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SOBO EVENTS

October 7 - December 6, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

Sunset Jams at Rash Field

(10/10, 10/17, 10/24)

Pet Howl-O-Ween Parade

(10/25)

Thomas Johnson Fall Festival

(11/15)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

10/7 - Girls Soccer: DHHS vs. Edmondson-Westside High School, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor home game. 3:45pm.

10/8 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

10/8 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

10/8 - LPCA Membership Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

10/9 - Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

10/9 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

10/9 - Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

10/9 - Thursday Night Fright, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Watch *The Thing* on the IMAX screen, preshow happy hour. 8pm. \$

10/10 - Sunset Jams: Jazz Jam Session, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music, family activities, and food & drink from local vendors. 5-8pm.

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

10/10 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

10/10 - Music: (RAGE)fest 8, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/11 - Bienvenidos al Museo, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Free admission, audio tours available in Spanish, and opportunities to connect with the Latin community. 9am-4pm.

10/11 - NAMIWalks Greater Baltimore, The Lawn, 201 E. Cromwell St. Fundraising walk to raise awareness for mental illness. 9am.

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Repair of Federal Hill's East Slope Underway (Again)

By Robert Hardy

Construction that began this summer is currently still in progress to repair the east slope of Federal Hill Park overlooking the American Visionary Art Museum along Covington Street. The work, which includes removing the "riprap" stone drainage area at the base of the hill, creating additional underdrains, and undertaking new slope stabilization efforts, is expected to last through the end of the year, according to the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks.

The riprap stones on the lower section of the hillside, between the ends of Warren Avenue and E. Hamburg Street, were installed in 2019 as a temporary solution to address ongoing erosion that had caused a swath of soil to slide down the hill, damaging the Covington Street sidewalk. The current construction is intended as a more permanent solution to persistent erosion issues.

Overseen by Rec and Parks, the \$454,000 project is being done by RK&K, with Kate Brower as the city's project manager. In August, the riprap stones were removed and the hillside was reshaped to create a flat "bench" terrace across the steep slope to facilitate water drainage. New drains and adjacent sidewalks were installed at the top of the hill between Warren and E. Hamburg. In September, rolls of green plastic netting were spread over the newly seeded hillside and staked to the ground to help stabilize the slope.

The history of the city's efforts to maintain the physical integrity of the park's steep slopes reveals the difficulty and ongoing expense of preserv-



A PAJAMA-CLAD LOCUST POINTER watches the start of the annual Defenders' Day parade on September 12 as the procession marches down Hull Street toward Fort McHenry. The annual event, featuring National Park Service staff and the Fort McHenry Guard, celebrates the night that Francis Scott Key watched the British bombardment of the Fort in 1814. Photo by Steve Cole.

ing the historic hillside.

The "great bank of clay" noted by Captain John Smith in 1608 has been laced with tunnels dug to excavate clay and sand since Baltimore's earliest days. For years, local breweries used hillside tunnels for storing kegs of beer. During the Civil War, Union soldiers at Fort Federal Hill dug tunnels to store guns and ammunition. By 1880, when Federal Hill was designated as a public park, the clay and sand hillsides were notoriously unstable (see *Peninsula Post*, May 2021).

In the 1930s, Works Progress Administration crews made improvements to the park that included repairing walkways and grading and smoothing the east and west slopes. According to press reports, a cave-in in 1952 opened a 40-foot hole in the east slope that required city workers to dump 30 truckloads of clay to fill it.

In the ensuing years, cave-ins on

the hill became fairly routine. In 1972, heavy snowfall caused the eastern sidewalk to collapse and a large section of the hillside to drop several feet. Geologists attributed the collapse to one of the Civil War-era tunnels.

In the spring of 1992, the city closed Federal Hill Park primarily because of safety concerns. The three-year, \$1.9 million reconstruction that followed included "drainage control and stabilization to halt frequent cave-ins and erosion" by "installing slope drains and a retaining wall," according to the *Baltimore Sun*. In 1995, additional erosion control work cost the city \$500,000.

Before that work was finished, in February 1996, a new 90-foot fissure opened on the north slope after heavy rain and snowmelt. According to the *Sun*, the city spent \$1 million to repair the north slope fissure in the fall of 1998. Contractors removed 6 feet of topsoil and cut grooves in the clay base to help hold the soil in place, a project that took another year to complete.

Following the installation of the temporary riprap drainage stones at the base of the east slope in 2019, the *Sun* reported in October 2021 that the city's third effort in a decade to keep Federal Hill "from sliding into the Harbor" would be another \$1.9 million project that involved more extensive work to remove still more topsoil from the north slope and portions of the east and west slopes, lay pipes for drainage, and replace 8 feet of sandy topsoil with stones while adding a layer of synthetic netting between the rocks and the soil to hold the materials in place.

A spokesman for the Department of Public Works noted at the time, "The true test will come when it's all done and we see how things hold."



Work to reshape and stabilize a section of the side of Federal Hill Park overlooking Covington Street started in August to address persistent erosion issues.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Let's Hear It For Newspapers!

If you're reading this, we know you're a newspaper consumer. (This issue is only available in print until December.) If you're a regular reader of the *Peninsula Post*, we hope you value the mix of hyperlocal news, events, and in-depth features that you get to hold in your hands six times a year.

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Details on how you can contribute are on page 8 of this issue and at our website. We're offering two special donation levels designed with the budget-conscious SoBohemian in mind that come with some very special thank you gifts. We hope you'll pitch in. Thank you in advance for your support! – Steve Cole, Editor

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'Strength to Be Joyful' Exhibit Opens at AVAM

In August, the American Visionary Art Museum opened a small but powerful exhibit of Southern artist Mary Proctor's work, "The Strength to Be Joyful." Proctor's work is full of bright colors and shine. In piecing together collages of plates, buttons, and other found objects on doors and windows, it is as if she is gluing a broken world back together. Bold black print painted on the artwork tells stories of her family and messages of hope.

