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HIGHLIGHTS

Baltimore Old-Time Music Festival
(4/17-18)

"I Love SoBo Day"
(5/3)

BMI Farmers' Market Opening Day
(5/16)



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Compiled by Katie Cochran

4/5 - Asia in a Bite Food Festival, 201 E. Cromwell St. Over 40 Asian food vendors plus merchandise vendors. 11am-7pm.

4/6 - 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.

4/7 - Make Your Own Anime Character, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3:30-5pm.

4/7 - Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. A supportive group for all levels of experience. 6-8pm. \$

4/8 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

4/8 - Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 11:30am.

4/8 - Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12-1:30pm.

4/9 - Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

4/9 - Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

4/10 - Boys Varsity Baseball, DHHS vs. Reginald F. Lewis H. S., Latrobe Park, Locust Point. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/10 - Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

4/10 - Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.more. 6:30pm.

4/10 - Bingo, Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors open at 6 pm, games start at 7pm. \$

4/10 - Grown Up Field Trip: Throwback, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. A retro "school field trip" party for ages 21+. 7pm. \$

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New Kayak Launch Coming to Harbor 'Blueway' Trail

By Douglas Bennett

The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore is bringing significant new water sport and recreation infrastructure to the SoBo peninsula just in time for summer. The nonprofit plans to build a new public kayak launch near Rash Field Park this spring, and eventually a new launch at Hull Street Pier and a kayak rest stop at Fort McHenry, to improve access to the Inner Harbor and surrounding waterways.

The work is part of Waterfront Partnership's Baltimore Blueway project to create a network of water trails and access points across the city's waterfront. This spring the organization will start construction of its Inner Harbor Kayak Launch on the peninsula's northern shore, just west of Rusty Scupper restaurant on Key Highway.

"We wanted to build new access points and improve existing access points because we found that people really wanted to kayak in the Inner Harbor," said Adam Lindquist, vice president of the Partnership, in an interview with the *Peninsula Post*. "We've been working on this for two years, so we're really excited to see it come to fruition."

The new launch will be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible, with grab bars and a step-down seat, and will feature prominent signage including maps, recommended crossing channels, and safety instructions.

The site plan also includes a "Rent. Fun" self-service rental station to allow visitors to use kayaks, paddles, and life vests for a fee through a mobile app. The station will initially feature eight kayaks, but more boats could be added in the future.

Rob Bennett, vice president and director of communications for Canton Kayak Club, confirmed that the kayak share program plans to store kayaks, paddles, and personal flotation devices at the dock for its members.

The new dock is part of the Inner Harbor Heritage Trail, taking paddlers from the new launch through the Inner Harbor Marina and around the perimeter of the Inner Harbor to Fells Point, the location of an existing public access dock run by Canton Kayak Club. The trail passes the National Aquarium, harbor wetlands, historic ships, and Mr. Trash Wheel.

Waterfront Partnership plans to install another kayak rental station and new signage in Fells Point as part of the trail. This newly designed Inner Harbor Heritage Trail is a reconfiguration of the original Inner Harbor



RASH FIELD PARK 2 continued to rise between Key Highway and the Inner Harbor in March as construction crews started to build some of the park's central structures. The concrete base of the multiuse "Fieldhouse" was poured (top photo) and the tiered "Amphitheater" seating (above) that will look out over "The Lawn" toward the harbor took shape. Construction on the new park began with a groundbreaking in April 2025 and is expected to be complete by the end of this summer with opening day in the fall. Photos by Mary Braman.

Loop Trail included in the Baltimore Blueway 2023 master plan.

Lindquist expects work to be completed on the new Inner Harbor and Fells Point launches in time for Baltimore Flotilla, the annual takeover of the Inner Harbor by paddlers and rowers scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

Next year, the Partnership plans to open another new kayak launch in Locust Point at the Hull Street Pier and to create a paddlers' rest stop at Fort McHenry. The Hull Street Pier currently supports a public water taxi dock. The new launch will include a floating dock, making it easier for paddlers to get into the water.

"Although Fort McHenry won't be a point of origin for paddling trips," said Lindquist, "we would love for people to get to the Fort by boat and stop to check out Fort McHenry, and then get back on the water."

Waterfront Partnership plans to update its online Baltimore Blueway maps in the coming months to reflect

the new Inner Harbor Heritage Trail, as well as the renaming of the original North Shore Water Trail to the Canton Water Trail.

Other changes planned for the Blueway include a new Domino Sugar Water Trail that replaces part of the former South Shore Water Trail, which will now go from the new Inner Harbor kayak launch to Hull Street Pier. (The trail no longer features an access point at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.) A longer Fort McHenry Water Trail will now stretch from Hull Street, around the Fort, and across the Middle Branch to Broening Park in Cherry Hill.

