arranged from west to east across the peninsula, starting with Sharp-Leadenhall and continuing to Locust Point. We have added information about how stocked each library was during our latest survey: two asterisks (**) for full or nearly full, one asterisk (*) for partially full, and no asterisk for empty or nearly empty.

Henrietta Street at the corner of S. Sharp Street (northern edge of Solo Gibbs Park) *

1700 block of Clarkson Street **

1300 block of Hanover Street (newspaper box conversion) **

Unit block of E. Wheeling Street near S. Charles Street *

Unit block of Ostend Street near S. Charles Street **

Birckhead Street at the corner of Patapsco Street (newspaper box conversion) *

100 block of E. Churchill Street **

Federal Hill Preparatory School, 1040 William Street **

100 block of E. Randall Street **

E. Randall Street at the corner of Bat-



tery Avenue (Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church) **

Rash Field Park, 201 Key Highway, in the “BGE Nature Play” area

400 block of Grindall Street

Henry Street Park, 1240 Henry Street **

E Clement Street at Belt Street (our first “tiny” library) **

Captain Larry’s, Jackson Street at E. Fort Avenue (newspaper box conversion) *

Stack Street near the intersection with E. Fort Avenue

E. Heath Street at the corner of Webster Street **

McHenry Row, across from the northeast corner of the Harris Teeter parking garage on Porter Street **

E. Clement Street at the corner of Hull Street **

Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Avenue *

Know of any Little Free Libraries on the peninsula that we missed? Drop us a note (editor@sobopost.org), and we’ll add it to our next survey. – S.C.



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Student Literary Magazine 'The Eyrie' Highlights Creativity, Expression

A dozen students sat in a sprawling circle in Mrs. Harris's classroom at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School in Locust Point one day after school in mid-March, their laptops open, their conversation muted but fully engaged, collaborating on the latest issue of the school's quarterly literary magazine, *The Eyrie*. With Mrs. Harris's guidance, *Eyrie* staff were finalizing student submissions of poetry, prose, and artwork in preparation for printing the latest issue.

Eyrie faculty advisor and FSK English Language Arts teacher Amanda Harris founded the magazine with her students in 2022, when Covid had upended regular school patterns and learning habits. "My 8th graders now were my 4th- and 5th-grade 'Covid kids' then," Harris says. "They talked a lot about how much they enjoyed writing, how it helped them emotionally to express themselves in writing, and how they wished they could share this throughout the school, how helpful that could be socially and emotionally."

Two students, Josh Adler and Johns Williams, "actually wrote a grant application for us, to the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, to fund us for a year," Harris notes. Felicity Ross, FSK's Gifted and Talented specialist, reviewed and helped edit the application, "but it was all them," Harris says of her students.

Student contributions to the magazine come from across the school, from students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Some submissions originate from work completed in class; others are the product of independent creativity in students' free time.

The magazine has an editing staff of 5th- through 8th-graders who compile

submissions and address grammar, spelling, and formatting issues. With Harris's supervision, all work is processed by the students using Google Docs and Google Classroom.

Issues of *The Eyrie* feature original student artwork on the cover, a section of poetry, and a section of prose that includes installments of continuing serials. Younger students' work includes reproductions of original crayon drawings and handwriting in pencil. Poems are often thematic – the holidays and the seasons are popular – but sometimes personal, such as observations about school life, friends, and family members. Prose contributions range from pieces a few lines long to multipage stories, with lots of horror and fantasy.

"The scary stories started with a writing prompt I gave in class one day around Halloween," Harris recalls. "'She was falling asleep when she heard a bang...' and they had to continue that. Now it's become a passion for spooky stories. 'Let's see if we can scare Mrs. Harris.' Their imaginations are boundless."

Every issue also includes autobiographical blurbs written by each author that allow them to showcase their individuality, humor, and creativity.

Harris observes that the magazine "is a way to set aside some time for kids to be creative and express themselves. I want them to realize that writing isn't just a chore. It's not just something you do for a grade. Writing can be cathartic. It can be therapeutic. It can be a way for you to get your feelings out in the open, and I think that's really important. A lot of times kids just want to be heard. They understand so much and feel so much,



The staff of The Eyrie at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School with faculty advisor Amanda Harris (back row, second from left). Photo by Mary Braman.

and *The Eyrie* has been a really good way for them to express themselves. Especially the upper elementary and middle school students. Some of their reflections on themselves as a person – I'm thinking particularly of 'The Skin I'm In' poems in the magazine where they express how they feel the world looks at them and how they look at themselves – it's just so powerful."