Born in 1960 in Jefferson County, Florida, Proctor's life is full of resilience and strength. After she could no longer work as a nurse's aide due to a botched surgery, she collected objects from dumpsters, garbage cans, and the side of the road. She sold these items and opened a flea market named "Noah's Art Antiques." When the grandmother who raised her died in a tragic fire, Proctor fasted for 30 days and felt compelled to paint a door. This began her adventure in the form her artwork takes today. Proctor's work reminds us that there is always joy inside us just waiting to come out.

A humorous piece shows two women with dresses and shoes made from cut-up coffee cans. Each woman holds a real porcelain cup. Above the women is a rhyming conversation the women have about the difficulties of marriage, but the story ends with "love" written in red.

In another piece, Proctor used the six panels of a window like a comic



Mary Proctor's work features colorful collages of found objects, doors, and windows. The exhibit opened at the American Visionary Art Museum in August.

book frame. The artwork tells a story about accidentally ruining pies when she was a child. The dresses are made of broken pottery to suggest the pies that spilled off a cabinet. Instead of the punishment she expects, her grandmother forgives her. In the last panel, they hold hands as if dancing.

The theme of mending clothes and spirit is represented by a dress made

of buttons. A charming detail is an actual jar of buttons such as her grandmother kept.

The "Strength to Be Joyful" exhibit is on the third floor of the museum and will be open for the next two years. The American Visionary Art Museum (800 Key Highway) is open Wednesday through Sunday 10am-5pm. – Barbara Stanton

Learning Center Set to Reopen this Month for Fall Semester

Smith wrote.

For over three decades, SBLC has offered Baltimoreans a variety of programs for adult learners, including GED preparation classes, the National External Diploma Program, and workforce development training. About half of its current operating budget of \$1.4 million comes from federal and state government sources.

The good news about the restoration of funding paused in July came with some difficult news for the nonprofit, Smith said. "We did receive a huge reduction in our state Literacy Works line. We lost \$147,000, and that came with a whole other set of challenges." She reports that similar organizations across the state also experienced budget reductions.

The government funding turmoil did result in a reduction of SBLC staff,

Smith said, but not in its programs. When the Center reopens, "I expect to have learners in the seats and all our programs running. Our Careers Skill Academy will be taking off. Our mindfulness programs will be taking off. I imagine everything going full force ahead as if we were never interrupted."

SBLC closed its doors on July 16, just two weeks after the start of the summer semester. A record number of learners had enrolled for the semester (182), according to Smith.

During the shutdown, SBLC appealed to government leaders in Maryland and to the public for donations that would allow the Center to reopen during the summer. Smith said that although some donations were received, including one from the Venable Foundation, they were not enough to meet the need. – Steve Cole

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Oyster Gardening Efforts Expand in SoBo Peninsula Waters

Baltimore's harbor and the Chesapeake Bay are getting a little bit cleaner and more vibrant, thanks in part to the ongoing oyster gardening initiative led by the Oyster Recovery Partnership, a collaboration between the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The all-volunteer project is entering its 13th season, with a new goal announced on August 26: to grow 5 million oysters over the next five years, a major increase over the current 400,000 oysters raised annually.

Oysters help improve water quality: one oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day. But due to overharvesting and pollution, local oyster populations have plummeted. Today, the Bay is believed to contain around 3 percent of its original oyster population.

This year's oyster gardening season kicked off in September at various locations around the harbor and the Middle Branch, including the Port Covington Marina. On September 13, more than 40 volunteers, including students from Coppin State University and local residents, gathered at the marina to learn about the Partnership's restoration efforts and take part in oyster gardening.

Volunteers and members of the Partnership filled 120 oyster cages with shells covered with young oysters (spat), to accompany 60 cages that were prepared the week before. This was just the midway point of a long and collaborative process that involves nonprofits, Baltimore restaurants, and volunteers.

It all starts with discarded oyster shells, which are picked up from participating restaurants. (Any restaurant or individual with a large amount of discarded shells can donate them by dropping off shells at the designated area in the parking lot at the Baltimore Museum of Industry next to General Ship Repair.)



Over 40 volunteers, including students from Coppin State University (left), pitched in to expand the oyster gardening efforts at Port Covington Marina on September 13. The project is part of the Oyster Recovery Partnership's goal of doubling the number of oysters raised in Baltimore waters. Photos by Mary Braman.

Once shells are collected, they are aged in the sunlight for a year to ensure any residue or foreign bacteria is removed. Then the Partnership introduces the spat to the shells. Currently, wild oysters have around a one percent survival rate due to predators and low oxygen levels; the young oysters grown by the Partnership have a 70 percent survival rate.

Participants at the Port Covington Marina event catalogued the amount of spat on each shell and secured the shells in their cages to be sunk into the waters of the Middle Branch. The spat matures through the winter and spring, and the shells are then pulled up and planted at the oyster sanctuary near Fort Carroll, just south of the site of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. The sanctuary, which has had 6 million oysters planted in it to date, was

inaccessible after the collapse of the bridge last year but the habitat was unscathed. Now, the process of adding to the sanctuary has resumed.

Project coordinators point out that the oyster recovery program does more than just restore oyster population and improve water quality. It reconnects people with the Bay and makes environmental stewardship and education accessible to all. For learn more, visit cbf.org/oysters. - John Thomas

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

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

DiPasquale's Gelateria, 500 Harborview Dr. Serving gelato in store and pints to take home. 443-963-1872

Grey Matters, 1120 E. Fort Ave. Counseling for individuals and consulting services for public health and social service organizations. 667-217-6092

Liv's Tavern, 1113 S. Charles St. Restaurant serving elevated classics

and local favorites, including crab cakes and crushes, with a dog-friendly outdoor patio. 443-869-2418

Riverside Cantina, 1741 Light St. Elevated Southwest and Mexican cuisine. 443-835-1406

Sublicity, 1501 Light St. Offering hot and cold sub sandwiches, breakfast, and catering. 443-362-9323

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Otterbein Neighborhood 'Dollar House' Homesteaders Celebrate 50 Years

by Robert Hardy

On a cool evening in early September, Concert Park in Otterbein was the site of a gathering of neighborhood residents commemorating the 50th anniversary of the community's Urban Homesteading Program: the famous "dollar house" initiative that successfully revitalized the area after a long period of decline.