As part of its longer-term plan, the Partnership will add trail signage to the other existing boat ramps on the southern shore of the peninsula near Rye Street Tavern and at Ferry Bar Park.

Lindquist expects to announce several upcoming events to commemorate the new infrastructure and celebrate the city's waterways, including a new Waterfront Week celebration in June.

FROM THE EDITOR

Time to Celebrate SoBo with the Whole Peninsula

We're getting excited here at South Baltimore United as we gear up for our (I can't believe it) fifth annual "I Love SoBo Day" on Sunday, May 3, outside at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. We're looking forward once again to hanging out with neighbors, friends, and new arrivals from Sharp-Leadenhall to Locust Point.

We have a full morning planned by the water with many of your favorite local vendors and SoBo Day activities along with some new faces and events.

This year's Scavenger Hunt is a throwback to the ones we did in the early days of the *Peninsula Post* that challenge you to find certain places or things that are in plain view across the peninsula. (Clues will be released on the morning of Saturday, April 25, at sobopost.org.)

And for the first time, we'll be hosting a Cornhole Competition for kids and adults with the help of Volo Sports. And, yes, there will be prizes for the winning teams!

For more on SoBo Day, see page 5 or visit sobopost.org/soboday2026.
— Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief

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Fort McHenry Restores, Enhances Historic Plaques

Visitors to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Locust Point are noticing some recent enhancements to the landscaping as they enter the front gates and approach the Fort. The 50 bronze plaques commemorating each state's admission into the Union that line the entranceway road have been restored and mounted on new concrete pillars.

Work began last October to restore the plaques, funded by visitors' fees and carried out by the Historic Preservation Training Center, part of the National Park Service. Workers "removed the bronze plaques from the ground and dug out the original stone, then replaced it with the concrete posts you see now," says Park Ranger Shannon McLucas. The work was completed in early January.

"In 1932, during the bicentennial of George Washington's birthday, states throughout the U.S. were coming up with memorials to recognize the occasion," McLucas explains. "Here in Baltimore, the Society of the War of 1812 and other patriotic organizations in the area donated these bronze plaques: 50 [originally 48] that recognize the states in the order in which they entered the Union and 35 [originally 30] other plaques that recognize significant persons from the War of 1812. In the Orpheus Grove, surrounding the



Fort McHenry visitors are now greeted by historic plaques mounted on pillars along the road into the park. Photo by Mary Braman.

Orpheus statue, you'll find plaques for Francis Scott Key, George Armistead, Sam Smith, and others who fought at Fort McHenry or at North Point."

Since their installation 94 years ago, the original stone mountings had sunk into the ground, with grass growing over the plaques that had become worn and patinaed.

"We received some visitor comments that they couldn't see the markers, so they weren't serving their purpose anymore," McLucas says.

Cleaned and restored, the plaques are now mounted on the angled tops of the new concrete pedestals, each roughly three feet high. "Based on

photos from 1934, we're going for the historic appearance you would have seen around the time they were dedicated," says McLucas.

"In this 250th anniversary year [of the United States], as people notice these, they can reflect on the idea of the Union," McLucas notes. "As you come into Fort McHenry now, you see the Star-Spangled Banner and then you see all of the states. And, basically, it's the states and the people living in them that give the Star-Spangled Banner its meaning. That's the story. When you drive into the park, you're driving into 250 years of American history." — Robert Hardy

Giant Frogs Taking Shape in SoBo Public Art Project

The ubiquitous, colorful "Game of Frogs" amphibians that invaded the peninsula a few years ago ("SoBo's Mysterious 'Art Frogs' Explained," *Peninsula Post*, December 2024) could soon be joined by several massive concrete cousins, thanks to a recent Maryland State Arts Council grant.

In March, SoBo artist and educator Ellie Flock received \$10,000 to support the planning phase of the public art project, which is a collaboration with "Game of Frogs" creator and peninsula resident Andrew Simpson. If all goes as planned, about a half dozen two-foot-tall frogs standing on pedestals could be deployed across SoBo by next summer, Flock says.

The project grew out of Flock's interest in creating an art project in the Riverside neighborhood that would engage artist members at the Artesy Studio on Light Street, where she works. Through discussions with com-



Design concept for the next stage in the "Game of Frogs" evolution.

munity stakeholders, ideas percolated around three-dimensional artworks such as sculptures, which could better connect the project to staff of the neighborhood's largest employer, the National Federation of the Blind.

"When I was thinking about 3D elements, the first thing that came to mind was Game of Frogs," Flock recalls. Artesy has hosted several

workshops over the past year where participants paint their own two-inch-tall concrete frogs cast by Simpson.

