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June 7 – August 3, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

Wildlife Gardening
(6/21, 7/19)

Hot Dog Eating Contest
(7/4)

SoBo Photo Contest Awards
(7/24)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

- 6/7-8 – Community Open Play:** Pickleball & Volleyball, Club Volo, 300 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. Free use of courts. 2-5pm.
- 6/8 – Run-Up-To Juneteenth Run/Walk,** West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Race across the Hanover Street bridge through Cherry Hill. 8:30am. \$
- 6/8 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class,** Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$
- 6/8 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour,** 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$
- 6/8 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup,** SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Join neurodivergent peers for a playdate. 5pm. \$
- 6/8 – Music: Tom Starr Band,** Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks. 5-8pm.
- 6/8 – Sunset Kayak Tour,** Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$
- 6/8 – Glow in the Dark Paddle,** B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Sunset tour of the Inner Harbor for experienced paddleboarders. 8pm. \$
- 6/9 – Belly Dance Classes,** Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels. 7-8pm. \$
- 6/10 – Coffee and Classics Book Club,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. 11am.
- 6/10 – Guerrilla Art,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Teens make art with different media. 3pm.
- 6/10 – South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. General Meeting,** AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. 6:30pm.
- 6/11 – Baby & Toddler Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.
- 6/11 – Preschool Storytime,** Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

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Improvements
Moving Ahead at
Solo Gibbs Park

By Robert Hardy

At a public meeting at Leadenhall Baptist Church on May 8, representatives of Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) and its project team presented updated, detailed plans for improvements to Solo Gibbs Park, the community green space in Sharp-Leadenhall that has been the subject of a BCRP-sponsored redesign project since 2019.

In the near term, ongoing upgrades to the basketball court are expected to be completed by June, and the existing “splash pads” for water play will be repaired and made operational this summer while a redesign is underway. And the design phase of the new recreation center begins this summer.

Katherine Brower, BCRP urban planner and project manager, and Scott Scarpone, project consultant from the architecture firm Mahan Rykiel Associates, recapped the work that has been done to date and previewed next steps, presenting detailed architectural drawings to an engaged audience of nearly two dozen.

According to Scarpone, required topographical and utility surveys, an environmental site assessment, cultural resources investigations, and geotechnical explorations have all been completed. Design development for the North Park (north of Hamburg Street) was completed in early 2024, and by last June construction of a new playground for 2- to 5-year-olds was complete. “We didn’t expect that was going to happen that fast,” Scarpone said, citing as “a nice surprise” a grant secured by BCRP that facilitated construction.

Current work on the basketball court under I-395 just west of Hamburg Street is ongoing, and a redesign to create a hockey/basketball/foosball court area – including a colorful resurfacing – is progressing and is projected to be finished by the end of June. In addition, a design feasibility study for the planned new recreation center in the Main Park (west of Leadenhall Street) has been funded and is anticipated to begin this summer, with a new, adjacent playground included in the plan. The current rec center will remain operational until the new center opens.

As of this spring, construction documents for the remaining portions of the park project are 60 percent complete, with this November as the target for completion and bid advertisement opening in December. “This is when the full set of construction

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“Meet Me at the Koba Café,” a digital illustration by graphic designer Dreama Stafford (above), took first place People’s Choice honors May 4 at the SoBo Arts and Crafts Show during “I Love SoBo Day.” Turn to page 12 to see all the other entries in the inaugural show, which was sponsored by South Baltimore United, the nonprofit publisher of the Peninsula Post. Photo by Steve Cole.

Fort McHenry Hours Extended, New Programs Planned

At the Locust Point Civic Association monthly meeting on May 14, Marie Frías Sauter, the new superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, and Robert Stewart, the assistant superintendent, gave the community an update on upcoming activities at Fort McHenry.

Meeting attendees at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School applauded with enthusiasm when Stewart announced expanded summer hours for the park: from Memorial Day through Labor Day, park grounds will open at 7am daily and close at 6pm on Saturday and Sunday, extended from the previous hours of 9am to 5pm. The Visitor Center and the Star Fort will also be open until 6pm on weekends.

Noting that this year is the 100th anniversary of Fort McHenry’s establishment as a National Park (redes-

igned in 1939 as the park service’s only National Monument and Historic Shrine), Stewart announced that a slate of special programs is planned to celebrate the milestone. In addition to the popular daily morning and evening flag-changing ceremonies, programs will include presentations on the Battle of Baltimore and the War in the Chesapeake, as well as regular Ranger’s Choice programs on selected special topics.

Stewart added that “living history” groups will be coming to Fort McHenry with planned programs exploring themes related not only to the War of 1812, but also to the Fort’s history during the Civil War and the First and Second World Wars.

No plans were announced, however, to reprise the “Long Days” evenings that debuted in the summer of 2023 when park grounds were open to the community until 8pm.

Sauter, a new resident of the Locust Point community, became superintendent of Fort McHenry, Hampton National Historic Site in Towson, and the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail in January. A 30-year veteran of the National Park Service, she was previously superintendent of White Sands National Park in New Mexico. – Robert Hardy





FROM THE EDITOR

Celebrate Print on Your Summer Trip

While the future of print newspapers may not be bright for traditional dailies and weeklies, the paper format like the one you hold in your hand seems to be doing a good job at delivering hyperlocal news to communities. The latest evidence of this trend showed up in *The New York Times* last month in a profile of *The Ditch Weekly*, a summertime print-only paper created entirely by teenagers in Montauk, Long Island. The *Ditch* staff has just begun its second season, distributing 2,000 copies and reportedly turning a profit from advertising alone.

