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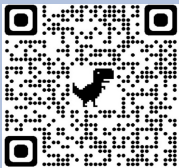
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'Full Sail' Fundraiser
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12th Annual Pasta Palooza
(3/7)

Spring Migration Bird Watching
(3/21)



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Compiled by Rani Murray

2/7 - **Mosaic Mirror Workshop**, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Create a valentine-themed pique assiette (broken china) mirror frame. 10am-3pm. \$

2/7 - **Ceramics Glaze Demo**, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

2/7 - **Water Aerobics Class**, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 11am. \$

2/7 - **Read with Pride Book Club**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion of *Isaac's Song* by Daniel Black. 11am-12pm.

2/7 - **Winter Games**, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Winter Olympic-themed activities. 12-4pm. \$

2/7 - **'All We Need Is Love' Vintage + Makers' Market**, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1338 Hull St. Vintage, handmade, and local Valentine's Day goodies. 12-5pm.

2/7 - **Birding by Boat**, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Guided charter along the Fort McHenry and Baltimore Peninsula waterfronts. 2-3:30pm. \$

2/8 - **Chili Cook Off and Hot Sauce Competition**, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Flavor-packed competition with prizes. 12-4pm. \$

2/9 - **Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp**, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

2/9 - **Water Aerobics Class**, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 6:30pm. \$

2/9 - **Belly Dance Class**, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

2/10 - **Coffee and Classics Book Club**, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Sula* by Toni Morrison. 11am.

2/10 - **\$10 Tuesdays Open Studio**, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

2/10 - **SBNA Community Meeting**, AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. Monthly meeting of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

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SoBo Neighborhood Continues to Grow at Baltimore Peninsula

By Steve Cole

Despite a recent setback to plans for the redevelopment of the entire SoBo peninsula area formerly known as Port Covington, the new neighborhood that has already taken shape there is steadily coming into its own.

At the end of last year, media outlets were filled with news of the departure of Kevin Plank's Sagamore Ventures from future development at Baltimore Peninsula and the end of New York-based MAG Partners' involvement in the project. These actions do not appear to have impacted the existing development in this expansive area south of I-95 along SoBo's southern shore. A look at what's happening on the ground there reveals a neighborhood that is still adding residents, amenities, and community activities.

The *Peninsula Post* presented its first comprehensive view of the peninsula's newest neighborhood in our February 2024 issue. Below is our update based on the latest information provided by key "Balt Pen" players, including representatives of the Baltimore Peninsula Community Benefits District, Under Armour, Volo Sports, and others.

Living and Working

The new neighborhood can boast a surge over the past two years in housing construction and the number of people who call it their home or workplace.

The massive Locke Landing residential development south of E. Cromwell Street, between Hanover Street and W. Peninsula Drive, is nearing completion. The complex will have 800 homes, including apartments, townhomes, and condominiums. Construction is still underway on 96 condominiums being built by K. Hovnanian Homes and 279 townhomes by DRB Homes, with residents already moved into some units.

The Frank apartments in Locke Landing next to Nick's Fish House opened in November with 420 units. (Who's "Frank," you ask? The complex is named for Francis Scott Key and the ill-fated bridge, according to senior community manager Devin Murray.)

The two apartment buildings that opened with a total of 407 units in the heart of the neighborhood in 2023 - Rye House and 250 Mission - were reported to be 50 percent leased two years ago. Today they are about 90 percent leased, according to a Balt Pen spokesperson.

Under Armour moved its workforce from Locust Point into its new five-sto-

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THE BIG SNOWSTORM that brought SoBo nearly 9 inches of snow and sleet on Sunday, January 25, initially provided lots of opportunities for sledding and winter fun. But consistent subfreezing temperatures hardened the snowpack and made walking, driving, and parking a challenge. Photos by Mary Braman.

Rec & Parks Releases Timeline for Next Steps in Redevelopment of Solo Gibbs Park

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks is moving forward with the next stages of the Solo Gibbs Park redevelopment, with several milestones planned for early this year.

As the *Peninsula Post* reported in June 2025, the park located in the Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood will be transformed over the next three years through enhanced amenities, renovated athletic and green spaces, and a new recreation center.

The next stage of construction begins this winter and is slated to include improvements to the multipurpose recreational field, the park entrance on Leadenhall Street, the Hamburg Street gateway, and along the Gwynns Falls Trail. Enhancements will include a new entrance and gathering plaza on the south side of the park, improved signage, and an expanded field area that will be large enough for softball, baseball, football, and soccer.

The north side of the park between

Hamburg and Henrietta streets will be home to a new pavilion furnished with picnic tables and equipped with electrical outlets. More playground equipment is set to be added to the north park's previously modernized play area for children ages 5 through 12.

Additional projects breaking ground this year include improvements to the pathways in the north and south areas of the park, the installation of new fitness equipment, and replacement of the splash pad near the park's recreation center on Leadenhall Street at W. Cross Street. Rec & Parks has already completed the majority of renovations to the original basketball court, which has been converted to a multipurpose hockey and basketball court. This stage of construction is expected to be completed by spring 2028.

The next phase of major improvements, which includes a large, new recreation center along the West

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FROM THE EDITOR

SoBo Arts & Crafts Show and Contest Returns!

Heads up, SoBohemians! Our “SoBo Arts & Crafts Show and Contest” is coming back for year 2 during “I Love SoBo Day” on May 3 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Our first show in 2025 uncovered a lot of SoBo creativity, from painting and collage to cross-stitch and hand-blown glass. We had 15 entries in all. And this year we have space for even more.

The show is open to SoBo residents of all skill levels and ages. You don't have to be an experienced crafter or artist to enter. We welcome all sorts of creativity – finger painting, pottery, “kindness rocks,” intricate Lego sculptures, etc.

What would you like to make that could dazzle, amaze, or amuse your fellow SoBohemians? We start accepting proposals online March 1 and the last day to enter is March 31.

On SoBo Day we'll have a People's Choice vote for contest winners. The first place entry receives \$100.