Flock and Simpson met with National Federation of the Blind representatives to refine the concept, taking into consideration elements to make it more accessible for the visually impaired, such as adding Braille signage and textured surfaces on the frogs.

As the frog design progresses this spring, Flock plans a feedback session with the Federation and one with Artesy artists at a paint-your-own-frog workshop on April 25.

This summer, Simpson will turn to fabricating a full-size frog prototype out of expanding urethane foam. The final frogs will be made of concrete.

Flock says the prototype will be unveiled at a public event in August. In the meantime, she is actively looking for SoBo organizations interested in hosting one of the frogs on their property. Later this year, she plans to apply for another grant to fund fabrication and deployment of the massive amphibians. — Steve Cole

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Otterbein Pastor Tells Story of Church's Racial Justice Pilgrimage

By Robert Hardy

The Rev. Dr. Bonnie McCubbin – “Pastor Bonnie” to friends and parishioners at the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church on W. Conway Street – is discussing her new book, *I Love to Tell the Story: A Pilgrimage Towards Racial Justice in the United Methodist Church* (Tehom Center Publishing, 2025), on a recent afternoon at a South Baltimore coffee shop.

“This isn’t just about religious history,” McCubbin says. “It’s also Baltimore history. It tells the story of race in Baltimore as much as it tells the story of race in a denomination.”

With its title adapted from a Methodist hymn, *I Love to Tell the Story* is an examination of the Methodist denomination’s historical struggles to overcome segregation, achieve integration, and advance its “pilgrimage” to attain racial equality. A narrative based on archival research covers the church’s first 200 years, rounded out with oral history interviews with individuals who experienced first-hand the transformations the church went through in the modern era to address its structural racism.

“Maryland was the birthplace of religious tolerance in the New World,” McCubbin writes, and “Baltimore was a hotbed for religious fervor and reformation.” She observes that “three of the five main strands of today’s United Methodist Church were founded in this city,” including the United Brethren in Christ and the Methodist Episcopal Church. (She also notes that there

were more than 200 denominational splits in the church’s early years.)

Telling the story of the Methodist pilgrimage for racial justice through the lens of the Old Otterbein Church is a task well suited to McCubbin’s background. She has served as pastor at Old Otterbein since 2021 and is also director of Museums and Pilgrimage as well as archivist for the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, casting her in the role of storyteller to help preserve church history and connect it to contemporary life.

“Here in South Baltimore, Old Otterbein is a landmark,” she says. “It’s the church that the Otterbein community was named after. It’s where the ‘dollar home’ lottery was held. But it was also out of Old Otterbein that we see some of the leadership related to racial justice in the Methodist Church start.”

Founded in 1771, Old Otterbein was by 1800 the “mother church” of the United Brethren in Christ, a German-speaking church led by Bishop Philip William Otterbein that would generations later merge with the Methodist Church to form the United Methodist Church. The United Brethren was the first denomination “created completely in America and not imported from abroad,” McCubbin writes. It was never segregated, was strongly abolitionist, and “it never wavered or weakened its position.”

Historically, the Methodist Church had condemned slavery as early as 1784, declaring that slaveholders could not be Methodists. By the 1800s, though, that stance started wavering, leading to a division in the denomination in 1844, with the Methodist Episcopal Church – based at north Baltimore’s Lovely Lane Meeting House – segregated.

In 1864, Black congregants in the Baltimore area formed what was



The Rev. Dr. Bonnie McCubbin of the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church. Photo by Robert Hardy.

called the “Central Jurisdiction” to give themselves greater autonomy through a separate structural system, including allowing Black congregants to elect Black bishops and clergy. By 1939, however, any semblance of church condemnation of racial inequality had eroded, and white congregants created a new segregated structure that forced Black congregants into a separate and unequal new Central Jurisdiction—not self-chosen, but imposed—that would last into the 1960s.

“Today’s United Methodist Church was formed in 1968 as a merger of the United Brethren in Christ and the Methodist Church,” says McCubbin. “In that period of everyone trying to

come together in a great kumbaya moment, the United Brethren agreed to merge with the Methodists so long as the Methodists desegregated. They finally decided they could do more together than they could separately.”

This crossroads was the point of reckoning around which the book’s central historical question is raised: how does a church committed to justice come to terms with its own structural racism? Furthermore, how can the church itself dismantle the racist structures – such as the 1939-1968 Central Jurisdiction – that it built? *I Love to Tell the Story* follows this ongoing, often painful reckoning.