Eyrie staff meet after school the last five Tuesdays of each quarter to compile, edit, and assemble the magazine for printing and posting online. Harris provides a final run-through for quality control, but notes that "the kids are very self-sufficient. The older kids mentor and provide leadership to the younger kids, but this is all them."

When the new issue comes out, each published contributor, editor, and English Language Arts classroom receives a printed copy, along with the school library.


As the afternoon sun slants through the classroom windows, the creative ferment continues. A 4th-grade author has just completed a short story, and a 5th-grade editor is offering constructive suggestions.

"These are kids for whom writing is a passion," Harris notes with some sense of joy. "Their love of learning and of writing inspires me."

The latest issue and past issues of *The Eyrie* are available online at: sites.google.com/bcps.k12.md.us/fskeyrie.
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SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

It's here! As I write this column, it's 65 degrees and sunny outside, and every sign of spring is giving me (and my toddlers) immense joy. Parenting in the winter is not for the faint of heart (hello sickness, cold weather, and indoor activities), and this finally feels like we get a break.

Events Abound

Though some parents certainly refer to May as "Maycember" due to all the extra activities, I really love the variety and options of events on the SoBo peninsula for families.

April 19: Federal Hill Easter Egg Hunt. The local community Easter Egg Hunt happens at Federal Hill Park. There are separate entrances for every age group, so even my 18-month-old will be able to toddle and grab a dozen eggs. My 4.5-year-old always gets excited to see what the "golden egg" prize is (one for each kid) and to get her annual photo with the Easter Bunny. The event also includes music, games, and fun for the whole family. 10am. southbaltcatholic.org/events

May 3-4: This weekend is packed with some of my favorite spring events, and the best part is that all these events are free! Start Saturday morning at the **Kinetic Sculpture Race** watching the larger-than-life floats ascend Federal Hill and head down Riverside Avenue. The energy is infectious! That afternoon, walk to **Federal Hill Prep Spring Fling**, where the whole family can enjoy lunch, games, a silent auc-

tion, and more. Sunday morning, start your day at **I Love SoBo Day** at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, with tons of activities for kids and adults alike, including a lot of peninsula-focused vendors. Early afternoon, swing by **A Taste of Spring** at Good Counsel church in Locust Point, where face painting, kids' crafts, lunch, beer/wine/crashes, and more await. Finish the weekend at the **Federal Hill Spring Social** at Federal Hill Park with live music, games, and more. You can find details about all these events online at sobopost.org/events.

Honorable mentions for other events to check out this spring include the **Wine Village** at the Inner Harbor's West Shore Park, which despite its name does have a carousel and other kid-friendly activities. I also recommend hitting up an **Orioles game**. If you have someone who would benefit, the Orioles have free sensory bags with headphones that they loan out. And finally, if you have a rising pre-K student, keep an eye out for **Find Your Way to Pre-K**. Hosted by Baltimore City Public Schools' Early Learning team, these are great ways to access many children's activities and museums for free while learning about pre-K.

Rainy Day Fun

If you're reading this column and it's raining out, fear not! April showers may be common here, but parents in the South Baltimore Peninsula Parents



Easter Egg Hunt in Federal Hill Park on April 19. Photo by Mary Braman.

Facebook group came up with a great collection of ideas.

First, put on some rain boots and a raincoat and head out puddle jumping. (Rumor has it that the Baltimore Museum of Industry has some good puddles outside.) Then, head inside to check out the "Please Touch" boxes, perfect for even our littlest friends, interactive exhibits, and mini theater.

Next, if your child is looking for a bit more chill activity, try a puzzle, board game, or even a crossword puzzle. My 4.5-year-old has been on a big puzzle kick for a while. It's a fun activity for the whole family.

In the afternoon, pack up and head to DiPasquale's on the harbor (500 Harborview Drive). Maybe you can walk, like we do? It's a beautiful walk along the water, even while raining. We love picking out something fun for lunch there (it's so yummy!). Be sure to also peek at their selection of items for a family baking project. On your way home, see if you can walk by one of the many Little Free Libraries on the peninsula to grab a new read for bedtime (see page 6 of this issue for the full list).

After lunch, don your favorite apron

and bake together as a family. Cookies, bread, whatever – something that your kids can help with (or "help" with) is sure to make some fun memories!

Once your treat is out of the oven and you all have taste-tested, take a page out of the book of my daughter's daycare teacher and go for a "rain run." It's as simple as it sounds and a great way to get some of the energy out!