There’s something about a physical newspaper – its expansive display of news and images spread across the page – that is lost on a phone or tablet. This summer, help us celebrate the simple virtues of a print newspaper by taking your *Peninsula Post* on your travels and sending us a photo of you with your paper. Email it with a brief description of your journey to hello@sobopost.org. We’ll print as many as we can in a future issue. – *Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief*

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documents goes out on the street and contractors have the opportunity to bid on the work,” noted Scarpone. After negotiations, “BCRP will award a contract to the winning firm to start construction.” As of now, construction is expected to begin by July 2026 and be completed by the summer of 2027.

According to the plans presented, the North Park’s existing tennis courts will remain intact, as will the main Gwynns Falls Trail, with some improvements. New features will include fitness stations, new lighting on the pathways, a pavilion next to the “flexible” lawn space, and a small “communications hut” tucked into the greenery to facilitate improved Wi-Fi access for the neighborhood. With the new 2- to 5-year-old playground design having incorporated kids’ feedback from community work sessions last year, the next phase of work sessions will facilitate design of a planned playground for kids aged 5 to 12.

New splash pad areas are now included in the next phase of construction in the Main Park, with a splash pad consultant engaged and a detailed design process underway. Scarpone presented design alternatives for these popular water features targeted for various age groups. Community members in attendance voted on some of the elements in question, including colors and shapes of devices, pressure and direction of water sprays, and seating around the pad areas.

To follow up on the archaeology work done in the park (see *Peninsula*



New fitness stations, playground, and pavilion are coming to the north section of Solo Gibbs Park. Illustration courtesy of Baltimore City Recreation and Parks.

Post, June-July 2024), archaeologist Karen Hutchins-Keim of RK&K Civil Engineering reported on the results of last year’s archaeological survey, where she and her team excavated 10 separate sites associated with the 19th- and early 20th-century residences and businesses in the Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood.

When the archaeologists discovered that three of those locations would have been impacted by a proposed storm water management basin, BCRP asked for a second-phase excavation of those locations, which comprised the sites of three rowhouses on what was South Sharp Street. Those sites proved to be mostly “blitzed” archaeologically due to demolition and con-

struction activities for I-395 in the 1970s, as well as from later park construction. Last year’s findings included archaeological evidence of intact 19th-century yard surfaces; building foundations; pieces of ceramics, glass, nails, and buttons; as well as evidence of kitchen structures in back of the house sites.

Hutchins-Keim noted that the findings did not meet the rigorous archaeological criteria that would merit the site’s registration on the National Register of Historic Places. However, Brower added that BCRP now plans to include an exhibition space in the new recreation center that would outline the history uncovered by the excavations and exhibit some of the artifacts.

Student Support Program at Digital Harbor High School Seeking Volunteers

For the past 20 years, the Thread program has been using the power of positive relationships to support students in Baltimore City public schools through high school, graduation, and beyond. The program, founded in Baltimore in 2004, is a community impact organization that enrolls the lowest-performing ninth-grade students at seven low-performing city schools, including Digital Harbor High School, who are facing a variety of challenges in and out of the classroom. Thread

currently supports more than 1,200 young people and alumni.

Students are connected with small groups of volunteers – millennials and retirees, college students and PhD candidates, working professionals and empty nesters – with diverse backgrounds and experiences to build relationships and support students in achieving their goals. From providing rides to school to sharing dinner and meaningful conversations, volunteers provide the type of one-on-one sup-

port that they would with their own family members. While Thread makes a 10-year commitment to students enrolled in the program, volunteers are asked to make just a one-year commitment, although many stay involved for multiple years.

To learn more about Thread, visit thread.org. To find out how you can get involved in the program at Digital Harbor, contact Aaron Seth Walker, manager of partnerships and recruitment, at aaron.walker@thread.org. – *Steve Cole*

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A Place for Pottery Making Opens in SoBo

A studio for people to create pottery and clay sculptures, Mudhouse Pottery Studio (1827 Marshall Street) opened this spring in an airy and light-filled space featuring pottery wheels, tables for hand building and sculpture making, glazes, and two kilns. No experience necessary!

Mudhouse offers one-day workshops and eight-week classes. The space is also available for private events such as birthday parties and corporate team-building workshops. Experienced potters can take advantage of open studio hours when classes are not in session.

Sarah Ahart, the owner of Mudhouse, started creating pottery in elective courses at college and never stopped. In Massachusetts, she joined a community pottery studio and started teaching there. After moving to Baltimore, she taught classes in Fells Point before deciding to open her own studio.

"I like teaching pottery and helping people grow," Ahart said. "I saw the demand [for a studio] was high and there wasn't one in South Baltimore, so I decided to create one."

The art of pottery, or ceramics, is an excuse for adults to play in mud. There are multiple ways of creating with clay, including hand building with slabs or coils, sculpting, and making tiles. Working on the pottery wheel can be challenging but satisfying. The process is to make a ball of clay, slam it on the wheel so it sticks, center it with both hands curled around the

ball, and open the center to make a cup, bowl, or plate. When the clay is leather-hard, it is placed back on the wheel to trim off the excess. Embellishments such as handles, lids, or a spout for a teapot are added later.