“The political and legal machinations have been written about, but no one had really paid attention to the people behind it,” McCubbin notes. “What were the untold stories of the people in this time? What were the parking lot conversations happening aside from official votes?” Her oral history interviews focus on those people – bishops, clergy, and congregants from the Baltimore-Washington area – and their personal experiences living through the era of segregation.

“I’m a storyteller at heart,” says McCubbin. “I sat at the feet of my grandfather as a little girl listening to him tell stories, and I say that really is my job. I tell stories of who we are and how we came to be. I think if we want to understand where we are today in Baltimore and where we’re headed, it’s critical for us to understand where we came from and how we got to this point.”

I Love to Tell the Story is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, locally from the Ivy Bookshop, and from the publisher (tehomcenter.org/books). Signed and inscribed copies are available directly from the author.

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Calendar of Events

April 11, 7 pm Charm City Sings Concert
Chamber Voices & Towson University Chorale

April 19, 2 pm Baltimore Baroque Band
From the Peabody Conservatory of Music

May 2, 1 pm World Labyrinth Day
Global meditation for World Peace

May 9, 7 pm Treble Voices Concert
Baltimore's home for High Voices

May 14, 12 – 5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
Every 2 Seconds someone needs blood

May 15, 10 am – 3 pm Community Health Fair

May 16, 10 am – 1 pm Free Shredding Event
Free Document Shredding

May 17, 4 pm Charm City Sings Concert
Community Chorus

May 18, 7 pm Charm City Sings Concert
Community Chorus



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SoBo Birders Flock to Watch Spring Migration

By Robert Hardy

Saturday, March 21, morning...

"I've got three Osprey, one Cooper's Hawk, one Red-shouldered Hawk. Oh, you've got another Osprey? That's four Osprey, thank you. We just had a Downy Woodpecker, finally. One Merlin, one Peregrine Falcon...."

Baltimore Bird Club expert guides Charisma Burrows and Nico Sarbanes are leading a group of local birding enthusiasts on a bird-watching walk in Riverside Park on a crisp, sunny first day of spring, when they stop and gather by the pavilion to tally the morning's sightings.

"We've had four or five Ring-billed Gulls fly over. Have we had any Cormorants flying over? I haven't seen any," says Sarbanes, checking his list. Suddenly, he looks up, then points and calls out, "There's an Osprey with a fish!"

Binoculars and camera lenses rise to the sky in a flurry as the birders spot the incoming fowl and its prey. The Osprey glides directly overhead, wings spread wide, a large fish gripped in its talons.

"That's special," Sarbanes says as the group applauds. "That's birding on the next level."

Today's walk is one of the many activities across South Baltimore recognizing the annual spring bird migration, which occurs from late February to mid-June and involves billions of birds returning to the U.S. and Canada from their winter homes in Latin America.

Sponsored by the Light Street Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Baltimore Bird Club (a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society), the spring walk at Riverside gave about two dozen participants an opportunity to learn the basics of urban bird watching, including binocular skills, as the two guides offered tips for spotting different species over the course of a two-hour, two-mile walk.

"We're still at the beginning of spring migration," Sarbanes observes. "A lot of the migrants haven't shown up yet. That will start in earnest the second or third week of April, but we have some starting to come through in late March. May is prime time."

Sarbanes enthusiastically recounts his experiences birding in Riverside Park. "I've birded this park a lot over the last couple of years, and migration is super-productive here. One May morning I came before work, and one tree had seven Scarlet Tanagers. I don't know if you've ever seen a Scar-



Baltimore Bird Club's Nico Sarbanes (far left) and Charisma Burrows lead a group of birding enthusiasts through Riverside Park on March 21. Over two dozen species were sighted during the walk. Photo by Mary Braman.

let Tanager, but it's a bird that gets a lot of people into birding because it's so beautiful. That's my high count for one tree anywhere in Baltimore. That's just one example of why you should bird your neighborhood park."

He continues, "Riverside Park is this great patch of green in the middle of a lot of development, so a lot of birds stop over here. If you live around the neighborhood and are familiar with the park, you know it becomes very popular with dog walkers at a certain hour, so you want to try to get to the birds before the people and the dogs come. If you get here early and you're here on the right day, it'll give you a sense of what's possible here. You never know what could show up."

Sarbanes wraps up his morning tally: "House Finch: we've had a few flyovers. No Goldfinch yet today. One Field Sparrow. Juncos: between 20 and 25. White-throated Sparrow, we've had a handful. Song Sparrow, we've had a handful. Red-winged Blackbird, we've had one flyover. We've just had one Grackle this morning, but we've had 15 before."

He checks his list again. "We're currently at about 25 species. Not bad."

Saturday, March 21, afternoon...

"Eleven o'clock, off the starboard bow: Osprey with a fish!"