And after dinner, end your day with a long bath time and reading your new-to-you book before bed.

Spring Reminders

Though the end of the academic year may have our focus on other things, I share a few reminders about parenting must-dos:

Enroll for school. For those of you with children starting in pre-K or kindergarten this fall, now is the time to register. Enrollment is open now through April 16 on the Baltimore City Public Schools website for students of all income levels (one round only, which is a change from prior years). baltimorecityschools.org/page/enroll

Make summer plans. If you're looking for summer camps, check out Baltimore Rec and Parks options (online now, though some options went quickly) and Baltimore Family Alliance's free Summer Camp Directory. For non-camp options, be sure to check out the library in May, as that's usually when they do "Ticket to Discovery," a free program where you obtain a bookmark, read five books, and get four free passes to Port Discovery. bcrp.baltimorecity.gov, baltimorefamilies.org, prattlibrary.org – Beth Mayr

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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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Two new family-friendly businesses are coming to our neighborhood! We're thrilled to support **Mudhouse Pottery Studio** and **South Baltimore Music Academy** with grant funding as they open here in Federal Hill.

Last year, Federal Hill Main Street was awarded \$165,000 through Project Restore 2.0, an initiative from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development designed to help bring new businesses to Baltimore by activating vacant retail spaces. We're so happy to have had a hand in bringing these community-oriented new businesses to our neighborhood.

Mudhouse Pottery Studio is a new community pottery studio at 1827 Marshall Street. Its owner, Sarah Ahart, has been making pottery for 10 years and wants to foster a community of local potters who have a place to create, support, and learn from each other. At Mudhouse, people from all backgrounds and experience levels can come together to work with clay.

Those with little to no experience will be able to take a variety of classes and workshops, and experienced potters can become members.

South Baltimore Music Academy is getting a new permanent location at 1200 Light Street. Its owners, Joshua Espinoza and Erik Franklin, are on a mission to spark creativity and musical passion in both children and adults through music education. They offer fun and high-quality music lessons and classes, specializing in piano, guitar, ukulele, cello, and drums. They even have baby and toddler lessons.

For more information about the awesome things happening in Federal Hill, be sure to visit our website (above) or visit us at **I Love SoBo Day** on May 4! – *Shannon Faust, Project Manager*

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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Thank you to everyone who came to our **February meeting on public safety**. We had some very productive conversations with the city's Chief Administrative Officer Faith Leach, Police Commissioner Richard Worley, and Department of Transportation Director Veronica McBeth.

You may have noticed more **Sheriff's deputies in our entertainment district**. This is thanks to a state grant that our public safety committee applied for back in December. The deputies will help with parking enforcement, traffic violations, and ensuring that our entertainment district con-

tinues to be a safe place for residents and visitors to enjoy. The deployment, which began in March, will continue into June.

At our April meeting, we will have **City Comptroller Bill Henry**. If you have suggestions or concerns about city finances (we all have many), please come to the meeting on April 15.

Finally, in May, we will be **electing our board members and leadership team**. If you would like to get involved on our board or in general, please email me at the address above. – *Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, Interim President*

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Spring has sprung, hooray! April is renewal time for **Area 19 parking passes**. We are transitioning to virtual passes. Visit our website for information about the change as well as a FAQ page for answers to your questions.

Stop by the FHSNA table to say hello at **I Love SoBo Day** on May 4.

FHSNA is getting ready for our annual **Wine Event**. We are excited to be holding this year's event on the Holy Cross Church campus (110 E. West Street) on Thursday, May 22, from 6 to 9pm. Come enjoy local wine tastings, delicious food, and conversation with your neighbors. DJ Nate Carper will be on hand to liven things up. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased on our website.

Another **Dumpster Day** is coming!

Mark your calendars for June 28, 8am-12pm.

Our **next association meeting** will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy on Tuesday, April 29. The doors open at 6:30pm for a social hour, and the meeting runs from 7 to 8pm. See you there! – *Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President*

Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA held its **spring meeting** on March 19 with an informative presentation by Rupert Denney and Dan Spack of the Baltimore Port Alliance that was chock-full of facts about Baltimore as a port city. Established in 1706, it has handled imports and exports ever since. Councilman Zac Blanchard followed up with his views and responses to the many questions about the city and the city council. – *Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President*

Locust Point Civic Association

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LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on April 9, May 14, and June 11 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle school at 1425 E. Fort Avenue. All meetings start at 7:30pm. We will have our **Annual Community Earth Day Cleanup** on April 27 from 1 to 4pm. We will meet at the entrance to

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Join us For Lent and Easter

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Contemporary Traditional	April 13 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Good Friday Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross Service of Tenebrae	April 18 12:00 PM 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 17 7:00 PM	Easter Sunday Contemporary Traditional	April 20 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

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Latrobe Park. Tools, gloves, bags, and after-cleanup treats will be provided.