For details on how to enter, visit sobopost.org/sobo-arts-crafts-2026. – Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

Two SoBo Veterans Serve on Revitalized City Commission

South Baltimore is well represented on the newly reconstituted Baltimore City Veterans Commission, an advisory group in the Mayor's Office of Equity and Civil Rights that was revived in 2025 after several years of inactivity. Zac Blanchard, City Council member for most of the peninsula, and Jon Dewar, member of the Marine Corps League Baltimore Detachment 565 in Locust Point, were appointed last year to the 11-member commission.

Blanchard, a Marine veteran who was appointed as the City Council representative on the panel in September, said that the reestablishment of the commission shows “the city cares about veterans enough to invest time and money to recognize, support, and empower veterans.”

The commission was created in 2007 to support veterans who live in or work for the City of Baltimore or who are retired city employees as well as their families, according to its charter. Support includes providing access to services, offering information about special rights, and promoting

community awareness. The commission works with the mayor, city council, veterans' groups, and others to advocate for veteran-related concerns, policies, and programs.

Veterans face a variety of common challenges, Blanchard said, from getting connected to services at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to living with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and assimilating back into daily life. He notes that veterans also make valuable contributions to their communities, such as a sense of teamwork and getting involved in causes greater than themselves.

Many young, active-duty service members call the peninsula home as they commute to nearby Fort Meade, Blanchard points out. He hopes the Veterans Commission is a step in the right direction for keeping them in the city and engaging them to boost local communities.

Dewar, who was sworn in on December 11, jumped at the opportunity to join the commission after Blanchard asked him. “I immediately said yes and submitted letters of recommendation and critical details in short order. The city is home to nearly 23,000 veterans, and approximately 17.5 million live in the United States. Service binds our communities,” he said.

Dewar, who served in the Marines

for six years, knows the challenges veterans face all too well. “When you come out, you have to adjust to a new atmosphere,” he said. He emphasized how important a sense of community is to helping make that transition. “It's the little acts of kindness that help you reconnect to the real world.”

Dewar credits volunteering with helping him heal and get back on his feet. He has been active in the Marine Corps League, a kind of service that, he said, “binds community across all demographics.” For example, league members stuffed six large boxes for Toys for Tots in South Baltimore during the holidays.

Both Blanchard and Dewar are looking forward to Veterans Day in November. The city's annual Veterans Day parade, which starts near the Washington Monument in Mount Vernon, is an important part of Baltimore's civic fabric, Blanchard said. Dewar is excited about the Veterans Day lunch at Hull Street Blues Cafe in Locust Point, which he appreciates as an opportunity to come together with other veterans.

The Baltimore City Veterans Commission holds virtual public meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 12pm. To ask questions or raise concerns, email veterans@baltimorecity.gov. – Gwendolin Schemm

Community Impact Grants Support Food Distribution, Education, Events

Ten community programs on the SoBo peninsula received grants in December from South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP) to fund activities ranging from food distribution to music, art, and STEM instruction in schools.

SBGP awarded a total of \$688,000 in local impact grants to 26 programs and projects across south and southwest Baltimore. Funding for the grants, distributed twice a year, comes from video lottery terminal revenues at Maryland casinos, including Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino.

So What Else, Inc. received \$60,700 for distribution of up to 3,700 pounds of healthy food each week in southwest Baltimore, including to Federal Hill Preparatory School and Digital Harbor High School. The program's weekly deliveries to food banks and homes address food insecurity and reduces food waste.

God's Best Family Inc. was awarded \$60,000 to support year-round enrichment, mentorship, STEM, and wellness activities for South Baltimore youth and to sustain operations at the organization's South Baltimore En-

gagement Center on E. Ostend Street.

Let's Go Boys and Girls, Inc. received a \$45,000 grant to expand STEM and workforce development programs in schools, including St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. Programs include hands-on learning, educator training, and paid leadership roles for teens.

Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. received \$40,000 for general operating support of the women's shelter at Christ Lutheran Church. The shelter provides holistic services for at least 70 women and children experiencing homelessness including trauma-informed care, housing placement, and life skills education.

STEM Champions of Baltimore, Inc. was awarded a \$21,300 grant to support Science Olympiad and Career Connections programs at five South Baltimore schools, engaging 75 students in STEM competitions and career exploration.

A music education program at Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School will be supported by a grant of \$18,900 to the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. The program will

provide free group music instruction to 50 students over 36 weeks to foster musical skills, emotional resilience, and community belonging, with pathways to advanced education through Peabody's Tuned-In program.

Visual arts programming at Federal Hill Preparatory School will be expanded with a \$13,600 grant to Art with a Heart. The grant funds 115 hours of instruction focused on academic growth and emotional wellness.

The Federal Hill Neighborhood Association received a \$10,000 grant to host three socials at Federal Hill Park to promote community engagement with activities for children and families, live music, and food from local restaurants.

The Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School Parent Teacher Organization received \$5,000 to install outdoor soccer goals and upgrade sound equipment for music and drama programs.

Our Joyful Noise Baltimore, Inc. received \$3,500 to support its concert program at Baltimore Station, a residential treatment and transitional housing program for veterans. – S.C.

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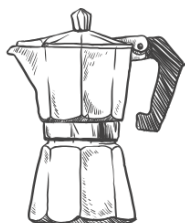
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Science Center Opens New 'Space' and 'Make' Exhibits

The Maryland Science Center opened two new exhibits in December: "Space" and "Make." "Space" is a bold visual and interactive display that examines concepts that have driven scientific discovery in space exploration. The 5,000-square-foot exhibit features an array of 15 hands-on activities that address practical questions such as what it's like to work in space and how rockets are engineered. "Make" is an interactive workshop environment for teaching basic problem-solving and design skills by allowing young participants to learn to use a variety of tools and materials for guided, hands-on creative projects.

"Hands on" is the name of the game at the Science Center. "When they live it, they learn it, we like to say," says Samantha Blau, a Science Center staff educator and program manager. As groups of elementary and middle school students fill the sunny atrium and swarm the exhibit spaces on a recent weekday afternoon, that dictum was on full display.

A group of a half-dozen fifth and sixth graders gather around a hands-on station in the Space exhibit, launching small, foam, air-propelled "rockets" with varying degrees of force and at various angles, happily if unknowingly demonstrating principles of motion and trajectory.