Binoculars and camera lenses suddenly flurry and shift their views as the excited voice calls out again: "It's

a big one!"

As roughly 40 boat-bound bird watchers gaze out across the sun-drenched waters of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River, the Osprey, wings spread, swoops down from the sky to the river's surface. Its long talons flash into the water and grab a big, squirming fish.

After a brief struggle, the Osprey pulls the fish from the river and lifts it into flight. Some Ring-billed Gulls circle and pursue the Osprey and its catch, and they all fly past our Water Taxi at close range to a round of cheers and applause from the bird watchers.

"Awesome!" "Incredible!" "What kind of fish is that?" The consensus is shad. This close-up display of nature in action is enough to make a birder's day.

This afternoon excursion on the Patapsco is the latest iteration of the Baltimore Water Taxi Birding Cruise, a recurring event sponsored by Baltimore Birding, part of Delmarva Birding, a local organization of bird-watching enthusiasts.

Expert guides Russ Kovich, Brenda Miller, and Jim Rapp led the group of local birders on this trip around SoBo's southern shores from Port Covington Marina over to West Covington Park, back out into the channel past Harbor Hospital, and on to Canton and Fells Point before returning to the Marina by way of Fort McHenry.

After starting the afternoon spotting a river otter next to the old piers behind the Sagamore Spirit distillery before the cruise launched, the enthusiastic birders ended up tallying more than two dozen species of birds. The list includes Bufflehead, Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Double-crested Cormorant, Peregrine Falcon, Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Red-winged Blackbird, Great Black-backed Gull, Ring-billed Gull, American Herring Gull, Fish Crow, American Black Duck, Mallard, Ruddy Duck, Osprey, and even a Bald Eagle.

And the great spring bird migration is just beginning.

Celebrate 'I Love SoBo Day' on May 3

Join your peninsula neighbors for a great day of community fun on Sunday, May 3, for the fifth annual "I Love SoBo Day," hosted by South Baltimore United, Inc., the nonprofit publisher of the *Peninsula Post*.

SoBo Day brings together people from across the many neighborhoods of the South Baltimore peninsula for an all-ages celebration of this great part of the city.

The free event takes place from 9am to 12:30pm rain or shine at the Baltimore Museum of Industry outdoor pavilion, 1415 Key Highway. Free on-site parking is available.

We have an amazing lineup of special events this year:

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

Compete in our first-ever **SoBo Cornhole Competition** hosted by Volo Sports for a shot at a cash prize. Open to kids (ages 10-17) and adults.

Our second annual **SoBo Arts & Crafts Show and Contest** will showcase the talents of creative peninsula residents with awards and a big cash prize for the People's Choice winner.

Join a **Scavenger Hunt** to see how well you know SoBo. Clues will be released April 25. Bring your answers to SoBo Day for a chance to win a prize.

Get out on the water for one-hour **Sailboat Tours** with the Downtown Sailing Center, offered to attendees ages 6 and older on a first-come basis.

Baby & Toddler Music Time hosted by the South Baltimore Music Academy will give the littles a chance to have some fun and make some noise.

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

Put in a bid at our **Silent Auction** with lots of items from local businesses, artists, and restaurants.

Use the QR code below to visit the event website for a full list of all the participating food vendors, businesses, and community groups. - S.C.

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

The following businesses opened recently in SoBo:

ABC Aesthetics Skin Studio, 1128 S. Charles St. Specializing in reparative skin care, hydradermabrasion, dermaplane, chemical peels, brown lamination, and lash lifts. 443-293-2687

B&H Roastery. Small-batch roasted specialty coffees and supplies in South Baltimore, available at area pop-up events and the BMI Farmers' Market (May-November). 443-703-8701

Bmore Hydro, 1118-B Light St. Expert cannabis-growing guidance, equipment, and seeds for home cultivation. 443-892-2353

Old Irish Guys Financial Services, 2 E. Wheeling St. SoBo residents John Shea and Brendan O'Brien offer finan-

cial advice to families and businesses. oldirishguysfinancial.com

SoBo Appliance Repair LLC. Based in the Riverside neighborhood, providing appliance repairs and water heater maintenance. 443-304-7069

Taco Love Grill, 1724 Whetstone Way. Authentic Mexican food and bar. 443-548-5032

Tipsy Scoops, 209 Key Hwy. An ice cream "barlour" serving liquor-infused ice cream flavors inspired by classic and contemporary cocktails. 410-716-4701

Toasty Corner, 1001 S. Charles St. Restaurant featuring hot breakfast sandwiches, grilled sandwiches, fries, chicken tenders, and other comfort foods. 667-520-3668



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SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