Ahart's goal for her students is to have a good time while making pottery and clay constructions. As a creative medium, Ahart said, "clay is low risk because you can recycle the clay. If you don't like what you made, you can smush it up and reuse it."

Nadine Bowen, president of the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association, loves the class she takes at Mudhouse. She's amazed that "you can take a blob of mud and make something from it." She reported that Ahart provides "a good balance of the activities necessary for creating pottery." Centering the clay on the pottery wheel is "very therapeutic," Bowen said, and helps her center herself. Ahart taught her to "not stress over mistakes. There's always something you can do [to adapt the piece] if a mistake is made."

Ahart said, "Support from the community has been awesome." She hopes that the studio will encourage community relationships. Her mission is "to provide a safe and welcoming environment for potters of all levels. A lot of the students become members and learn from each other," Ahart said.

To find out more about Mudhouse, visit mudhousepotterystudio.com or email Ahart at mudhousepotterystudio@gmail.com. — Barbara Stanton



Sarah Ahart leads a class in her new Mudhouse Pottery Studio at E. Wells and Marshall streets. Photo by Philip Smith, 1LPhoto.

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

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

Baltimore Acting Program, 301 E. Fort Avenue. After-school and enrichment programs for grades K through 12 in acting and storytelling. 443-214-8690.

BouJee Boutique Experience, 1057 S. Charles Street. Women's fashion store. bbbyfee.com

Brudah's Caribbean Kitchen, 1400 Key Highway. Restaurant offering Caribbean favorites. 410-774-9722.

Good to Great, 1157 Haubert Street. Cocktail bar with small plates.

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SoBo Grade-School Teams Soar in Multiple Academic Contests

This spring, teams from Federal Hill Preparatory School and Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School excelled in city, state, and international competitions that tested their skills in science, engineering, teamwork, and reading.

At the city level, a five-student team of fourth and fifth graders from Federal Hill Prep received the third highest score in **Baltimore City Schools' Battle of the Books** held on April 25 at Morgan State University. Over 150 students from 34 schools participated in the competition, which tested students' literacy skills through a series of questions about 10 books.

This was the Prep team's first year competing in the Battle of the Books, according to school librarian Melissa Shaull-Thompson, who worked with the students to discuss the books and answer practice questions before the event. The students participating were Racile Alioua, Clara Babb, Abraham Goldstein, Gonzalo Montalvo, and Mason Oquendo. Last year, the competition was won by a SoBo student team from Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School.

At the state level, another Prep team won first place in its division at the Maryland state **Science Olympiad** on April 26 at Clarksville Middle School in Howard County. The team of third, fourth, and fifth graders outperformed 35 schools from around the state. Last year, the Prep team finished sixth in its division.

The Science Olympiad presents

teams with a variety of fast-paced activities that challenge their knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as well as their teamwork skills. According to Matt Craig, a Prep math and science teacher and one of the team's coaches, activities covered aerodynamics, plastics, metrics, "mystery liquids," and concluded with a Science Jeopardy.

Prep students participating in the competition were Racile Aliouz, Aubrielle Andrews, Clara Babb, Yafa Barbour, Charles Blackwell, Landon Bober, Gavin Eugenio, Abe Goldstein, Khaliyah Huntington, Zander Ochillo, Caleb Wallace, Zykeria Washington, Noah Werner, and Paul Wolfe.

At the national and international level, a Francis Scott Key team of third, fourth, and fifth graders placed eighth out of 40 teams from 30 states and 13 countries at the **Destination Imagination Global Tournament** in Kansas City, Mo., on May 25. The "America Runs on Munchkins" team advanced to the tournament after winning the Maryland state championship in March.

Destination Imagination is a worldwide educational program that challenges students to apply STEAM (STEM + arts) skills to solve open-ended challenges without adult assistance. The "Munchkins" selected the Engineering Breaking Point challenge in which they had to design and build equipment to assemble and destroy a stack of items. The team created a palm tree (made of wood, cardboard, and a yoga mat) filled with coconuts (made from wiffle balls, brown sweatpants, and fishing weights). The students on the team were Clare Bowen, Henry Dugan, Henry Kearns, John Kraft, William Lanham, Zachary Lanham, and Coraline Robinson. – *Steve Cole*

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Building Luxury Houseboats You Can Book Online

By Saskia Lindsay

Brian Meyer had a big dream, and he's bringing it to life here on the South Baltimore peninsula. In 2023, Meyer co-founded FLOHOM, a floating hotel business that now features five luxury houseboats in Baltimore, with more currently under construction. Earlier this year, the *Peninsula Post* visited the construction facility at Port Covington Marina, where these floating retreats are built before being launched onto the water.

"Our young company is pioneering experiential hospitality, but we're pioneering it on the water," Meyer said. "It's all about access. We're putting FLOHOMs in exclusive marinas that normally someone can't just show up and go on the water. We're giving people access to an exclusive lifestyle, which can be the boating community. It's been received really well from both our guests and the local boaters."