The "Space" exhibit features 15 hands-on activities about exploration and discovery. Photo by Mary Braman.

Two sisters focus intently on remotely manipulating a robot arm to move models of materials and equipment in a display replicating an extraterrestrial work environment. A few students stand in front of a large, interactive video screen figuring out what components they need – engines, boosters, fuel, and payload – to successfully launch a rocket into orbit.

"In order to get into space, you need a rocket," Blau explains, "so this rocket builder has components that the kids can work on and make sure there's enough fuel on board, and make sure the shape is aerodynamic, and figure out if they can actually escape Earth's orbit and get out into space."

Large, colorful models of the planets in our solar system loom overhead, NASA space exploration imagery is projected around the walls, and model telescopes and other scientific equipment stationed throughout the exhibit combine to create a powerful visual experience that draws young people in and provokes thought.

"We interviewed elementary science teachers and asked what do you have a hard time conveying in the classroom, what are the questions kids most often have," Blau says. "That's how this exhibit was created."

The Space exhibit on the Center's second floor is sponsored by Northrop Grumman.

On another wing of the floor, the Make exhibit fills a sun-drenched space overlooking the Inner Harbor. Kids sit at long worktables, concentrating intently on this week's small paper-embossing project, interacting occasionally with an instructor, speaking in hushed voices. Sponsored by the Kahlert Foundation, Make is billed as a "DIY workshop where STEM meets art." The projects offered change week to week and are available throughout the day on a first-come, space-available basis.

"It's a maker space, like a boot camp, with kind of an erector-set aes-

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FSK School Closed Temporarily Due to Mold

The 717 students at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School on E. Fort Avenue were scheduled to start classes on February 4 at a former school in northeast Baltimore after Baltimore City Public Schools closed the Locust Point building for mold remediation. Classes will be held at the Thurgood Marshall building (5001 Sinclair Lane) in the Frankford neighborhood for at least a month, according to City Public Schools.

"This is going to be hard," FSK principal Tenerra McFadden told about 150 parents at the community update on the closing held January 29 at the Digi-

tal Harbor High School auditorium.

Classes have not been held in FSK since January 20, when the school switched to remote instruction while environmental testing was conducted. On January 6, a water pipe in a heating unit broke that affected several classrooms. Subsequent inspection of the damage revealed "concealed microbial growth behind wall moldings and within drywall cavities in multiple areas of the building," according to a City Public Schools statement.

Air quality testing throughout the building indicated that while there was no exposure of students or staff

to elevated levels of airborne mold spores, any demolition of water-damaged walls would expose the hidden microbial growth during repairs. The assessment of the contractors hired by City Public Schools to address the situation was that the building would not be safe for occupancy until after repairs were completed and indoor air quality was retested.

Officials are targeting March 2 for a return to FSK. Thurgood Marshall was the temporary site of Furley Elementary School for eight years until last summer.

The school department is providing 13 buses to transport students between FSK and the temporary school, while some FSK parents have arranged carpools. — *Steve Cole*

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"Make" offers guided, hands-on creative projects. Photo by Mary Braman.

thetic," Blau says. "You see we've got power cables and outlets over each table that you can pull down and plug in your drill or your soldering iron to use. It's about putting tools in kids' hands, orienting them, showing them how to use them, and creating something. We're doing embossing today, but we also do sewing, soldering, and book binding, which is very popular. Having this space is exciting because of all the things we can do. And there's room for growth."

A 3-D printer will be one of the tools available in the Make exhibit. Staff are learning how to optimize its capabilities for future workshops. Other tools available in these supervised workshop sessions include sewing machines and "chomp saws": kid-safe power saws for cutting cardboard.

"On weekdays when school groups come in, we tend to reach capacity," Blau says. "There can be 30 kids coming in at a time to do an activity, and we can tailor the activities to the group."

For a schedule of upcoming Make exhibit activities, visit mdsci.org/whats-happening/events. Make activities are listed under "Daily Programming."

The Space and Make exhibits will continue to be featured at the Science Center indefinitely. — *Robert Hardy*

New SoBo Businesses Open

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

Buck Wild Dog Training Retail Store, 1126 S. Charles St. Premium foods and natural treats and chews. 410-205-5025

Ebene Pilates, 1642 Beason St. Woman-owned pilates and wellness studio. ebenepilates.com

Fresh Skin by Francesca, 1400 Andre St., 2nd floor of Prive Salon. Aesthetic skin care studio offering facials, peels, waxing, dermaplaning, and brow services. 732-778-1837

Rose Daddy Vintage, 1030 S. Charles St. Handpicked vintage treasures. rosedaddyvintage.com

The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Holistic plant shop offering a variety of mindfulness experiences, including life coaching, workshops, and retreats. 410-567-0583

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Street side of the park, is scheduled to break ground in 2027 with construction expected to be completed by 2029, according to Kate Brower, the project's design planner, and Sharivari Subramaniam, an architect in the department's Capital Projects division. As of now, all the improvements in this phase are scheduled to open at the same time, once construction has been completed, Brower wrote via email.

Rec & Parks presented an update on plans for the recreation center at a December 1 community meeting. Preliminary plans call for a structure of around 16,500 square feet with a large gymnasium, fitness area, multipurpose classrooms, and space for two historical or art exhibits. The new building will replace the existing center, which is scheduled to be demolished after the new center is completed.

The December Rec & Parks presentation included cost estimates based on other recently built recreation center designs. The new center is projected to cost around \$12 million. The adjacent playground could cost an additional \$500,000 and related site improvements another \$900,000.

Rec & Parks plans to release a concept study for the new recreation center in April. Another community meeting in Sharp-Leadenhall is tentatively scheduled for February to preview the study and conceptual drawings of the center and the new playground. — *Douglas Bennett*

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ry, 280,000-square-foot headquarters building at the end of 2024. The 50-acre campus at Balt Pen now has about 1,000 employees on-site, according to a UA spokesperson. In its current configuration, the headquarters building has room for about 1,200 people.