We made it! After a very challenging winter (especially for parents), we finally made it to spring. The O's are back, the sun is sometimes shining, and warmer weather is on its way. – *Beth Mayr*

Dates to Know

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

April 4: Federal Hill Easter Egg Hunt. The local community Easter Egg Hunt happens at Federal Hill Park. There are separate entrances for every age group (from 0-12 years old), so our neighbors who just had a baby are pumped. My 5-year-old has been talking about this event for months, and her younger brother will be delighted to “hop like a bunny” (thank you, Ms. Rachel) for his Easter eggs. Kids love the photos with the Easter bunny, crafts and games, and the special “golden egg” prize for each kid. 10am; southbaltcatholic.org/federal-hill-easter-egg-hunt

April 11: Little League Parade. I love this festive morning! So many kids we know play in South Baltimore Little League, and the start to the season is a gigantic community parade. It's so great to see so many community members and partners support the kids! 9 am.

April 11: Find Your Way to Pre-K. By the time this issue drops, we'll be on our last Saturday of Find Your Way to Pre-K. These fun and free events throughout the city are an awesome way to get to learn about Baltimore City Public Schools. tinyurl.com/FYW-2PK2026

April 17: Deadline to register for Pre-K and K. For those starting in pre-K or kindergarten this fall, now is the time to register! Enrollment is open now through April 17 on the Baltimore City Public Schools website for students of all income levels (one round only). baltimorecityschools.org/page/pre-k-and-kindergarten-registration

May 2-3: This weekend is packed with some of my favorite events every spring – and the best part is that all the events are FREE! Start Saturday morning at the **Kinetic Sculpture Race**, watching the larger-than-life floats ascend Federal Hill and head down Riverside Avenue. Sunday morning, start your day at **I Love SoBo Day** at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, with tons of activities for kids and adults alike, including a lot of peninsula-focused booths. Early afternoon, swing by **A Taste of Spring** at Good Counsel in Locust Point, where face painting, kids' crafts, lunch, beer/wine/crushes, and more, await.

May 16: Spring Fling at Federal Hill Prep. Mark your calendars for this



The South Baltimore Little League Parade is a community event not to be missed. Photo by Mary Braman.

carnival-style event, complete with tons of options for the kids to play, a beer garden hosted by Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, a large silent auction and raffle, and much more. I love this event because it's super easily accessible for all ages, plus it's a great chance for prospective Prep families to check out the school and meet the community. 12-5pm.

Spring Cleaning

I don't know about you, but all the time inside this winter made me realize just how much stuff is in our house! If you are also pondering spring cleaning and thinking about your kids' next sizes of shoes, bathing suits, uniforms, and summer clothes,

I'd first suggest Once Upon a Child or Kid to Kid. These child-focused consignment stores often have clothing in a myriad of sizes, as well as books, gear, and more. I have also heard great things about TotSwap.

Online, secondhand options like Poshmark and Mercari have often been useful, as have Buy Nothing groups. But the real golden gem if you're a parent who lives on the peninsula, is the South Baltimore Peninsula Parents Facebook group. It's an awesome place to buy, sell, give away, borrow, or obtain items for free, in addition to a wonderful group for advice, event sharing, discussion, and more.

Finally, if you're hoping to declutter some of the stuff your kids don't fit into anymore but you don't know where to start, Cut the Crap Bmore is the way to go. This small business, run by local mom Molly Bolek, is a great tool for anyone, especially parents who are overwhelmed with all the stuff, struggling to keep it together, etc.

Summer Camp Planning

If you're looking for summer camps, check out Baltimore Rec & Parks options, now live online (though some options went quickly), and the Baltimore Family Alliance's free Summer Camp Directory. For non-camp options, be sure to check out the library in May, as that's usually when they do Ticket to Discovery, a free program where you obtain a bookmark, read five books, and earn four free passes to Port Discovery.

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column of updates from these organizations on community projects that you can get involved in.

Federal Hill Main Street

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The first **Great Federal Hill Rat Race** is Saturday, April 11, from 9 to 11am! Sign-ups may be full, but you can still participate by coming out to Liv's Tavern or hanging out anywhere in the business district and cheering the rat racers on. We'll have a costume contest after the race and a DJ at Liv's throughout. We're so excited to see how excited our community is for new Federal Hill events.

We're also excited to announce that we received one of **Baltimore Community Foundation's Legacy Forward grants** to celebrate the United States' 250th anniversary this summer. Tall Ships will start populating the harbor in June for Sail250, and right around that time we'll kick off our own Federal Hill celebrations with free neighborhood history tours. We're thrilled to partner with Baltimore Rent-a-Tour for these tours that we'll offer periodically all summer long. Spots will be limited, so stay tuned to our social media, email list, and website to learn about when and where the tours will take place and information on how to register! - Submitted by Charlotte Faust, Project Manager

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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The Federal Hill neighborhood has some exciting projects and events coming up this April!