Jan Paul Miller, one of the original homesteaders who still lives in his dollar house on Sharp Street, noted that while there is a small stone monument to the homesteaders nearby in Welcome Alley, "for the real monument, just look around you: the trees, the buildings, the sidewalks, the ambience, the whole tenor of the neighborhood. It all goes back to those original pioneers."

One of Baltimore's oldest residential neighborhoods—bordered by Light Street and the Inner Harbor to the east, Camden Yards to the west, Pratt Street and the Convention Center to the north, and Montgomery Street and Sharp-Leadenhall to the south—the area was in decline in the early 1970s.

A plan to build a harbor crossing for Interstate 95 through Federal Hill and Fells Point had been famously defeated by community opposition, but the resulting shift to a Fort McHenry crossing required a connector spur (Interstate 395) that would cut directly through Sharp-Leadenhall. According to *Stop the Road* by E. Evans

Paul (Boyle & Dalton, 2022), a history of Baltimore's "road wars," the city condemned many of the neglected and abandoned properties in Sharp-Leadenhall and the adjacent neighborhood, then known as Inner Harbor West, and planned to raze them to accommodate I-395 construction (see *Peninsula Post*, October 2022).

In addition to the highway plans, the city's 1970 Inner Harbor West Renewal Plan targeted for clearance the three-block area north of Sharp-Leadenhall, reclassifying it as Otterbein, after the 1785 Old Otterbein Church on Conway Street. In 1975, preservationists again successfully pressured the city to alter that plan and move the location of the highway. Building on the success of the city's 1974 Stirling Street dollar house homesteading project in East Baltimore's Oldtown neighborhood, they convinced officials to offer the condemned Inner Harbor West properties to the public for a dollar each, with the stipulation that the buyer would renovate the house and live in it for at least five years.

In the summer of 1975, more than 800 people submitted applications for just over 100 available houses. Some houses had as many as 60 bidders, some had none. Beyond the renovations of the existing houses, the razing of other houses and larger buildings that did not meet the standards for renovation opened up space for new homes and for the parks and walkways



Quentin Parker, one of the original Otterbein homesteaders in 1975, with his wife Ruth outside their W. Lee Street home.

that give the neighborhood its distinctive ambience. Within a decade, all of the properties were renovated and occupied. Today, Otterbein is cited as one of the most successful examples of urban renewal in the country.

"It was far from a desirable neighborhood at the time," recalls Quentin Parker, an original homesteader who still lives in the house he renovated on W. Lee Street, "but it was a prime location." When the house lottery drawings were held in August 1975 at the Old Otterbein Church—with numbered ping-pong balls pulled from a spinning drum by city Housing Commissioner Robert Embry and Mayor William Donald Schaefer—Parker learned that he had won the right to the 1840 house he had chosen.

Parker's experience was somewhat typical of the trials and tribulations of many homesteaders. Buyers were expected to begin renovations within six months and to occupy the house within the following 18 months, a difficult timeline for most, as the old houses

proved challenging to renovate. Contractors provided homesteaders with detailed lists of the specific work that needed to be completed on each house, including materials and labor costs, but as work continued, costs often exceeded estimates on the more challenging properties.

Parker fondly remembers Mayor Schaefer walking the streets regularly in the midst of the reconstruction, "tramping among the construction fences and piles of debris, checking on everyone's progress and making sure things were getting done."

Parker also recalls the community meeting in the fall of 1975 in which Embry informed the homesteaders that I-395 would soon be built along the western edge of Sharp Street (the current site of the Federal Reserve Bank), and that anyone who dissented from that plan could withdraw from the homesteading program. "Well, needless to say, there was plenty of dissent," says Parker. Ultimately, the highway was moved about a block farther west.

The homesteading project progressed "in fits and starts," according to neighborhood historian Joe Levy. The *Baltimore Sun* reported that in July 1976, 10 percent of the houses were actively under renovation and none yet inhabited, but by the following summer, "more and more families were moving in." City officials met with homesteaders regularly to discuss renovation and financing issues and to plan the community covenants and architectural guidelines that would shape the neighborhood.

Raising a glass at the anniversary celebration in Concert Park this September, Miller, surrounded by neighbors including a half-dozen original homesteaders, cited the three things he's most proud of from his Otterbein homesteading experience: "My home on Sharp Street, which used to be an alley. The fact that I helped move I-395 over to where it is now. And convincing the design consultants that we needed a bigger central park, which is this area before it was named Concert Park. So, to getting these green spaces, moving the highway, my home, and my neighbors: a toast!"

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SoBo Supports Solar with Rooftop Panels and Community Power

By Catherine Harbour

A raven flying home from Fort McHenry to its nest in M&T Stadium might be distracted by solar panels glinting from the roofs of a few SoBo homes or from the larger arrays at the Maryland Science Center or the BGE Spring Garden complex. The curious raven might take a side trip over one of the community solar installations nearby in BGE's service area that pump power into the electrical grid and lower their subscribers' bills.

The *Peninsula Post*'s online poll this summer illuminated SoBo's views on solar power. Of the 30 respondents, the majority (70%) don't currently use solar power but are very interested in learning more about it, 10% subscribe to community solar, 10% use power generated by solar panels on their home, and 7% plan to have solar panels installed in the near future.

Household rooftop solar

SoBo residents who have installed solar panels on their roofs share a strong concern for the environment. Saving money and the thrill of watching an electrical meter turn backward are also motivators. "I work in this industry," says self-described "energy nerd" Chris Moore. "I had just replaced my roof, which is a gable roof that faces south with no obstructions, so I was a near-perfect candidate."

Moore hired Lumina Solar to install panels on his Churchill Street home in 2020. The initial price was about \$20,000, but a federal tax credit



Luke Clippinger has solar panels on his rowhouse roof and successfully advocated for community solar in the Maryland state legislature. Photo by Mary Braman.

and state grant reduced the price to about \$13,000. The 6.2-kilowatt (kW) system has 19 panels of 325 W each. Households that generate power from solar panels may also install a battery that stores power to use at night, during power outages, or when electricity rates are high. Moore's system has no battery backup storage - "I don't have the space for it." Moore says he didn't pay any electricity consumption charges to BGE in 2024.