At the Port Covington facility, FLOHOMs are built using a modular construction approach, allowing the company to produce up to three units simultaneously. Inside the wide, open building where the houseboats are constructed, the space has been transformed into a full-scale FLOHOM workshop. While the *Peninsula Post* was there, a team of workers was busy framing out a new unit: cutting lumber, checking measurements, and steadily bringing the floating homes to life. The entire process – from the moment construction begins to the day the first guest is welcomed aboard – takes about four months.

While touring the facility, the *Peninsula Post* observed FLOHOMs being officially transformed into floating homes on the water, where final assembly and finishing touches take place. Once the cabin is built at the marina, it is loaded onto a flatbed truck and transported to wherever it is being launched onto the water. There, a hull is brought in for the cabin to rest on.

Out of the five rentable FLOHOMs in Baltimore, two are in the Inner Harbor Marina, two at Lighthouse Point Marina in Canton, and one at Port Covington Marina. Each FLOHOM features extensive amenities including rooftop decks, fully equipped kitchens, luxury



Five FLOHOM houseboats featuring fully equipped kitchens and rooftop decks are currently afloat in Baltimore marinas and available for rent year-round, according to founder Brian Meyer (left). FLOHOMs are constructed at the Port Covington Marina. Photos by Mary Braman.

bathrooms, king- or queen-sized premium mattresses, and smart-home technology.

FLOHOMs come in a variety of sizes. The SEALUX model offers 850 square feet of living space, with one- and two-bedroom layouts available. The HARBOR model is more compact at around 530 square feet, with a one-bedroom design. And the SUPER suite comes in at approximately 420 square feet. FLOHOMs are available for rent year-round, with nightly rates ranging from \$400 to \$800. (Visit flohomm.com for reservation details.)

A FLOHOM stay is "a great way for people in the local community to celebrate special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries," Meyer said. "What's cool about Baltimore is that historically, this was an industrial waterfront. Now, people are enjoying the waterfront recreationally, too."

Baltimore's history as a working wa-

terfront stretches back to the 1700s. The area now known as the Baltimore Peninsula, where FLOHOMs are constructed, once thrived with shipbuilding, manufacturing, and warehousing. In the early 1900s, this area turned into an industrial hub featuring extensive rail yards, coal and grain piers, and warehouses.

Meyer says that FLOHOM not only provides the local community with a unique waterfront experience, but is also helping to generate local jobs. FLOHOM partners with area nonprofits, such as Second Chance and Living Classrooms, which offer workforce reentry programs, allowing local individuals to contribute to the building, maintenance, and operation of the houseboats.

"These men and women have so many skills: carpentry, plumbing, construction, and framing," said Meyer. "Those are all jobs that we're looking

for as we continue to grow."

Meyer's dream isn't stopping at the Baltimore waterfront. The company has a placement in National Harbor near Washington, D.C., and FLOHOMs will also be coming to Virginia Beach and Florida. He has a vision to continue building on the water, as areas across the country, including Baltimore, are increasingly threatened by flooding and rising water levels. Baltimore's harbor has experienced a sea level rise of approximately one foot in the past century, a trend that is expected to continue, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"My vision is moving society onto the water," Meyer said. "What we're doing here now is from a hospitality concept, but we have a vision for residential and commercial floating communities." FLOHOMs are also available for purchase, Meyer said, starting at \$250,000.

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SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

Summer is just about here, and I, for one, cannot WAIT. The warmer weather really lends itself to an incredible offering of events and activities for SoBo parents. – *Beth Mayr*

Community Events

Second Sundays: Riverside Park Concerts. Every second Sunday from June through September, people gather in Riverside Park for live music and food trucks. We'll pack a picnic and bring blankets and one of those parachutes for some easy entertainment. *5pm*

Find Your Way to Pre-K. Each week from June 7 to July 19, learn about pre-K in Baltimore City Public Schools, all while enjoying a free, fun day for the whole family! Locations include a ton of places my family loves, including the American Visionary Art Museum (June 21) and the Maryland Science Center (July 19), plus a few we'd love to explore for the first time. Registration is required. *tinyurl.com/FYW2Pk2025*

Federal Hill 4th of July Parade. This parade is great for all ages, and at only a few blocks' walk to/from Federal Hill Park, the distance is perfect for littles with short attention spans. Kids are encouraged to adorn their scooters or bikes with festive decor. The parade ends with entertainment and fun back where it begins on the 800 block of William Street.

Thursdays in July starting July 10: Flicks on the Hill. A staple in the pen-

insula summer is the movie nights at the American Visionary Art Museum, where a movie is projected on the outside of the museum and viewers watch from the side of Federal Hill. Feel free to bring drinks or snacks. *Activities and food trucks from 5 to 9pm, followed by the movie.*

Playground Tour in Federal Hill Park. Baltimore Family Alliance is continuing its popular Playground Tour series, hosting events in parks throughout the city. The whole list looks awesome, but they will be on the peninsula at Federal Hill Park on Thursday, July 24. *5:30-7pm, baltimorefamilies.org*

God's Best Family SoBo Friends and Family Fun Day. This annual summer festival is always a hit for peninsula families, including games, food, music, and so much more. Date to be announced, but don't miss out on this fun for all. *godsbestfamilymd.com*

Fluid Movement Water Ballet. Every year, a synchronized swimming show is hosted right in our neighborhood pool! This year's theme is Dive into Banned Books: A Water Ballet of Resistance and Joy. It will be at the Riverside Park pool on the weekend of July 26. *fluidmovement.org/2025waterballet*