With the weather warming up and dirt bikes coming back to Federal Hill, we teamed up with Councilman Zac Blanchard's office and Senate President Bill Ferguson's office to come up with some ways to make it more difficult for **dirt bikers** to ride in Federal Hill Park. The neighborhood association just voted to install waist-high post fences around the park at Warren Avenue. Senate President Ferguson has been instrumental in getting us the funding to make this project happen.

This month we're hosting a **social at Robert Baker Park** on April 11 from 4 to 7pm. Join your fellow neighbors for a casual hangout and enjoy the (hopefully) good weather. In addition, we're in the process of planning a **neighborhood-wide cleanup** for April 25. This cleanup will coincide with the Mayor's day of community service. If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to me at the email above.

Finally, the neighborhood association is still looking for board members and a new president. If you are interested, please reach out to the email above. - Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President



Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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Spring has finally arrived after a long and harsh winter. Whew!

Our country is celebrating 250 years this July. The Tall Ships will be in port this summer to mark the occasion with Sail250 from June 24 to 30. This will bring many visitors to our neighborhood. FHSNA is excited to start work beautifying our neighborhood planters with a "Red, White, and Blue Sailing" theme for this event. Keep your eyes and ears open for a **Green Your Block contest**.

And mark your calendars for May 21 when FHSNA holds its **Annual Spring Wine** event. More details will be made available as we move forward with planning.

Our next **general meetings** will be held on Tuesday, April 28 and May 26, from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 E Gittings St. We will have refreshments, drinks, and wine. The meetings are a great opportunity to see your neighbors and familiarize yourself with city and neighborhood events.

I will not be continuing as FHSNA President in the coming season. If you care about your neighborhood and city, take a step forward and get involved. Official **nominations for Board positions** will be finalized at our April 28 meeting, and elections will be held at the May 26 meeting. Positions include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Chair, and five Members-At-Large. You can fill out a nomination form at the April meeting or email us at the address above before April 28 to submit a nomination.

Only paid members are allowed to vote in elections. Be sure to purchase or renew your FHSNA membership for 2026. It is only \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a couple. Membership is FREE for residents 65 and older. Registration is required so we have you on record as being a member. - Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President

Locust Point Civic Association

mylocustpoint.org

contacts@mylocustpoint.org

Latrobe Park has wonderful volunteers, and without you all, the park would not be so beautiful. In conjunction with Earth Day, the **park maintenance and community cleanup day**

will be April 19 from 1 to 4pm. We appreciate everyone's help in the past and hope you will be able to join us at this event. The meeting place is at the main entrance to the park on E. Fort Avenue at Towson Street. Come for as long as you are able. Perhaps you will meet new neighbors or make new friends. Tools and gloves are provided.

LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on April 8 at the Marine Corps Hall, 1426 E. Fort Avenue, and May 13 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School across the street. Meetings start at 7:30pm. At the April meeting, we plan to have a candidate forum for the Sheriff's position and a Balti-

more Liquor License Board presentation and discussion. In May, we will be holding our LPCA elections for 10 of the 15 board positions. We welcome community members to run for a position. If you are interested, please come to the April meeting so we can address any questions that you have. - 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

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

mysobo.org

info@mysobo.org

Led by President Tara McNulty, SBNA meets at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at AJ's on Hanover (1500 S. Hanover Street, second floor) every month except August (no meeting) and December (holiday party). Upcoming **general membership meeting dates** are April