A variety of other employers have recently opened offices at Balt Pen or expect to this year. The bitcoin mining company OBM and Longevity Neuro Solutions are now in the Rye Street Market buildings. The University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, Newmark real estate company, and PwC accounting firm are expected to join them by this summer.

Insight Global professional services and staffing agency recently became a tenant of the office building at 2455 House Street, home to CFG Bank headquarters. Ayers Saint Gross architects are expected to move in by this fall.

Services, Dining, and Shopping

Several businesses that help make a neighborhood a neighborhood arrived in mid-2025. Balt Pen now has a full-service branch of M&T Bank, a full-service dog care center (Molly's Dog Care), and a roomy coffee shop (Daily Grind). This spring, a children's learning and daycare center (Everbrook Academy) and a nail salon (Inspire Nail Bar) are set to open.

The neighborhood's goal of becoming a major Baltimore foodie and nightlife destination could take a leap forward in 2026 with the arrival of several new businesses. The newcomers will join veteran Nick's Fish House, Rye Street Tavern, and Pinky Cole's Slutty Vegan and Bar V 2.0 (formerly Bar Vegan).

According to a Balt Pen representative, by this April, the Urbano Tex-Mex restaurant and the LIVE-K Karaoke venue will open on the ground floor of Rye Street Market. Three additional restaurants – Shinkansen Sushi, Slurp Noodle Bar, and the Blu Ca Jamaican Experience – are scheduled to open at the Rye House apartment building by the end of this year. One previously announced dining addition, Baltimore's BK Lobster near Patterson Park, will not be expanding to Balt Pen.

As far as shopping goes, the neighborhood is dominated by the new Under Armour Brand House in the company's headquarters building. The only other options are the Sagamore Spirit distillery gift shop and the Little Wing general store inside the ROOST extended-stay hotel. "The Exchange," a multivendor retail space featuring local goods from small businesses envisioned for the Rye Street Market, has not yet materialized.

Public Spaces, Events, and Sports

Activating and enhancing the many public spaces in Balt Pen is the job of Claudia Jolin, executive director of the



The Baltimore Peninsula neighborhood now features the sprawling Locke Landing residential development still under construction (right) and Under Armour's new headquarters (below, right). The addition of the Charm City Circulator "Cherry Route" (below, left) has helped to improve access to Balt Pen events. Photos by Mary Braman.

neighborhood's Community Benefits District. The nonprofit she runs with a three-person staff is charged with keeping public areas looking good and humming with engaging events. This work is supported by a special property tax levied on property owners within the district, a funding resource that has grown to \$830,000 this year, Jolin said.

Jolin reports that many of the events and activities from the last two years will return this year, including weekly "Wellness on the Waterfront" yoga and exercise classes, salsa lessons, and summertime outdoor movie nights. Also returning will be an array of cultural festivals at West Covington Park and special events such as "Oysters, Blues & Brews" and "Asia in a Bite" at Port Covington Marina.

The huge crowds that came to the Asian food festival last year gave Jolin and her team a crash course in hosting large events. "We didn't know what it would be like to host 10,000-plus people in our neighborhood," Jolin recalled. "It's no secret that getting in and out of Baltimore Peninsula is quite difficult. Working with Asia in a Bite and having them come and show us where our pinch points were was really helpful. It makes us more prepared to support big festivals like this."



And a new, big event is heading her way this June. Baltimore is one of the host cities for the "Sail 250" celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Balt Pen will be one of several festival sites in the city and, Jolin hopes, a premiere viewing location for the air show.

Improving public access to the neighborhood for events large and small got a boost in 2024 when Baltimore City added the new "Cherry Route" to its Charm City Circulator network. The free buses travel between Cherry Hill and downtown Baltimore via the Hanover Street Bridge, through the entire Balt Pen development, on through McHenry Row to E. Fort Avenue, and then S. Charles Street to Pratt Street, near the Inner Harbor.

"A lot of our Baltimore City residents who are familiar with the Circulator use it to get to the events here," said Jolin. "It's huge for event transportation into the district."

Pickleball, sand volleyball, bocce,

kickball, and cornhole return to the neighborhood this spring at the "Club Volo" sports complex on the former grounds of *The Baltimore Sun* printing plant, according to Volo managing director Ryan McConigle. The popular social sports leagues begin play this spring and a free community day is set for May 2.

"We will be renovating the grass fields to support our Volo Kids youth programming and other local youth-serving organizations," McConigle said.

In March and April, Club Volo will offer community members free access to the volleyball and pickleball courts on weekends for pickup games. The public can also rent these courts daily starting in April.

Volo pickup games – and all the other events coming to Baltimore Peninsula – will be listed in the *Peninsula Post's* SoBo Events calendar. And keep an eye on the "New Businesses" column in each issue of the newspaper for notices of businesses and restaurants opening.



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SoBo Author's Debut Novel Features Food, Wine, and Infidelity

by Robert Hardy

"Two of my favorite things are cooking and writing," says South Baltimore novelist Joelle Babula, "and combining those two things is very satisfying." Babula is at Bodega & Vino in Locust Point discussing her debut novel, *Infidelity Rules* (Black Rose Writing, 2025), in which local color and culinary detail combine with a spicy plot about relationships, marriage, and commitment.

"Food is inspiring," she says. "I keep track of new recipes and new dishes at restaurants, and I'll go home and try to recreate things. And if I don't get it right, I'll go back and try it again. I've cooked every menu in the book myself at home, multiple times."

That creative spirit also animates the novel's main character, Quinn, a successful sommelier making her way in the male-dominated restaurant world, where food and wine are signifiers of power and passion. Romance is the novel's key ingredient: "Quinn prefers her men the way she likes her food and wine," according to the publisher's blurb: "enticing, intoxicating, and utterly delectable." For a twist, Quinn only dates married men, and she follows her own set of "rules" in doing so: no meddling in happy marriages, no men with young children, no falling in love.