His 1,600-square-foot home with two adults was (just barely) a net producer of electricity in 2024.

Similarly, Ben Gilardi's primary motivation was environmental. Cost savings were also a motivator. Two years ago, when Gilardi had 17 solar panels installed on his home near the West Street Garage, he already had experience with solar panels installed on a home in Hampden in 2007. Like Moore, Lumina Solar installed Gi-

lardi's panels, and he opted against installing a battery backup. Lumina surveyed the house, evaluated the roof, and managed permitting with Baltimore City. The original cost of Gilardi's system was about \$20,000, but about \$7,000 came back in tax rebates and a grant.

"Today, I made 34.5 kilowatt-hours," Gilardi tells me in our interview in late July. He estimates it will take about 11 years to recoup the costs, based on energy costs of three years ago. "My electric bill is \$9.00 per month, every month," he says. And, because his system sends surplus power to the grid, "BGE sends me a check every March."

Locust Point resident Dave Arndt, an environmental and social justice advocate and former product and marketing director for BP Solar in Frederick, wanted to "walk the walk" of his advocacy work. Renewable Energy Corporation installed eleven 480-watt solar panels on Arndt's Haubert Street house about four years ago, when state and federal incentives were still available. The payback period was 3-5 years.

Arndt points out that, "there's a lot of R and D going on to get them to be more efficient. The price points are just fantastic from what they were in like 2008 to 2010 - half the price with more power - so the economies of scale have really been in our favor." Arndt reports that his panels haven't needed any repairs. In addition to rooftop solar, Arndt subscribes to community solar.

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Moore, Gilardi, and Arndt use apps on their phones to track how much energy each rooftop panel is generating. "Today I produced 13.1 kilowatt-hours so far," Arndt tells me when we speak on a July afternoon. When one panel produces less energy than its neighboring panels, the panel may be dirty or shaded. Rain or a hose can help remove the dirt. "I wouldn't have to do this," Arndt says, "but I want the peak output, so I go up there and spray them off and squeegee the dirt off."

Solar panels can last 30 years – much longer than a typical rowhouse roof. If you own a house, have a relatively new roof that gets enough sunlight, and you can manage the costs of solar panels and installation, you may be a good candidate for rooftop solar. When it's time to replace the roof, the panels will need to be removed from the old roof and reinstalled.

Subscribing to community solar

Riverside resident and Maryland State Delegate Luke Clippinger knows his solar energy. He's had solar panels on his own rowhome since 2017, and he led work on legislation that enabled community solar for many of Maryland's utility service areas: a pilot program launched in 2015 that is now permanent. Both the Maryland/DC/Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association and the Coalition for Community Solar Access awarded him their Solar Champion awards for his efforts.

Community solar allows residents of BGE's utility service area, both homeowners and renters, to subscribe to a community solar project within BGE's service area and access solar-gener-



ated electricity without installing solar panels of their own. The program incentivizes growth in the market for renewable energy infrastructure in Maryland. Community solar projects are installed on roofs and plots of land that are much larger than a rowhouse roof but smaller than a utility-scale power plant.

"The reason that community solar is so important for me and the people of the 46th District is we have a lot of people who live in rowhouses, for whom big solar arrays are not practical," says Clippinger. "I have a solar array on my house that generates about 4 megawatts a year. That's okay for basically one person, but not for two, and certainly not for three or four."

Legislation in Maryland requires that subscribing to community solar confers at least a 10% discount on a household's electricity bill as compared to standard operating rates charged by the local utility. According to the BGE website, customers pur-

chasing a subscription to a "community solar energy generating system" fund a portion of the energy produced and receive a credit on their BGE bill for their share of that solar energy.

As of this August, the Maryland Public Service Commission listed 93 community solar projects currently in operation within the BGE service area, with about 70 more under construction or in development. A community solar array and its subscribers need to be in the same service area so that the solar power generation, its users, and maintenance of the infrastructure are all managed within the same service area. Just under half of the BGE-area projects produce less than 1,000 kilowatts of electricity, and just over half produce between 1,000 and 2,000 kilowatts.

Ten organizations manage subscriptions for the in-service projects in BGE's area, including Arcadia, Solar Landscape, Neighborhood Sun, Nautilus, and SunCentral. (Full disclosure:

my household subscribes to Neighborhood Sun.) One array near the SoBo peninsula is Solar Landscape's installation on the roof of a Public Storage warehouse in Cherry Hill. Some community solar projects offer special discounts for subscribers in low- and moderate-income households.

Community solar, says Clippinger, "opens the door to more people being able to generate solar electricity. It builds a larger market for people who want to get into solar electricity. And it allows for larger solar arrays, which are generally more efficient, to be built."

With community solar, Clippinger points out, "You can be part of something that helps to chip away at your electricity costs, while at the same time, importing just a little bit less electricity from coal-fired power plants in the Midwest."

While solar energy shines over all of SoBo, installing solar panels requires a sturdy roof and cash or financing for equipment and installation. The reward is the thrill of watching your electricity meter run backward, much lower energy bills, and the satisfaction of knowing your household has reduced its use of fossil fuels and hydroelectric power generation.

Subscribing to community solar confers many of the same benefits, without the up-front costs. "Everybody in South Baltimore should sign up for community solar," says Arndt. "It is just really a no-brainer. You are going to save money on your electric bill. You are helping fund new solar panels. You are helping us get away from coal- and gas-fired plants for electric production. So you're not only helping yourself financially, you're helping the world."

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Crafting Cranial Implants Blends Science, Art, and Innovation

By Saskia Lindsay

In SoBo's Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood, a fast-growing company is blending science, art, and innovation to change lives and create local jobs. **Longeviti Neuro Solutions**, with a mission that merges creativity, compassion, and opportunity, is quickly becoming a standout addition to the neighborhood.



Longeviti specializes in developing advanced neurosurgical implants that restore both form and function for patients recovering from brain surgery or trauma. Their work combines science, technology, and design to create custom cranial implants that not only protect the brain but also improve patients' quality of life. With a growing reputation as both a cutting-edge medical innovator and a community-minded employer, Longeviti is helping to advance Baltimore's role as a hub for neuroscience innovation.