Ongoing Summer Fun

Water Fun. My kiddos love taking swim lessons at Digital Harbor High School through LSI Swim, which offers lessons for littles starting at 6 months old. They are excited to practice their



MARY BRAMAN

skills in the Riverside Park pool or at the Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center (an indoor pool with an incredible slide for the bigger kids). The splash pad by the Inner Harbor should be a good option also, though hours may vary. *lifesavinginstruction.com/swim-lessons*

Light Street Branch of Enoch Pratt Library. Our local library offers SO many free activities! Their Summer Break Baltimore program started May 31, and every individual can get one free book per month (to keep!), plus an awesome T-shirt and much more. The librarians at the front desk can add you to the distribution list to hear about all the events. They often have workshops, speakers, and more for a variety of age groups. Did you know that the Light Street branch has a mini food pantry? It's next to the teen section where the circulation desk used to be. Anyone is free to take what they need or give what they have, no questions asked.

Fort McHenry. Did you know that ev-

ery day at Fort McHenry, if you are there at either 10am or 4pm, you can assist with raising and lowering the flag? A perfect, fun activity for the kiddos! Lots of families I know love walking to the Fort for a picnic, to run around, or to see the beautiful views.

Friendly Reminders

Summer is the time when many registrations and appointments pop up, so here are some reminders. Schedule your annual doctor appointments. Turn in your school health forms. If you are still searching for schools for the fall, visit the Baltimore City Schools' website for summer enrollment procedures. Sign up for South Baltimore Youth Soccer League (registration is open through June 15). Renew any museum memberships to get through those summer days. (Baltimore Museum of Industry, Maryland Science Center, National Aquarium, and Port Discovery are huge hits in my household.) And be sure to follow your favorite peninsula newspaper on Facebook and Instagram!

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Peninsula Community Groups Gear Up for a Busy Summer



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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We've launched an innovative bar safety initiative! Federal Hill Main Street has provided networked ID scanners to bars and restaurants throughout the Federal Hill business district. This first-of-its-kind initiative in Baltimore City directly addresses the neighborhood's increased security needs as the busy summer season approaches. The technology allows establishments to work collaboratively to prevent underage drinking and reduce incidents that could jeopardize public safety and/or business operations.

The ID Scanner Program, funded through a grant from the Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development, represents a significant investment in Federal Hill's hospitality industry and public safety infrastructure. The program equips participating establishments with advanced technology to verify customer identification, detect fake IDs, and share information about disruptive patrons.

The initiative comes at a critical time as Federal Hill prepares for increased foot traffic during the summer months. As a pilot program, the program will initially include 25 Federal Hill establishments with potential for expansion based on results. The program balances enhanced security with strong privacy protections, ensuring compliance with all applicable laws while giving businesses the tools they need to operate responsibly.

Key features of the program include: advanced ID authentication technology that can detect fake IDs from all 50 states, a secure information-sharing network among participating businesses, comprehensive staff training on system use and privacy protection,

strict protocols to prevent discrimination and protect patron privacy, and enhanced documentation capabilities for security incidents.

Federal Hill Main Street developed the program in close consultation with local business owners to ensure it addresses their specific needs while aligning with our mission to promote a safe, vibrant commercial district. – Submitted by Shannon Faust, Project Manager

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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Thank you to all the volunteers and Digital Harbor High School students who came to our **neighborhood clean-up!** We were able to remove about 50 bags of trash from the school courtyard and Robert Baker Park.

On the **public safety front**, our team of volunteers has been hard at work managing both the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office deployments and the SOBO Camera Network. The deployments have been wildly successful, as many of you have probably seen. As of May 14, sheriff's deputies have spent 340 hours walking around the Federal Hill Entertainment District resulting in 25 moving violations, 208 parking citations, 155 business checks, and 31 citizen interactions.

The grant supporting this effort, however, will run out this summer. If you think the deployments have had a positive impact on the neighborhood, please write to your state and local elected officials requesting a more durable law enforcement presence in our entertainment district.

If you have not already, please join our SOBO Camera Network. Private cameras have been instrumental in solving crimes in our neighborhood.

Finally, State's Attorney for Baltimore City Ivan Bates will be attending our next monthly meeting on June 17, so be sure to attend! – Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Summer is upon us, and the coming months will be filled with fun, games,



and relaxation.

Another **Dumpster Day** is coming! Mark your calendars for June 28, 8am-12pm. Bring your unwanted items to the Digital Harbor High School parking lot. We will be there with coffee and donuts.

FHSNA will be holding a **general association meeting** on June 24 at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 6:30-8pm. Please join us to hear what is going on in your neighborhood. No general association meetings will be held in July and August.

We need YOU to join FHSNA to keep our neighborhood vibrant and friendly. Visit our website, click the menu bar at top left corner, and choose, "FHSNA Store" (fhsna.square.site). Membership is only \$10; seniors are free. – Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President

Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA is preparing for the **general meeting** on June 18 with Delegate Luke Clippinger who will do a wrap-up summary of the recent legislative session.

The KHCA board is working on completing the details for the remediation of the Fort Avenue Bridge under-lighting project that required bird control for the wires. – Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President

Locust Point Civic Association

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LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on June 11 and August 13 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle

School on E. Fort Avenue. All meetings start at 7:30pm.