"Infidelity can be a tough sell," Babula observes. "My main character only dates married men. It's not a very nice thing to do. But I'm trying to make her a little more likable by giving her rules, at least. I thought I might lose readers because of the infidelity. Some people said, 'I like the food, I like the wine, I just don't like Quinn.' But it's the character dealing with the consequences of her decisions that adds depth to the story. I put her in a place where she has lots to learn and a huge emotional growth trajectory, and she definitely evolves."

Babula's evolution as a writer began in journalism, reporting news and writing features for the *Arizona Republic* and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. An interest in medicine led her to move to Baltimore to attend and graduate from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She now works as an adult primary care nurse practitioner caring for military veterans. She lives with her husband and their two cats on the Inner Harbor in South Baltimore.

"My husband and I are from the West Coast. I'm from California, and initially we thought we were going to move back. But that was 22 years ago," Babula notes. "We love Baltimore. I took a big pause on writing when I went to nursing school and then started working as a nurse practitioner, but I noticed that living in a walkable city gives you a different perspective and exposure. I had been living in the suburbs, and I had to drive everywhere. So you're just not seeing the same people over and over again, you're not friendly in the same way. It's a lot easier here to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood, and I think that helps with inspiration as a writer."

Baltimore and Washington, D.C., both feature prominently as settings in *Infidelity Rules*, particularly the cities' restaurants, which provide atmospheric backdrops for numerous romantic scenes as well as more prosaic, professional encounters. "I dropped little love notes for locals, because the settings are some real places," Babula says. "Anyone who has dined out between D.C. and Baltimore will recognize these places."

The characters have their local qualities, too. "Quinn is D.C.," Babula observes. "I picture her at a restaurant in D.C., with a little gleam of sophistication. And I think, what she's doing, she can hide it more easily in D.C. You can hide dating married men more easily in D.C."



Romance is the key ingredient in Joelle Babula's *Infidelity Rules*, which follows the exploits of a successful sommelier making her way in the restaurant world. Babula lives with her husband on the Inner Harbor. Photo by Mary Braman.

"The people she surrounds herself with are more Baltimore, and they know what she's doing: Her bartender, Julian, who's the kind of bartender I would hunt down in Baltimore. Her brother, Alex, who's a reporter for the Baltimore paper and is very inquisitive and down-to-earth, always friendly. Even her best friend, Dezi, they are all Baltimore. And Baltimore is *Small-timore*."

Babula has been busy promoting the book, including readings and book signings at Bodega & Vino and at Greedy Reads in Fells Point, and she appeared at the Baltimore Book Festival last September and the Las Vegas Book Festival in October.

"When I was writing the book, I worked with a group of 'beta' readers through the Women's Fiction Writers Association," Babula says. "I was paired with women from all over the country, other writers in similar

genres, and we exchanged pages once a week and gave feedback. Getting involved in the writing community was very helpful. It's hard for writers sometimes to push their writing out to the public. I'm an introvert. I'd much rather be at home writing. But you have to keep the ball rolling, you have to keep regularly posting on social media, regularly showing up."

She is already shopping her next novel to agents.

"It's a psychological thriller, very different from this book, a little heavier," she says. "It's called *Hush*. A nurse uses her medical knowledge as a weapon to exact revenge against a woman who wronged her. It's local. It's very Baltimore."

And there is a novel number three in the works as well. "It may or may not be a sequel to *Infidelity Rules*. The ending definitely allows for a sequel. But I'm not going to give anything away."



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SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

The temperatures have officially dropped into the single digits by the time my alarm clock chirps. We are in full-on winter, and though I know we're past the darkest 10 weeks of the year, it still feels like an eternity until the South Baltimore Little League Parade, Federal Hill Park Easter Egg Hunt, softball at Solo Gibbs, and the opening of Riverside Park pool. Read along for tips on how to make it through till spring. - *Beth Mayr*

Family Cold-Weather Fun

Sledding in the Neighborhood. Our first snowfall this winter arrived on January 25 and gave us a chance for some family sledding. It's always worth the effort to bundle the kids up and head to the closest park. Relive your childhood sliding down the largest hill you can find and take the time for some "water cooler" conversations to meet other parents in the neighborhood.

Reading Party. Have a reading party at home! Take a winter walk and find some new family reads at the Little Free Libraries in SoBo. (Have you seen the brand new one at Fed Hill Park? Check the *Peninsula Post's* website at sobopost.org for a full guide, updated often!) Stop by the Pratt Library on Light Street for one of their Story Times or to browse and check out books. Pro tip: Ask the librarian to be added to their email list! And, if your kiddo is under 5, make sure you are signed up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Getting a free book in the mail each month is so fun (and they vary it for your second kid).



Have a reading party at home with some finds from one of SoBo's many Little Free Libraries.

Indoor Activities. There are lots of great local places for open-play activities (Maryland Science Center, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Port Discovery, the Aquarium, B&O Museum, SoBo Play Space), but here are a few structured activities we have loved during the winter. My son (just over 2 years old) giggles, sings, and dances at SoBo Music Academy's music classes. Both

my kids have loved learning to swim at the Life Saving Instruction (LSI) offered at Digital Harbor High School. Classes start as young as 6 months old, and the instructors do a great job of meeting the kids where they are. Peninsula families also love South Baltimore Ballet, which has numerous seasons of dance throughout the year. southbaltimoremusic.com, lifesavinginstruction.com, soboballet.com

Moms' Night Out. I debated including this in Indoor Activities, but this deserves its own section. Once a month, there's a brand-new local Moms' Night Out hosted at SoBo Play Space! I attended last month. We did a "Pass the Paint" activity where you start your canvas design, then pass it to the next mom for 5 minutes for her to continue painting, and then to the next mom, and so on. It took some trust to affirm I wouldn't mess up my new friend Nicole's beautiful feather art. It was a great way to meet other moms and such a fun and chill evening. This is a monthly activity every third Friday at SoBo Play Space, and it's free! Registration required. soboplayspace.com

Camp Registration: Not for the Weary

As I was writing this article, I registered my soon-to-be rising kindergartener for lots of summer fun. She'll have a blast swimming, doing gymnastics, crafting, acting, dancing, and so much more. I highly encourage you to start thinking about summer camp now, especially the gems we have right here on the peninsula.