Accepting Nominations for LPCA Board Seats – In May, six LPCA board positions will stand for election by the association membership. LPCA’s is a “working” board, meaning each member takes on a responsibility to help lead activities in an area of interest to them and the community, such as 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 it is all about. Current board members are there to discuss what they do. All are welcome to attend. To apply for a position, send an email to the address above.

Visit our website for more information about LPCA, to find out how to become a member, or to see happenings in Locust Point. – *Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member*

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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Hey there, neighbors! I’m Jeff Dewberry, and I’m excited to be your **new RNA president**. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Rich Badmington for his outstanding leadership over the past couple of years. Rich has laid a strong foundation, and I’m eager to roll up my sleeves and continue the import-



Chat with community group representatives at SoBo Day. Photo by Mary Braman.

ant work he started alongside a fantastic group of people who genuinely care about our community.

A little about me: I was born and raised in Maryland, just outside of Baltimore in western Howard County. I’m the product of my mom, a nurse at Johns Hopkins, and my dad, a retired major in the Baltimore County Police Department with 38 years of service. I recall my dad serving on various boards, including as president of our soccer league when I was growing up and participating on the board that helped create one of Howard County’s newest parks.

Watching my parents, especially my dad, helping our community instilled in me a strong sense of community and service from a very young age. I moved to Baltimore right after college, bought my first house on the peninsula, married my wife, sold my first house, and then moved to our new house just up the street from the old one. (We literally pushed boxes on carts up the street to the new house!)

Last September, my wife and I were thrilled to welcome our daughter into the world, and we couldn’t imagine a better place to start our family.

I’m super excited to keep working to ensure the peninsula remains a crown jewel of a community for everyone to enjoy. I hope to see you all around the neighborhood and look forward to working together to make this a great place to live. – *Submitted by Jeff Dewberry, President*

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

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Spring has sprung in SBNA! Led by president Tara McNulty, SBNA meets at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at AJ’s on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover Street, second floor).

The board wishes to extend our sincerest appreciation to Jen Eastman, our outgoing vice president, for her exceptional work. Jen joined the board

in 2020 and held several roles, including communications chair, secretary, and vice president, overseeing grants, social media, and outreach.

Our new vice president, Clausen Ely III, will continue to chair the public safety committee.

Clean and green committee chair Ryan McEaney has reserved four dates for the **community dumpster** this year. We will announce details soon. We hope to organize neighborhood clean-ups to coincide with the dumpster days. Email Ryan at ryan.mceaney@mysobo.org if you’re interested in coordinating or volunteering.

The Baltimore City Parking Authority will begin to sell 2025-26 **Area 30 Parking Permits** in April, and SBNA will again host four local pickup events at Cross Street Market. Permits must be purchased from BCPA before they can be picked up. Visit our website for more details.

If you want help with a **311 issue**, please send it to 311@mysobo.org, to the attention of Jonathan Deprosse, our 311 chair.

SBNA is always **seeking new members**. Max Reason and Rebecca Bielamowicz recently spoke with residents about joining at the St. Patrick’s Day Block Party on March 15. We will also have a table at **I Love SoBo Day** on May 4. Annual membership fees (\$20 per person) cover SBNA’s operating expenses and fund efforts to improve the safety and aesthetic of the area you call home. Treasurer Peter Bartels accepts payments in cash, by check, or through Square.

Check out our recently revamped website, mysobo.org, for more information. – *Submitted by Justin Lane, Board Secretary*



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4/10 – Unapologetically Writing Your Favorite Things, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Workshop with poet Tracy Dimond. 6:30pm.

4/10 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

4/11 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

4/11 – Monthly Bingo, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

4/11 – Music: Dysfunktone, YUTZI, and Peak, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/12 – Annual Jake’s Day Skate Event, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skateboard lessons for kids under 12 with pro skater Joey Jett. 10am.