We will be having our annual **Locust Point Festival** on September 13 from 11am to 6pm. If you are interested in having a table or being a vendor, please visit mylocustpoint.org/locust-point-festival.

LPCA is **accepting nominations for board seats**. We have one board position and the Corresponding Secretary slot vacant at this time. LPCA's is a "working board," which means that each member takes on a responsibility to help lead activities in an area of interest to them and the community. Subject 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 it is all about. You can apply at the June membership meeting.

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

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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RNA and the Friends of Riverside Park are excited about the funding received during this legislative session. Team 46 reported that the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks was awarded \$750,000 in the state's fiscal year 2026 capital budget to **revitalize the Riverside Park pool**

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Second Sunday concerts at the Riverside Park gazebo, sponsored by the Riverside Neighborhood Association, start June 8 with the Tom Starr Band.

and bathhouse. This funding marks the beginning of the long-awaited renovations at the pool. We want to thank Team 46 for continuing to push for this renovation in a challenging fiscal climate to help get this work done.

RNA is absolutely buzzing with excitement as we kick off our **Riverside Park Second Sundays** music series starting on June 8! None of this would be possible without the incredible support from Domino Sugar, which generously sponsors our concert series every year. Join us for music, fun, and community spirit!

Wishing everyone on the peninsula a safe and fun summer! – *Submitted by Jeff Dewberry, President*

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association
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Led by President Tara McNulty, SBNA meets at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at AJ's on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover St, second floor), except in August (no meeting) and December (holiday party).

At our **general membership meeting** on June 10, we will hear from representatives of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation about

their work on the intersection of S. Charles and W. Hamburg streets. Federal Hill Main Street is involved in this project. DOT will also discuss work planned for the intersection of S. Charles and Ostend streets, which is being coordinated by SBNA's 311 Chair, Jonathan Deprosse. The next two membership meetings are July 8 and September 9.

SBNA includes the blocks between Cross Street (to the north), McComas Street (to the south), Race Street (to the west), and Light Street (to the east).

SBNA is always seeking new members! Annual membership fees (\$20 per person) cover 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.

A special thank you to Max Reason and Rebecca Bielamowicz who volunteered to represent SBNA at **I Love SoBo Day** on May 4.

If you live in SBNA and are interested in volunteering, the following committees are recruiting: Clean & Green, Public Safety, and Website. Check out our recently revamped website for more information. – *Submitted by Justin Lane, Secretary*



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- 6/11 – Baltimore Peninsula Spring Fling**, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. Interactive offerings, giveaways, activities, and bites & drinks. 4-6pm.
- 6/11 – Farmers’ Market**, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. 5-8pm.
- 6/11 – Sunset Salsa**, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.
- 6/11 – Skip the Small Talk**, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Lively conversations for people in their 30’s. 7-9pm. \$
- 6/11 – Locust Point Civic Assoc. Membership Meeting**, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. 7:30pm.
- 6/12 – Paddle and Flow Class**, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$
- 6/12 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$
- 6/12 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.
- 6/12 – Music: All Good Now**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 6/13 – Kayak Lessons**, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$
- 6/13 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$
- 6/13 – Monthly Bingo**, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

- 6/14-15 – Community Open Play: Pickleball & Volleyball**, Club Volo, 300 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. Free use of courts. 2-5pm.
- 6/14 – Paddle and Flow Class**, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 7:30am. \$
- 6/14 – Pancake Breakfast and Magic Show**, Locust Point Community Church, 1308 Beason St. 8:30-11:30am.
- 6/14 – Paddleboard Lessons**, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$
- 6/14 – Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.
- 6/14 – Boards and Breakfast**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skate lessons for kids 12 and under with pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.
- 6/14 – Outdoor Sculptures Tour**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 11am. \$
- 6/14 – Summer Family Dance Party**, Key Neapolitan, 1302 Key Hwy. Live music by Common Tone. 4:30pm. \$
- 6/15 – Historic Federal Hill Neighborhood Walking Tour**, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. Walking tour of Federal Hill led by Baltimore Heritage. 9:30am-10:30am.\$
- 6/15 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$
- 6/15 – Barbecue Cruise**, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Two-hour cruise through the Inner Harbor with barbecue buffet and open beer & wine bar. 11am-1pm. \$

- 6/15 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup**, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Join neurodivergent peers for a playdate. 5pm. \$
- 6/15 – Sunset Kayak Tour**, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$
- 6/16 – Belly Dance Classes**, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels. 7-8pm. \$
- 6/17 – Playdate at the Library**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching play. 10:30am.
- 6/18 – Baby & Toddler Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.
- 6/18 – Preschool Storytime**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.
- 6/18 – Sunset Salsa**, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.
- 6/18 – Music: The Right Direction Project**, Little Havana’s Hemingway Room, 1325 Key Hwy. Hosted by the Sonic Life-line jazz series. 7pm. \$
- 6/19 – Paddle and Flow Class**, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$
- 6/19 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry**, 2400 E. Fort Ave. In honor of Juneteenth National Independence Day. 9am-4:45pm.
- 6/19 – National Anthem Tour by Sea**, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour narrated cruise through Baltimore history past Fell’s Point and Fort McHenry to the Francis Scott Key buoy. 11:30am. \$
- 6/19 – Community Run/Walk**, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