Summer Camp Directory. Baltimore Family Alliance recently published their free Summer Camp Directory,

with over 150 regional camps for all ages and interests. baltimorefamilies.org

Camps on the Peninsula. There will be a number of camps offered on the peninsula (and many more not far away). God's Best Family has an incredible program for its campers. They should be releasing details soon. The team always makes camp a fun and engaging experience. godsbestfamilymd.com

Parents have raved about Baltimore City Rec and Parks camps at local rec centers. Registration for these camps often opens in March (but check their website right now to confirm) and can fill within minutes. The rate is often very reasonable for the whole summer. I've been told that even if you're on the waitlist, spots will open up, so don't lose hope entirely. bcrc.baltimorecity.gov

Arteasy, a local SoBo gem, will also be offering three weeks of art camp. My daughter has been to a few of their one-day camps, and we couldn't sign up fast enough for a whole week at art camp. She loves the friends she has made and all the different mediums she has used in art projects. arteasystudio.com/baltimore-camps

Bonus: Learning about Schools. Live Baltimore recently hosted a "Demystifying Pre-K" webinar for those interested in learning more about that process. The recording of that webinar, plus recent webinars on Middle/High School Choice, the Charter School Lottery, and more, are on their website. Worth the watch, as they often have people who work for the school system share relevant updates and data on the process. livebaltimore.com/families-with-children

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News from SoBo Neighborhood Organizations



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're excited for another year of local events, collaborations, small business growth, and community development here at Federal Hill Main Street. Here's just a tiny **sneak peek** at some of what we have to look forward to in 2026: new activations for Orioles' Opening Day, big summer celebrations for the United States' 250th anniversary, and another Vintage Market (this time outside of the holiday season).

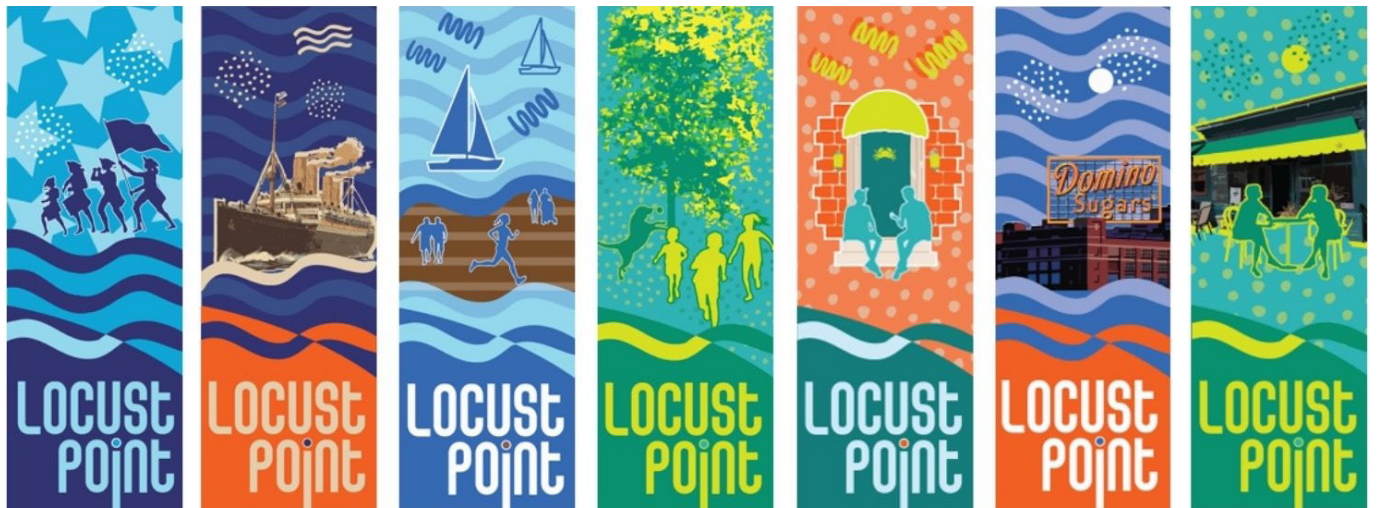
As we continue to plan what this year will look like for us, we need your help! Please fill out our **annual patron survey** to let us know what we did best in 2025 and what we can do better in 2026. Our best work happens in collaboration with our community, and your feedback helps make that happen. You can find the survey at our website, above. – Submitted by *Charlotte Faust, Project Manager*

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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Happy New Year, everyone! We had a **productive 2025**. FHNA organized the Summer Socials in Federal Hill Park, a new outdoor classroom at Digital Harbor High School, extra Sheriff's deployments, two neighborhood cleanups, and the planting of 32 trees. Thank you to our team of hard-working volunteers for helping organize these events.

We have some incredible **events and projects** coming up. On Sunday, March 22 from 4 to 7pm, we will have the first of three Spring Socials at Federal Hill Park. At our February 17 meeting at Light Street Presbyterian Church, we will be discussing ways to harden Federal Hill Park against dirt bikes. (Thank you to Senator Bill Ferguson for facilitating a local bond initiative to fund this project.) Please



New neighborhood banners rose over E. Fort Avenue in January, a project of the Locust Point Civic Association.

also stay tuned for our residential parking permit pickup event and our next happy hour for under-40 neighbors!

If you live in Federal Hill, please **become an FHNA member**. Membership dues pay for the infrastructure that allows us to receive the grants that funded the major projects we undertook last year. In addition, members can vote on what projects the association takes on, for board members, and on letters of support or opposition to events happening in the neighborhood.

I will be stepping down as FHNA President in May. If you are interested in running for this position or becoming an at-large board member, please let me know. My last four years on the neighborhood association have been incredibly rewarding, and I look forward to seeing FHNA continue to evolve.

As always, if you have an idea for how we can make Federal Hill a better place to live, work, and play, please email me at the address above. – Submitted by *Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President*

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Wow! We have a full month of the new year behind us. Unbelievable. This means we've had another amazing **FHSNA Chili Cook Off**. BIG THANKS go out to Little Havana, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Eagle Title Company, and all the Federal Hill businesses who participated in this beloved annual event with us.