The *Peninsula Post* toured Longeviti's expansive headquarters inside the City Garage complex (101 W. Dickman Street) earlier this year, meeting with team members and getting a behind-the-scenes look at how these implants are made. The facility buzzed with activity. Dozens of employees were operating advanced manufacturing technology alongside others performing the meticulous hand-finishing work required to perfect each implant. The visit offered a clear picture of Longeviti's unique blend of innovation and craftsmanship.

Longeviti currently holds 50 global patents, and its products are approved for use in over 120 hospitals worldwide. Longeviti's "implantable neuro platform" is a device placed where the patient's own skull bone has been removed by surgery. It is translucent enough that ultrasound and other signals can easily travel from the brain through skin and hair, providing both reconstructive strength and real-time information. Over 4,000 patients across the country currently use the platform so their doctors can easily and inexpensively image their brains without radiation to monitor such conditions as tumors and hydrocephalus.

Baltimore is not only Longeviti's home base but also a key part of its identity and growth strategy. Neil Christopher, Vice President of Opera-



The "implantable neuro platforms" created by Longeviti Neuro Solutions (above) replace a patient's skull bone that has been removed by surgery. Translucent material used in the implants allows for ultrasound monitoring of the brain.

Technicians Kailyn Williams (top left) and Paris McKenzie (bottom left) work on various steps in the implant manufacturing process at the company's City Garage headquarters. Photos by Mary Braman.

tions and Advanced Programs, shared that CEO Jesse Christopher, Neil's son, prioritized Baltimore as the headquarters because of its strong network of researchers and neurosurgical leaders.

"When we first started, neurosurgery and cranial reconstruction were two separate operations," Neil explained. "By collaborating closely with surgeons, Longeviti helped pioneer a combined approach that reduces surgeries and lowers infection risks—an innovation that began here in Baltimore."

Jesse Christopher echoed that commitment. "We have no plans to leave Baltimore as our headquarters," he said. "We love Baltimore, we love the people, we love the vibe. We really want Baltimore to become the hub for the neurosciences, and we think we can make that happen."

At Longeviti, the connection between art and medicine runs deep.

Many employees come from creative fields, bringing precision, problem-solving, and a steady hand to the company's manufacturing process.

"There's a lot of detail-oriented work within the arts that crosses over into how detail-oriented the implants are," said Kailyn Williams, a manufacturing technician with a ceramics background from Baltimore's Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA).

Williams says she's found her place at Longeviti. "We're constantly growing as a company, and we're seeing more cases than ever. This area, in general, is growing so quickly. It's exciting to see it all develop."

Jerica Root, Longeviti's production manager, agreed. "It turns out a lot of artists do really well in the medical field. It translates really well. I never saw myself doing something like this, but I love it. It checks all the boxes: problem-solving, creativity, and mak-

ing a difference."

Longeviti's growth is accelerating. The company recently announced the appointment of Tim Scannell, former President and COO of Stryker Corporation, as chair of its board of directors, alongside a \$10 million strategic capital investment from Soleus Capital. This funding will fuel hiring, product development, and medical education efforts in the United States and abroad. Longeviti is also expanding its office and manufacturing space into Baltimore Peninsula's Rye Street Market.

With full in-house design, manufacturing, packaging, and sterilization capabilities, Longeviti is poised to expand its market presence and deliver even more groundbreaking innovations in neurosurgery. For Baltimore, this means more than just new jobs: It's a chance to solidify the city's reputation as a global center of innovation.

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SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

As of the writing of this column, we've had a few cooler days, and hope is on the horizon for a break from the heat. The number of events increases as the temperatures decrease, but the faster pace provides more and more chances to meet and deepen friendships with neighbors and classmates. I love fall, especially on the peninsula, and here's why. – Beth Mayr

Community Events

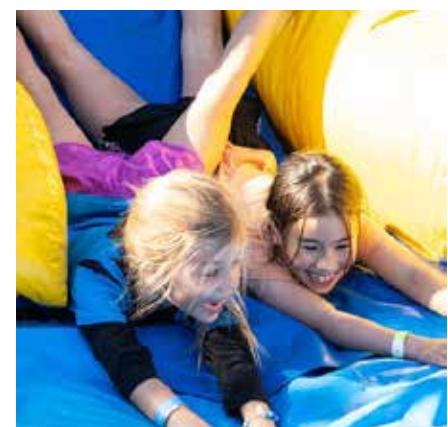
October: Read to Reef at Enoch Pratt Library. Some parents lament that you have to check your stroller once inside the National Aquarium, but hear me out about the virtues of this Baltimore gem: they have very wide hallways for kiddos to toddle or run, so many big displays of cool animals to look at, and food for purchase for all ages (yes, they even have adult beverages most times). We love the Aquarium, and I'm so happy that the library's Read to Reef program provides free access to it. Throughout October, kids in 5th grade and younger can visit the library to get a Read to Reef bookmark. Read any five aquatic- or conservation-themed books by January, log them on your bookmark, and then reserve up to four free admission tickets to the Aquarium. prattlibrary.org/read-to-reef

October 25: South Baltimore Halloween Bash. This is one of my favorite events of the year in South Baltimore! There's a large costume parade, a costume contest by age group, food, games, music by local parent DJ Natemare, local vendors, and more. My kiddos love the vibe as much as we grown-ups do—don't miss this one! *Riverside Park, 11am-5pm.*

October 31: Trick-or-Treating. In South Baltimore (and many places nearby, though I guess not everywhere?!), trick-or-treating is always on Halloween itself. It will be neat to see it on a Friday this year! Typically, polls from hyperlocal parent groups show trick-or-treating starts between 5 and 6pm, but this year, city schools have a half day on the 31st, so I wouldn't be surprised if kids start earlier. Stoop-sitting to distribute candy is preferred (and more fun because you get to know your neighbors). If your stairs are steep, consider handing out candy from the bottom step or from a chair on the sidewalk.

November 2: Science Center Pumpkin Smash. The annual smash takes place at 10am. Send your pumpkin flying off the roof of the Maryland Science Center! See website for participation details. mdsci.org.