- 6/19 – Classic Cocktails Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about the history of Sazerac and Black Manhattan, then mix up a traditional cocktail. 6:30pm. \$
- 6/20 – Kayak Lessons**, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$
- 6/20 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class**, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$
- 6/21-22 – Community Open Play: Pickleball & Volleyball**, Club Volo, 300 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. Free use of courts. 2-5pm.
- 6/20 – Music: The Dirty Grass Players**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$
- 6/21 – Paddleboard Lessons**, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$
- 6/21 – Farmers’ Market**, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.
- 6/21 – Wildlife Gardening: Birding and Backyard Blooms**, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 10am.
- 6/21 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.
- 6/21 – Printed Tote Bag**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Learn how to screen print a tote bag. 1-4pm. \$
- 6/21 – Whiskey on the Waterfront**, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food, and beverages. 12pm.
- 6/21 – The Music of Stevie Wonder**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discussion of Stevie Wonder led by Dr. Judah Adashi. 3pm.
- 6/21 – Music: SOOHAN, G-Type Star, and Night Wife**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

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6/21 – Solstice Gala, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Annual center fundraiser with live music, cocktails, food, and dancing. 8pm-12am. \$

6/22 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

6/22 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

6/22 – Boats & Brews, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Craft beer experience. 2-4pm. \$

6/22 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Join neurodivergent peers for a playdate. 5pm. \$

6/22 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

6/23 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels. 7-8pm. \$

6/24 – Crafternoon: Clothespin Critters, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3:30pm.

6/24 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Small-group environment for all levels. 5-7pm.

6/25 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

6/25 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

6/25 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

6/25 – Soccer: Christos FC vs. Annapolis Blue FC, Under Armour Stadium, 2601 Port Covington Dr. USL League Two men's semiprofessional teams. 7pm. \$

6/26 – Paddle and Flow Class, B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

6/26 – History with Hopkins, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Walking tour of Federal Hill led by Johns Hopkins. 6-7:30pm. \$

6/26 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm. \$

6/26 – Advanced Mixology, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix like the pros. 6:30pm. \$

6/27 – Kayak Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$

6/27 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

6/27 – Music: Better Off Dead, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/28-29 – Community Open Play: Pickleball & Volleyball, Club Volo, 300 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. Free use of courts. 2-5pm.

6/28 – Baltimore Dragon Boat Challenge, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Dragon boat races, DJ, and food trucks. 8am-5pm.

6/28 – Privateer Day, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Learn about the history of privateers. 9am. \$

6/28 – Paddleboard Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$

6/28 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

6/28 – Domino Day, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Giant domino display presented by Domino Sugars. 10am. \$

6/28 – The Play(ful) Gala, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Celebrating the intersection of sports, art, and activism. 5:30pm-12am. \$

6/28 – Music: Jay Jay featuring Greg Boyer, Ali Tod, and DJ Kiddphunk, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/29 – bRUNch Fun Run, Diamondback Brewery, 1215 E. Fort Ave. 2.8-mile run led by FX training team. 10am. \$

6/29 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

6/29 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

6/29 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

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

7/2 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

7/2 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

7/3 – Paddle and Flow Class, B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

7/3 – Cards and Cocktails with Molly B, Captain Larry's, 601 E. Fort Ave. Oracle card readings. 6-9pm. \$

7/3 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about the history of Sazerac and Black Manhattan, then mix up a traditional cocktail. 6:30pm. \$

7/3 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

7/4 – Patriotic Paddle, B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 6am. \$

7/4 – Celebrate the Glorious Fourth, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. 10am. \$

7/4 – Hot Dog Eating Contest, Cross Street Market. Live music, vendors, and hot dogs. 10:30am-3pm.

7/4 – Kayak Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$

7/4 – Park & Picnic, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Live music, outdoor games, and epic views of the fireworks. 6pm. \$

7/4 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

7/4 – Fireworks Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Enjoy the fireworks as you cruise the Inner Harbor. 7:30-10pm. \$

7/4 – Fireworks Cruise on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Enjoy the fireworks aboard the luxury yacht Raven. 8-10:30pm. \$

7/5 – Paddleboard Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$

7/5 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/5 – Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Upright Women Wanted* by Sarah Gailey. 11am.

7/5 – Summer Family Dance Party, Key Neapolitan, 1302 Key Hwy. Live music by Common Tone. 4:30pm. \$

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

7/6 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

7/6 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

7/7 – Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Read-and-critique group for writers in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

7/8 – South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. General Meeting, AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. 6:30pm.

7/8 – Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. 11am.

7/9 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

7/9 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

7/9 – Music: Florencia and the Feeling with Taisha Estrada and Josee Molavi, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/9 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

7/10 – Paddle and Flow Class, B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

7/10 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

7/10 – Glow in the Dark Paddle, B'more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Sunset tour of the Inner Harbor for experienced paddleboarders. 8pm. \$

7/11 – Anime and Manga Cafe, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion about anime and manga. 3pm.

7/11 – Kayak Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$

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

7/11 – Music: Noah Pierre Band, Chris Anderson, and New Variety Collective, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/12-13 – Bubble Days, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. A weekend filled with bubble-related activities. 12-4pm. \$

7/12 – Paddleboard Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$

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The annual Baltimore Dragon Boat Challenge returns to the Middle Branch at West Covington Park on June 28. Photo by Mary Braman.