Mark your calendars! Our next **Dumpster Day** is Saturday, March 21, 8am to 12pm (or until the dumpster is full). The dumpster will be located on the gravel parking lot at Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington Street Please note we are not allowed to take metal items, tires, bikes, or appliances.

The next **FHSNA general meetings** will be held on Tuesday, February 24 and March 31 from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings Street. We have refreshments, drinks, and wine. It's a great opportunity to see your neighbors, familiarize yourself with city and neighborhood events, and get involved.

Be sure to purchase or renew your 2026 **FHSNA membership**. It is only \$10 for individuals, \$20 for couples, and free for residents 65 and older. Registration is required so we have you on record as being a member. – Submitted by *Nadine Bowen, President*

Key Highway Community Association

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KHCA's annual **Holiday Party** was held on December 20 as a joint event with the American Visionary Art Museum to promote membership in both organizations and to introduce members to each other.

AVAM's new director, Ellen Owens, made a presentation about this unique museum. Members of Thread, an organization that pairs students with volunteers to work toward successful academic paths, were also available to discuss the program, its success, and

need to recruit more volunteers. – Submitted by *Janan Broadbent, President*

Locust Point Civic Association

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In January, LPCA had **34 street light banners** installed in Locust Point along E. Fort Avenue. We are thankful to the individuals and organizations that donated funds, especially Domino Sugar, Mark Sapperstein, and The Belles. The banners were conceived with community input and designed to show our heritage as a major immigration port, our place in preserving the nation from tyranny, and our current inclusive values. Please be sure to look for them the next time you're on Fort Avenue.

The next **LPCA membership** meetings will be held on February 11 and March 11 at the Knights of Columbus hall (1338 Hull Street). Meetings start at 7:30pm. – Submitted by *Dave Arndt, Board Member*

Riverside Neighborhood Association

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It has been quiet for RNA during the holiday time, but that does not mean we have been slowing down.

The Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show occurred in January, and through a partnership that RNA has had for many years, the Friends of Riverside Park were able to obtain some great **plantings for the spring**.

We are currently working on the **Summer Concert series** so stay tuned for our official announcement. – Submitted by *Jeff Dewberry, President*

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SOBO EVENTS

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

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

2/11 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm. \$

2/11 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

2/11 – LPCA Membership Meeting, Knights of Columbus hall, 1338 Hull St. Monthly meeting of the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

2/11 – Pickup Volleyball, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings St. Sponsored by Volo Sports. 7:40-8:40pm. \$

2/12 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Brief distillery tour and guided tastings. 5:30 & 6:30pm. \$

2/12 – Cupid Cafe, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Crafting and drinks. 6-8:30pm. \$

2/12 – Valentine’s Cake Decoration Class, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 6-8pm. \$

2/12 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

2/12 – Brushes, Bubbles ad Besties, Nick’s Fish House, 2600 Insulator Dr. A Galentine’s celebration with drinks, dessert, and oyster shell painting. 7pm. \$

2/13 – Family Fun Night, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. Food, arts and crafts, and jewelry making. 5-7pm.

2/13 – Book Arts for the Heart, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Introductory class in journal making. 7-9pm. \$

2/13 – Galentine’s Day Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Create two cocktails and enjoy light desserts. 7pm. \$

2/13 – Killer Friday the 13th Comedy Show, Delia Foley’s, 1439 S. Charles St. Standup showcase with headliner Matt Brown. Sponsored by Bottle Rocket Comedy. Doors at 7:30pm. \$

2/13 – Music: Pretty Sweet, Royal Flush, Coddie Wompz, Pappa J, Rilly Dreamweaver Crew b2b, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 8pm. \$

2/14 – Farmer’s Market, Silo Point lobby, 1200 Steuart St. Produce, flowers, and baked goods. Hosted by Gene’s Greens. 9am-12pm.

2/14 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

2/14 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Brief distillery tour and guided tastings. 11am. \$

2/14 – Water Aerobics Class, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 11am. \$

2/14 – Crafty Cat Blankets, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a no-sew blanket to be donated to BARCS. 11am.



“Liquid Courage” returns to the Baltimore Museum of Industry on Feb. 28. Photo by Anthony Lynch / Stamped Filmz

2/14 – Kids’ Cupcake Decoration Class, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 2-4pm. \$

2/14 – Music: Don’t Tell Your Friends, Playrite, Spitball, and Tidal Shifts, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/15 – Black HERStory Month Vendor Market, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. 12-4pm.

2/15 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Brief distillery tour and guided tastings. 12pm. \$

2/16 – School’s Out Camp, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

2/16 – Free Entrance Day, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Free entry to the Fort in recognition of Presidents’ Day. 9am-5pm.

2/16 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

2/16 – Water Aerobics Class, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 6:30pm. \$

2/16 – Belly Dance Class, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

2/17 – Sensory Days, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Reduced capacity and modified environment. 10am-4pm. \$

2/17 – Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

2/17 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

2/17 – Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 6-8pm. \$

2/17 – Pickup Volleyball, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings St. Sponsored by Volo Sports. 6-7:45pm. \$

2/18 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

2/18 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

2/18 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm. \$

2/18 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

2/18 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Beginning and intermediate ballet class. 7-8pm. \$

2/18 – Pickup Volleyball, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings St. 7:40-8:40pm. \$

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2/19 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

2/19 – Somatic Survival Skills, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 6:30-9pm. \$

2/19 – Virtual Tour: 'Esther and the Dream of One Loving Human Family', with Bernice Steinhardt. Holocaust survivor Esther Krinitz's daughter recounts her mother's memories as a teenager in Nazi Poland. 7-8:30pm.

2/19 – Music: Coyote Island, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/20 – Music: Seven Teller Album Release Party, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/21 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort; binoculars required. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9-11am.