November 15: Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School Fall Festi-



Staples of fall in SoBo include the South Baltimore Halloween Bash (top) and the Fall Festival at Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School (above). Photos by Mary Braman.

val. Another staple of fall in the neighborhood, the TJEMS Fall Festival is a fantastic event for families, complete with engaging kids' games and crafts, fun music, great food, a huge silent auction, face painting, and more. *12-4pm.*

And keep an eye out for **Ravens Roost 54's Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch.** I haven't seen a date yet, but this event is usually held at the end of November. Registrations will also presumably begin relatively soon for South Baltimore basketball clinics. Fun ways to spend late November!

Ongoing Family Fun

If your calendar isn't full enough with all of the above events, I wanted to remind you about opportunities for additional kid fun on the peninsula at some of these locations (especially with a number of days off school coming up). Peninsula kids love SoBo Play Space, Arteasy, the Baltimore Museum of Industry, the Enoch Pratt Library Light Street branch, and the Maryland Science Center. Check their websites for details.

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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.

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Get excited for Main Street's upcoming events! Small Business Saturday is gonna be big in Federal Hill on Saturday, November 29. We're bringing a vintage market to Cross Street with the help of Fed Hill's own MJ Broderick of Retrospect Vintage. The Vintage Market will include both local and one-day-only vendors with tons of incredible wares. On top of that, we're highlighting local businesses' Small Business Saturday promotions throughout our district. Stay tuned on our website and socials to learn more.

Fed Hill Frosty Fest is coming back for another year with free pictures with Santa, local promotions, and family-friendly fun! Frosty Fest is one of our favorite times to bring this community together, so come visit us in Cross Street Market on Saturday, December 6, to join in the celebration. As with Small Business Saturday, we'll have more information on our website and socials as we get closer to the date, so keep an eye out!

All of this is just a taste of what Federal Hill Main Street has in store. - *Charlotte Faust, Project Manager*

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FHNA has been hard at work this fall. We spent a considerable amount of time applying for a **South Baltimore Gateway Partnership** grant. We have requested funds to support our summer socials at Federal Hill Park, tree planting, and a few improvements at Federal Hill Prep. These improvements include the installation of gates at the Prep parking lot, fixing the chain-link fence, and adding bistro lighting around the school.

If you're interested in improving a specific part of Federal Hill, please reach out to me via email (address above). The neighborhood association's **team of volunteers** has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last few years to improve the neighborhood, and we would like to keep doing so.

In addition, we have our upcoming **tree planting** event on October 25. Please check our website (above) for the full details. We will be replacing some of the trees that were destroyed during the spring tornado.

Finally, we have been coordinating with State Senate President Bill Ferguson, State Delegate Mark Edelson, and City Councilman Zac Blanchard regarding **public safety**. We are hopeful that the new Baltimore Police Entertainment District Unit will result in meaningful positive change.

Please be sure to attend our meetings. We hold them on the third Tues-

day of the month at 6:30pm at Light Street Presbyterian. - *Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President*

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Thanks to everyone who joined in to celebrate the end of summer at our **End of Summer Potluck** on September 7. Our neighborhood has some amazing cooks and bakers. Kudos to those who donated school supplies to Digital Harbor High School and sports equipment to St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. Special thanks to St. Ignatius for allowing us to use their basketball court.

And now fall has arrived! Pumpkins, ghosts, and ghouls are sure to be all around the neighborhoods. FHSNA is back into the swing of our monthly routine. Our next **meetings** will be held on October 28 and November 25, 6:30-8pm, at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. Please join in to engage with your neighbors and all that is happening in the neighborhood.

Mark your calendars for the last **Dumpster Day** of 2025. The dumpster will be available November 15 at the Digital Harbor parking lot from 8am to noon or until the dumpster is full. No metal objects are allowed in the dumpster.

The holidays are right around the corner. Be sure to purchase your **Holiday Wreath** from FHSNA. You can purchase your wreath on our website. Wreaths will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 6, from 9am to 12pm at the corner of William and E. West streets. - *Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President*

Historic Sharp-Leadenhall Community

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Join us this fall and winter for **free health and wellness activities**. We will be hosting Line Dance and Exercise Classes every Monday in October from 6 to 7pm at St. Barnabas & St. Susanna Church (938 S. Hanover Street). It's a fun and energizing way to stay active and connect with neighbors. All are welcome!

In November, we'll be offering Healing Sound Bath Meditations, followed by Tai Chi classes in December. For details on these programs, contact Betty Bland-Thomas at the email above.

Our next **community meeting** will be Wednesday, October 23, from 6 to 7:30pm at Martini Lutheran Church (100 W. Henrietta Street). Stay informed, share your voice, and connect with community members. - *Submitted by Betty Bland-Thomas, President*

Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA held its quarterly meeting on September 17. Leading the presentations was Baltimore's new Harbormaster, Mike McGeady. It turns out that sometime in the 1980s or 1990s, this office, which is part of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, ceased to exist. Harbormaster Mike is here to bring it back and have marine traffic comply with the rules. We also

heard from Tasha Gresham-James, from Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen's office, who provided information on the status of KHCA's bridge under-lighting project. - *Submitted by Janan Broadbent, President*

Locust Point Civic Association

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The annual **Locust Point Festival** on September 13 was a fantastic event. We had the most vendors ever, with a total of 74, with five food vendors and nonstop music. Over 5,000 people from Baltimore and beyond attended.

Our next big event is our biannual **Latrobe Park cleanup** on October 19 from 12 to 3pm. All are welcome, and tools will be provided.

LPCA membership meetings will be held at 7:30pm on October 8 and November 12 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School. - *Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member*

Riverside Neighborhood Association
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RNA is responsible for the installation of 13 **"Riverside" street banners** that were installed on August 20 and 21 in locations throughout the neighborhood. You will also see many window signs using the same design that were given away free by RNA at our Concerts in the Park.

The banners are one of several initiatives undertaken by an ad hoc subcommittee of the Association. This "placemaking" committee was created to advance civic engagement or civic health. The group decided that the place to start in this journey was to help residents and others to un-

derstand the boundaries of Riverside - which has usually been described as just "the neighborhood between Locust Point and Federal Hill" - and to take pride in what makes our community special. - *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 each month at AJ's on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover St, second floor) every month except August and December (holiday party). Our next meetings are October 14 and November 11. Recent presentations at community meetings have focused on transportation, public safety, and parking.