4/12 – Outdoor Sculpture Tour, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Docent-led tour; free with museum admission. 11am. \$

4/12 – Dino Day, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Hands-on activity stations. 12-4pm. \$

4/12 – Wondrous Whirligigs, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Author Carole Boston Weatherford discusses folk artist Vollis Simpson. Attendees create a wind-inspired project. 1-2:30pm. \$

4/12 – Birding By Boat, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Birding boat trips aboard a private charter. 2pm. \$

4/12 – Music: Seth Kibel NOLA Quartet, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Concert and parade down Light Street (weather permitting). 3pm.

4/12 – Music: The Snozzberries, The Fitzkee Brothers, and Delightfully Deranged, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/13 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

4/14 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

4/14 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/15 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

4/15 – Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, Light St. Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. 6:30pm.

4/16 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

4/16 – Spring Break Make & Take: Cosmic Egg, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. For ages 7 and older. 1-3pm. \$

4/16 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/17 – Spring Break Make & Take: Tiny Kinetic, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. For ages 7 and older. 1-3pm. \$

4/17 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

4/17 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

4/18 – Spring Break Make & Take: Paint in Reverse, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Learn how to layer paint and other elements onto the backside of clear glass in a frame. 1-3pm. \$

4/18 – Baltimore Old Time Music Festival: Kick-Off Concert, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 6-10:30pm. \$

4/18 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

4/18 – Music: Rubblebucket, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/18 – Jazz at the Hemingway Room, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Guitarist Charlie Ballantine. 7 & 9pm. \$

4/19 – Federal Hill Easter Egg Hunt, Federal Hill Park. Games, crafts, and meet the Easter Bunny. 10am. \$

4/19 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of the first day of National Park Week. 9am-4:45pm.

4/19 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry, Bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort; binoculars required. 9-11am.

4/19 – Farmer’s Market, Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. 9am-12pm.

4/19 – Baltimore Old Time Music Festival, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Workshops, music, and square dancing. 10am-11pm. \$

4/19 – Friends of the Light Street Branch, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11am.

4/19 – The Light Street Adventurers: An RPG Group for All, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Role-playing game group. 1-4pm.

4/19 – Music: Jazz at the Hemingway Room, Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy. Jose Andre Quartet. 7 & 9pm. \$

4/19 – Music: Squeaky Feet with Muskrat Flats, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/20 – Historic Federal Hill Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. Guided tour of the park and neighborhood. 9:30am. \$

4/21 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

4/21 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/22 – Earth Day Art, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create unique pieces of art using items from nature. 3pm.

4/22 – Boys Varsity Lacrosse: DHHS Rams vs. ACCE, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/22 – National Anthem Tour by Sea, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history. 11:30am. \$

4/23 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

4/23 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/24 – National Anthem Tour by Sea, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history. 11:30am. \$

4/24 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

4/25-27 – 8th Anniversary Celebration, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Tours, food trucks, and live music.

4/25 – A Storytime is Not Just a Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Listen to the story “Your House is Not Just a House” and participate in an art activity using household objects. 10:30am.

4/25 – National Anthem Tour by Sea, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history. 11:30am. \$



Jake’s Day Skate Event April 12 at Rash Field Park. Photo by Mary Braman.

4/25 – Varsity Baseball: DHHS Rams vs. Forest Park, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/25 – Sip & Sourdough, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Learn the basics of sourdough bread making. 6-9pm. \$

4/25 – Grown Up Field Trip: Nickelodeon Night, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Relive classic games and challenges with beer-in-hand. 7-10pm. \$

4/25 – Music: Yam Yam with Seven Teller, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/26 – Pet Pen Pal, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Writing workshop where participants will receive postcards to experiment with writing to their pet. 11am.

4/26 – Ultimate Animal Adventure, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Meet some cool live animals and learn about their survival skills. 2-3pm.

4/26 – Music: Dancing Bears, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/27 – Earth Day Park Cleanup, Latrobe Park entrance. 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 1-4pm.

4/28 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

4/28 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/30 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

4/30 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/1 – Boys Varsity Lacrosse: DHHS Rams vs. Lake Clifton, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

5/1 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

5/1 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

5/1 – Music: Jimkata with Solar Circuit, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/2-3 – Semiannual Thrift Market, Sailors Union Grace Church, 454 E. Cross St. Clothes, books, tools, art, vintage items, house plants. Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 8am-2pm.

5/2-3 – Music: lespecial with 5AM, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/2 – Anime & Manga Cafe, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Draw, discuss, and learn about Japanese culture. 3pm.