2/21 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

2/21 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

2/21 – Water Aerobics Class, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 11am. \$

2/21 – 'Artfirmations' Workshop, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Mindfulness-based affirmation writing with creative art making workshop led by artist Beezy Young. 1-3pm. \$

2/21 – 'Full Sail' Fundraiser, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Benefit for the Downtown Sailing Center featuring live music, food, drinks, and nautical fun. 7-10pm. \$

2/21 – Music: Langston Hughes II, Little Havana Hemingway Room, 1325 Key Hwy. Sponsored by the Sonic Lifeline. 7 & 9pm. \$

2/21 – Music: Better Off Dead, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/22 – Winter's Invitation, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Rest, reflect, and reconnect with mindful nature connection and reflective journaling. 1-3pm. \$

2/22 – 'Game of Frogs' Painting Craft-ernoon, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint your own concrete frog sculpture. 2-4pm. \$

2/23 – Water Aerobics Class, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. 6:30pm. \$

2/24 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

2/24 – Kitchen Science, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn how to make healthy after-school snacks. 3pm.

2/24 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

2/24 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

2/24 – FHSNA Membership Meeting, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings St. Monthly meeting of the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm social, 7pm meeting begins.

2/25 – Clay Tunes, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn about the unique sounds of little-known sculptural ceramic instruments of the ancient Americas. 10:30am.

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

2/25 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm. \$

2/25 – Music: Al Olender, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/25 – Christian Speed Dating, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. For singles, ages 28-40. 7pm. \$

2/25 – Pickup Volleyball, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 Gittings St. 7:40pm. \$

2/26 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

2/27 – Music: Kendall Street Company and Gordon Sterling and the People, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

2/28 – Farmer's Market, Silo Point lobby, 1200 Steuart St. Produce, honey, flowers, and baked goods; hosted by Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

2/28 – Arteasy Salon and Skills Showcase, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Workshops and art show with artist members. 10am-6pm. \$

2/28 – Liquid Courage, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Celebrating Maryland's cocktail and distilling history with live music, workshops, and tastings. 5-10pm. \$

2/28 – Music: Melody Trucks and The Fitzkee Brothers Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/2 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

3/2 – Writers Exchange, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. A read-and-critique group for writers with interest in all forms of writing. 6-7:30pm.

3/2 – Belly Dance Class, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

3/3 – Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 6-8pm. \$

3/4 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

3/4 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

3/4 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm. \$

3/4 – Meet the Author, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Rebecca Donnelly discusses *Change is in the Air: The Hidden Discoveries of Eunice Newton Foote*. 3pm.



A live recording session with Langston Hughes II takes place Feb. 21 in Little Havana's Hemingway Room.

3/4 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

3/5 – Punctum Books at Light Street, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Readings by several authors attending the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference. 6-7:30pm.

3/5 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

3/6 – School's Out Camp, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

3/6 – Music: Vincent Antone, Father Funk, Zone Drums, and Soap, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 9pm. \$

3/7 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

3/7 – Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion of *Why Not Us?* by Naomi Rivers. 11am-12pm.

3/7 – Believable Fictions: Poetry and Prose Readings, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Readings by writers from the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference. 1-3pm. \$

3/7 – Birding by Boat, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Guided charter along the Fort McHenry and Baltimore Peninsula waterfronts. 2-3:30pm. \$

3/7 – 12th Annual Pasta Palooza, Knights of Columbus, 1338 Hull St. Fundraiser for Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School PTO. 5-9pm. \$

3/7 – Music: Dale and the Z Dubs, Sons of Paradise, and The Pocket Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/8 – Get Rooted in Your Core Values, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E Fort Ave. Explore how to align to and embody your core values. 1-3pm. \$

3/9 – Light Street Lab: Paper Airplane Challenge, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

3/9 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

3/9 – Belly Dance Class, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

3/10 – Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. 11am.

3/10 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

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3/10 – Switch It Up, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Family-friendly Switch games. 6pm.

3/11 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

3/11 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

3/11 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm. \$

3/11 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

3/11 – LPCA Membership Meeting, Knights of Columbus hall, 1338 Hull St. Monthly meeting of the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

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

3/13 – Music: LITZ and Hustle Souls, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/14 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

3/14 – Woman's History Month Market, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Market of women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. 12-5pm.

3/14 – Music: Milagro Azul and Rays of Violet, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/16 – School's Out Camp, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Full day of art fun. 9am-4pm. \$

3/16 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

3/16 – Belly Dance Class, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

3/17 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

3/17 – Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 6-8pm. \$

3/18 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

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3/18 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

3/19 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

3/19 – Music: Solar Circuit and DJ Gree-nie, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/20 – Music: Big Richard with Little Filly, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

3/21 – Dumpster Day, Digital Harbor High School parking lot, 1100 Covington St. Hosted by the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 8am-12pm.



Free vinyasa (flow) yoga classes are held Wednesday nights inside Rye Street Market in Baltimore Peninsula. On Monday nights, "boot camp" exercise sessions are held in the same location. Photo by Marissa Walch.

3/21 – Spring Migration Bird Watching Walk, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bird-watching walk to Riverside Park led by the Baltimore Bird Club; preregistration required. 9-11am.

3/21 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

3/21 – Friends of the Light Street Branch monthly meeting, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

3/22 – 'Where Roots Hold' Sound Bath, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E Fort Ave. Join guest practitioner Jaime Kline. 3-5pm. \$

3/23 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

3/23 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Beginner/all-levels instruction in Global Caravan belly dance. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

3/24 – The Coping Well Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Open conversation for tweens and teens about managing school stress with clinical therapist Maggie Well-ing. 3-4pm.

3/24 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

3/25 – 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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3/25 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

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

3/28 – Bienvenidos al Museo, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Free admission, audio tours available in Spanish, and opportunities to connect with Latin community leaders and organizations. 9am-4pm.

3/28 – Ceramics Glaze Demo, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 10am-2pm. \$

3/30 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 6th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

3/31 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

3/31 – Kitchen Science, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn how to make healthy after-school snacks. 3pm.

3/31 – \$10 Tuesdays Open Studio, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. 4-8pm. \$

3/31 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

4/1 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

4/1 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

4/3 – Peninsula Post Issue #30 available free at outlets all over SoBo.

4/4 – Read with Pride Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book discussion of *Forest Euphoria* by Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian. 11am-12pm.

4/7 – Make Your Own Anime Character, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Learn how to create anime characters. 3:30-5pm.

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