SBNA plans to announce a **community cleanup** in the near future. Stay tuned. Those interested can contact Clean & Green chair Ryan McEaneney (Ryan.McEaneney@mysobo.org).

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. Treasurer Peter Bartels accepts payments in cash, by check, or through Square.

If you live in SBNA and are **interested in volunteering**, the following committees are recruiting: Clean & Green, Public Safety, and Website.

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). - *Submitted by Justin Lane, Secretary*



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10/11 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

10/11 - Boards and Breakfast, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skate lessons for kids 12 and under with pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

10/11 - Craft Cafe, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

10/11 - Spooky Science, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. 12-4pm. \$

10/11 - Candle Making, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join Perfectly Lit Candle Co. in a candle-making workshop. 12:30pm.

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

10/11 - Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour cruise to watch the sunset and lights of the Inner Harbor. 6pm. \$

10/12 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

10/13 - Boys Soccer: DHHS vs. Poly, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor home game. 3:45pm.

10/14 - Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins. 11am.

10/14 - Educator Open House, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 4-7pm.

10/15 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

10/15 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

10/15 - JV Football: DHHS vs. Patterson High School, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor home game. 3:45pm.

10/15 - Homebrew Extravaganza, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Sample home-brewed beers and vote for your favorite. 6-9pm.

10/15 - Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level contemporary ballet class. 7-8pm.

10/16 - Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:45am. \$

10/16 - School's Out Afternoon Camp, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 1-4:30pm. \$

10/16 - Football: DHHS vs. Baltimore City College, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor home game. 3:45pm.

10/16 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

10/16 - Thursday Night Fright, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Watch *Halloween* on the IMAX screen and enjoy a preshow happy hour. 8pm. \$

10/17 - School's Out Camp, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

10/17 - Sunset Jams: Roses n Rust, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music, family activities, and food & drink. 5-8pm.

10/17 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

10/17 - Music: Toop & Friends, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/18 - Baltimore Running Festival, Inner Harbor. Portions of the marathon and 5K run along Key Hwy. starting at 7:30am.

10/18 - Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9-11am.

10/18 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

10/18 - Craft Cafe, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or do the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

10/18 - Silo Point Farmers' Market, Silo Point lawn, 1700 block of E. Clement St. Produce and goodies from Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

10/18 - Friends of the Light Street Branch, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly meeting of volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

10/18 - Whiskey on the Waterfront, Sagamore Spirit, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food, and beverages. 12-6pm.

10/18 - Smoketoberfest, Concert Park on Pubped Way, Otterbein. Amateur smokers' competition, live music, food and drink. 1:30-6:30pm.

10/18 - On Your Feet!, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join certified IAYT yoga therapist, Terry Roth Schaff, for a program to improve balance, posture, and gait. 3pm.

10/18 - Music: Josh Tobias, Ethan Lake, and Three Man Country, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/18 - Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour cruise to watch the sunset and lights of the Inner Harbor. 6pm. \$

10/19 - Toddlergarten: Making Observations, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Music, movement, and STEM activities for toddlers and caregivers. 8-10am. \$

10/19 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

10/19 - Historic Federal Hill Neighborhood Walking Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30am-10:30am. \$

10/19 - Wildlife Gardening: Filter Feeding Frenzy, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. 10am.

10/19 - Latrobe Park Fall Cleanup, 1516 Latrobe Park Terrace. 1-3pm.

10/19 - Music: Squeaky Feet, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/20 - Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

10/21 - Author Reading, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. George O'Conner, author of graphic novel *Asgardians-Loki*. 4pm.

10/21 - FHNA Meeting, Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. Monthly meeting of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

10/22 - Spooky Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Slightly spooky stories, songs, and rhymes with guest reader Aurora Gorealis. 10:30am.

10/22 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

10/22 - Extended Hours at the BMI, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Experience the history and culture of Baltimore and enjoy the museum's waterfront campus, free. 4-8pm.

10/22 - Industry Social Club: Finance, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Networking event featuring panel discussion, lite fare, music, and cash bar. 5:30-8pm.

10/22 - Creating Art, Creating Change, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. An evening of learning, creative power, community, and a conversation on immigration and belonging. 6:30-8:30pm.

10/22 - Music: Terrain, stop.drop.rewind, and **Kings of the Wild Things**, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/23 - Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 6am. \$

10/23 - Switch It Up, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join others to play the video game "Overcooked: All You Can Eat." 6pm.

10/23 - Historic Sharp-Leadenhall Community Meeting, Martini Lutheran Church, 100 W. Henrietta St. 6-7:30pm.

10/23 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running 6:30pm.

10/23 - Here for the "BOO-ze" Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Halloween-themed cocktail class. 6:30pm. \$

10/24-25 - Home Recorded Halloween HorrorThon, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Pop-up theater, video store, and vendor market. \$

10/24 - Sunset Jams: Zadia and Friends, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Live music, family activities, and food & drink. 5-8pm.

10/24 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

10/24 - Music: Town Mountain, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/25 - Port to Fort 6K Run/Walk, 1215 E. Fort Ave. Family-friendly benefit race through Fort McHenry. 8:30-10:30am. \$

10/25 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

10/25 - Craft Cafe, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

10/25 - Pet Howl-o-Ween Parade, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Prizes and a pet talent show. 10am-12pm.

10/25 - SoBo Halloween Bash, Riverside Park. Haunted tunnel, games, food, and local vendors. 11am-5pm.

10/25 - Author Reading: Kay White Drew, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Kay White Drew reads excerpts from her book *Stress Test*. 2pm.

10/25 - Music: Munk with Walsh Kunkel and The Economy Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

10/25 - Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour cruise to watch the sunset and lights of the Inner Harbor. 6pm. \$

10/26 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

10/26 - Spooky Polymer Clay Key Chain and Fridge Magnets, Arteeasy, 1539 Light St. Sculpt your own magnets and key chains. 2:30-5:00pm. \$

10/27 - Girls Flag Football: DHHS vs. Reginald F. Lewis High School, Riverside Park, lower field. Digital Harbor home game. 3:45pm.