5/2 – Varsity Baseball: DHHS Rams vs. Coppin Academy, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

5/2 – Varsity Softball: DHHS Rams vs. ACCE, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

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5/2 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

5/3 – Kinetic Sculpture Race, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Fantastical human-powered vehicles travel through Baltimore. Opening ceremony 9:30am, race starts 10am.

5/3 – Spring Fling, Federal Hill Preparatory School, 1040 William St. Carnival-style fundraiser for the whole family. 12-5pm.

5/4 – 4th Annual I Love SoBo Day, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Community celebration with activities, local vendors, food, and the SoBo Arts & Crafts Show. Hosted by South Baltimore United and the *Peninsula Post*. 9am-12:30pm.

5/4 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

5/4 – A Taste of Spring, Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 1528 E. Fort Ave. Kids activities, food and drink, money wheel, and raffle. 12-5pm. \$

5/4 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back; experienced paddlers only. 1-4pm. \$

5/4 – Federal Hill Spring Social, Federal Hill Park, 300 Warren Ave. Family-friendly event with live music, games, food, and crafts. 4-7pm.

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

5/5 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/7 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort; binoculars required. 9-11am.

5/7 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/7 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/8 – Kate Messner: *The Trouble with Heroes*, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Reading by the best-selling author; registration required. 4pm.

5/8 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

5/8 – Music: Peabody String Sinfonia, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Concert by students from the Peabody Conservatory. 7pm.

5/9 – Anime & Manga Cafe, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Draw, discuss, and learn about Japanese culture. 3pm.

5/9 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

5/9 – Monthly Bingo, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

5/9 – Music: Fireside Collective, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/11 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

5/11 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back; experienced paddlers only. 1-4pm. \$

5/12 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

5/12 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/13 – Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month’s book is *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. 11am.

5/13 – South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. General Meeting, AJ’s on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. 6:30pm.

5/14 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/14 – National Anthem Tour by Sea, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history. 10:30am. \$

5/14 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/14 – Locust Point Civic Assoc. Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 7:30pm.

5/15 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

5/16 – National Anthem Tour by Sea, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history. 10:30am. \$

5/16 – Music: Moran Tripp and the Ryan Keith Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/16 – SoBo Schools Fundraiser at the Ballpark, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, 333 W. Camden St. Watch the O’s take on the Washington Nationals. A portion of ticket price donated to South Baltimore peninsula schools (promo code ADAM). 7:05pm. \$

5/17 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. 9-11am.

5/17 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

5/17 – Music: Old Head with Braddock Heights, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/18 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back. 1-4pm. \$

5/18 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Class with Marissa Walch and a cruise through the Inner Harbor. 11am-12:30pm. \$

5/19 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 10:30am.

5/19 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Outside 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.



Annual Kinetic Sculpture Race at AVAM May 3. Photo by Mary Braman.

5/20 – Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

5/20 – Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, Light St. Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. 6:30pm.

5/21 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/21 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/22 – Wine-Tasting Event, Holy Cross Church, 110 E. West St. Local wines, food, and music. Sponsored by Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 6-9pm. \$

5/22 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

5/23 – Music: RADO and the Fitzkee Brothers, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/24 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

5/24 – Music: Phraseology, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Traditional and experimental pieces drawing on Indian classical and folk themes. 3pm.

5/25 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back. 1-4pm. \$

5/27 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching play. 10:30am.

5/28 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/28 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/29 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

5/29 – Music: Eddie 9V, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/30 – Music Under the Dome: David Bowie, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Experience Bowie’s music in the planetarium. 7-10pm. \$

5/31 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

5/31 – Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Sponsored by the Friends of the Light Street Branch. 11am-5pm.

6/1 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back. 1-4pm. \$

6/1 – Federal Hill Spring Social, Federal Hill Park, 300 Warren Ave. Family-friendly event with live music, games, food, and crafts. 4-7pm.

6/2 – Light Street Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for all genres. 6-7:30pm.

6/5 – Music: ‘Blood on the Tracks’ 50th Anniversary Show, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/6 – Peninsula Post Issue #25 available free all over SoBo.

6/6 – Anime & Manga Cafe, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Draw, discuss, and learn about Japanese culture. 3pm.

6/6 – Music: Wolfman Jack, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/7 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

6/7 – Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. The June book is *The Stonewall Reader*. 11am.

6/8 – Run-Up-To Juneteenth Run/Walk, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Race across the Hanover Street bridge. 8:30am. \$

6/8 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. Sightseeing tour to Fells Point and back. 1-4pm. \$



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