7/12 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 9am. \$

7/12 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/12 – Boards and Breakfast, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skate lessons for kids 12 and under with pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

7/12 – Soccer: Christos FC vs. Virginia Marauders, Under Armour Stadium, 2601 Port Covington Dr. USL League Two men’s semiprofessional teams. 7pm. \$

7/12 – Music: Bond and Bentley with Old Eastern, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/13 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

7/13 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. 5pm. \$

7/13 – Music: Roses ‘n’ Rust, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks. 5-8pm.

7/13 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

7/14 – Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

7/14 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels. 7-8pm. \$

7/15 – Music: Kyle Rising and The Happys, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/16 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

7/16 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11:30am.

7/16 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

7/17 – Paddle and Flow Class, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

7/17 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. 6:30pm.

7/18 – Super Smash Brothers Tournament, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Video game tournament. 2:30-4:30pm.

7/18 – Kayak Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$

7/18 – Music Under the Dome: Grateful Dead, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Immersive planetarium show featuring curated imagery set to a playlist. 7-10pm. \$

7/19 – Paddleboard Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$

7/19 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/19 – Wildlife Gardening: Scales and Tales, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 10am.

7/19 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteer group. 11am.

7/19 – Writers LIVE, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book signing by Paola Vargas-Strassner. 11am.

7/19 – Whiskey on the Waterfront, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food, and beverages. 12pm.

7/19 – Music: Corner Pocket Jazz Band, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

7/19 – Music: Danger Bird, Milagro Azul, and Blue Miracle, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/20 – Historic Federal Hill Neighborhood Walking Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30am-10:30am.\$

7/20 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

7/20 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Join neurodivergent peers for a playdate. 5pm. \$

7/20 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

7/21 – Kitchen Science, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Fun science experiments using common household items. 3pm.

7/21 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels. 7-8pm. \$

7/23 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

7/23 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

7/23 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

7/24 – Paddle and Flow Class, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 6-7:45am. \$

7/24 – SoBo Photo Contest Awards and Reception, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Top photos selected by an online poll and a celebrity judge. Sponsored by the *South Baltimore Peninsula Post*. 6:30pm.

7/24 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. 6:30pm.

7/25 – Kayak Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 5pm. \$

7/25 – Music: Coby Siegel, Grayson Moon, and EMPRIS, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

7/26 & 27 – Fluid Movement Water Ballet, Riverside Park Pool. This year’s theme is “Dive into Banned Books: A Water Ballet of Resistance and Joy.” 5 & 7pm. \$

7/26 – Paddleboard Lessons, Eastern Watersports, 301 E. Cromwell St., Baltimore Peninsula. 9am. \$

7/26 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

7/26 – 10th Anniversary Celebration of Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Live readings from the anthology book. 2-4pm.

7/27 – Inner Harbor Kayak Paddling Tour, 401 Light St., promenade near Maryland Science Center. 1-4pm. \$

7/27 – Neuro-Inclusive Playgroup, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. 5pm. \$

7/27 – Sunset Kayak Tour, Eastern Watersports, 13 Rye St., Baltimore Peninsula. 6pm. \$

7/29 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

7/29 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Small-group environment for all levels. 5-7pm.

7/30 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

7/30 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11:30am.

7/30 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free Latin dancing lessons, music, local food and drinks. 7pm.

7/31 – Paddle and Flow Class, B’more SUP, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 6-7:45am. \$

8/1-2 – Music: Jerry’s Birthday Party with Cris Jacobs and Friends, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

8/1 – Peninsula Post Issue #26 available at outlets across the SoBo peninsula.

8/2 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

8/2 – Crafty Cat Blankets, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a no-sew blanket to be donated to BARCS. 11am.

8/2 – Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month’s book is *The Pairing* by Casey McQuiston. 11am.

8/3 – Crab Feast Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Three-hour cruise around the harbor. 12pm. \$

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Kourtney Herold
Crochet, acrylic

Amy Quinn Digges
Hand-inked with micron pens



Julie Dennis, acrylic paint,
oil pastels, Posca paint pens



Caroline Hayden
Oil paint on canvas board



Ellie Flock, prints and polymer clay

SoBo Arts and Crafts Show Draws a Variety of Local Talent

The first-ever “SoBo Arts and Crafts Show and Contest” displayed the work of 15 SoBohemians during the annual “I Love SoBo Day” celebration at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on May 4. Nearly 300 attendees voted for their favorite pieces.

The first place People’s Choice award went to Dreama Stafford for her illustration featuring Koba Café (see page 1). Deanna Clark won second place for her cross-stitch of Baltimore’s Mr. Trash Wheel. Third place honors went to Julie Dennis for her painting “A Sweet Day in SoBo” of the interior of a Baltimore rowhome.



Ruth Foy
Knitted with wool (merino) and glass beads



Nadine Bowen
Hand-blown glass



Ann M. Hensel, collage on canvas



Kierran Petersen, counted cross-stitch and 14-count aida cloth



Gabrielle Brager
Pencil on canvas



Deanna Clark, cross-stitch



Megan Gerst
Acrylic paints on canvas



Carlie Sleeman, hand-knit cardigan



Linda Speaker
Dried leaves,
flowers, needles