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

10/29-31 - Here for the "BOO-ze" Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Halloween-themed cocktail class. 6:30pm. \$

10/29 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.



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"The Daily Hustle," a new exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, features Baltimore's Black community at work as captured by AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips, Sr. The exhibit opened with a reception on Sept. 12 and continues through February 2026.

10/29 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

10/30 - Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. 6am. \$

10/30 - Football: DHHS vs. MerVo, Latrobe Park, Banner Field. Digital Harbor home game. 3pm.

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

10/30 - Nightmare on Charles Street, The Rowan Tree, 1633 S. Charles St. Sip and paint with Arteasy. 7-9pm. \$

10/31 - Music: Uncle Kunkel's One Gram Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 10:30pm. \$

11/1 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

11/1 - Silo Point Farmers' Market, Silo Point lawn, 1700 block of E. Clement St. Produce and goodies from Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

11/1 - Craft Cafe, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or do the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

11/1 - Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion of *The Lilac People* by Milo Todd. 11am-12pm.

11/1 - Pack 577 Haunted House Fundraiser, Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Haunted house, dance and costume contests, games, and food. Free entry; tickets 50 cents. 5-9pm.

11/1 - Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. One-hour cruise to watch the sunset and lights of the Inner Harbor. 5:30pm. \$

11/1 - Music: Treesap featuring members of Cabinet, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 10:30pm. \$

11/2 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

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

11/4 - Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Build a kazoo. 3:30pm.

11/5 - Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9-11am.

11/5 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

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

11/6 - Peabody at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Classical music performance for all ages by students from Peabody Conservatory. 6:30-7:30pm.

11/6 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

11/6 - Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about the history of Sazerac and Black Manhattan. 6:30pm. \$

11/7 - School's Out Camp, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

11/7 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

11/7 - Laugh Therapy Comedy Show, Digital Harbor High School auditorium, 1100 Covington St. Fundraiser featuring Jemaine Jones, Sandy Bernstein, Shanell Renee, and John Phillips. 7-11pm. \$

11/7 - Music: Dancing Bears, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm.

11/7 - Hoodstock XXII, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Food, live music, silent auction, and more. 7-11pm. \$

11/8 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

11/8 - Craft Cafe, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

11/8 - Town Hall Meeting with the CEO, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Meet Pratt Library President Chad Helton. 10am.

11/8 - Telescope Training, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. 1-4pm. \$

11/8 - Music: Jeff Roden's Thought Control with Braddock Heights, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm.

11/9 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

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11/11 - Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged for Veterans Day. 9am-4:45pm.

11/12 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

11/12 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories and songs for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

11/12 - LPCA Membership Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

11/13 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running 6:30pm.

11/13 - Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

11/14 - Create & Sip, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Design and carve your own stamp for personalized holiday aprons. 6-9pm. \$

11/14 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 6:30pm. \$

11/14 - Monthly Bingo, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

11/14 - Music: Organ Fairchild with Wharf Rats, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

11/15 - Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. 9-11am.

11/15 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

11/15 - Craft Cafe, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

11/15 - Silo Point Farmers' Market, Silo Point lawn, 1700 block of E. Clement St. Produce and goodies from Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

11/15 - Crafty Cat Blankets, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a no-sew blanket to be donated to BARCS. 11am.

11/15 - Fall Festival, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, 142 E. Heath St. 12-4pm.

11/15 - Music: Reprise, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

11/16 - Toddlergarten: Toddler Math, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Activities for toddlers. 8-10am. \$

11/16 - Indoor Makers Market, National Federation of the Blind, Jernigan Institute, 200 E. Wells St. Handcrafted goods, unique gifts, and local artistry. 9am-3pm.

11/16 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

11/16 - Historic Federal Hill Neighborhood Walking Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. 9:30-10:30am. \$

11/16 - Knitters and Crocheters Needed, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Contribute to a scarf for Fifi. 10am-5pm.

11/16 - Glass Art: Stained Glass Rocket, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Create your own rocket. 1-4pm. \$

11/18 - Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. 6:30pm.

11/18 - Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton. 11am.

11/18 - Guerrilla Art, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Teens make art with different media. 3pm.

11/19 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

11/19 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11:30am.

11/19 - Industry Social Club: Retail, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Networking event featuring panel discussion, lite fare, music, and cash bar. 5:30-8pm.

11/20 - Stay Safe: Fall Prevention Class, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Fall prevention class. 2-3:30pm.

11/20 - Historic Sharp-Leadenhall Community Meeting, Martini Lutheran Church, 100 W. Henrietta St. 6-7:30pm.

11/20 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running 6:30pm.

11/20-21 - Music: Tawak and Natalie Brooke, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

11/22 - Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

11/22 - Craft Cafe, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

11/25 - Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

11/26 - School's Out Camp, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

11/26 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

11/26 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11:30am.

11/28-29 - Bazaar: Holiday Craft Marketplace, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Friday 12-5pm, Saturday 10-5pm.

11/29 - Craft Cafe, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint a ceramic, junk journal, or try the craft of the month. 9am-12pm. \$

11/30 - "Slow Roast Sunday" Run/Walk, Fort McHenry gate, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Run 1-mile loops around the Fort, then head over to THB Bagelry (1602 Whetstone Way) for coffee. 9-10am.

12/1 - Light Street Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

12/3 - Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry, Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9-11am.

12/3 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

12/3 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11:30am.

12/4 - Used Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Books for all ages plus DVDs and children's toys. 12-7pm.

12/4 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

12/5 - Peninsula Post #28 available free at outlets all over SoBo.

12/6 - Annual Holiday Extravaganza, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Vendors, crafts for kids, and Santa. 9am-1:30pm.

12/6 - Sock Creature Saturday, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Make your own sock creature. 9am-1pm.

12/6 - Silo Point Farmers' Market, 1200 Steuart St. Produce and goodies from Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

12/6 - Used Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Books, DVDs, and toys. 11am-4pm.

12/6 - Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discussion of *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith. 11am.

12/6 - Holiday Market, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Over 20 vendors plus pictures with the Grinch. 12-5pm.



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