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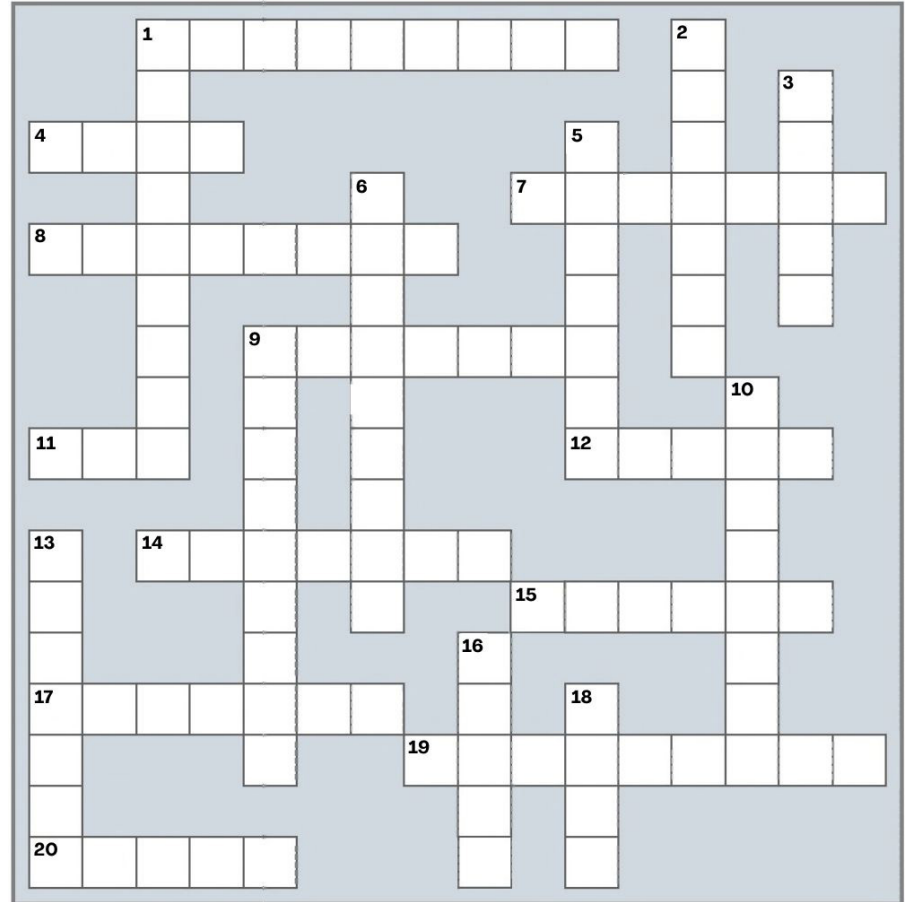
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Peninsula Puzzler: 5 Years of SoBo News

To celebrate our fifth birthday in March, this Puzzler tests how closely you've read the *Peninsula Post* over the years. Each clue references something published in a past issue. (The issue number is provided with each clue; all the issues are available online at sobopost.org/newspaper.) Complete the puzzle and you could win a **\$50 Gift Card** to a SoBo eatery, drinkery, or dessertery of your choice. To enter, email or text us a photo of your completed Puzzler along with your name (editor@sobopost.org, 410-340-8819) by **Friday, May 8**. We will hold a drawing from all correct entries received to determine the winner.



Across

- 1. SoBo's newest waterside park opened in 2021 (#4)
- 4. This metal word appeared mysteriously on Fort Avenue (#16)
- 7. A ___ once threatened Federal Hill and the Inner Harbor (#9)
- 8. Pandemic-era dining structures (#8)
- 9. In 1951, caverns were discovered beneath this SoBo street (#28)
- 11. Distinctive ingredient in a SoBo-distilled whiskey (#10)
- 12. The medium of choice for sidewalk artists during Covid (#1)
- 14. SoBo source for crabcakes and other choice meats (#21)
- 15. An historic Black ___ stands on W. Montgomery St. (#3)
- 17. The "ship-bumping" vessel that keeps port cargo moving (#12)
- 19. Artifacts from SoBo's historic Black community were uncovered in this park (#19)

20. A massive warehouse of this SoBo-made product burned to the ground in 2021 (#20)

Down

- 1. Integration of a public pool brought violence to this park in 1962 (#12)
- 2. This lyre-playing Greek hero stands tall in Locust Point (#15)
- 3. Products once made in a factory next to Domino Sugars (#5)
- 5. In this annual wacky race, sculptures have to move (#7)
- 6. Dollar houses helped reshape this SoBo neighborhood (#27)
- 9. The Western Maryland Railway built this long-gone SoBo port (#11)
- 10. This giant creature stalks a Baltimore Peninsula playground (#13)
- 13. Grown in watery "gardens" around peninsula shores (#12)
- 16. Colorful, diminutive figures that invaded SoBo in 2024 (#22)
- 18. Covington, Babcock, or Look-Out, e.g. (#2)

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14, May 12, June 9, and July 13. SBNA includes the blocks between Cross Street (to the north) to McComas Street (to the south) and between Race Street (to the west) and Light Street (to the east).

SBNA's **parking pass distribution** will take place at Cross Street Market on April 18 (10am-12pm) and April 22 (6-8pm).

If you'd like to help **staff SBNA's table** at "I Love SoBo Day" on May 3, reach out to executive_board@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 you call home. 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.

Check out our recently revamped website at mysobo.org. - Submitted by *Justin Lane, Secretary*

For more information, contact: Betty Bland-Thomas
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Special THANK YOU to Christ Lutheran Church for providing the space!

SOBO EVENTS

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4/11 – South Baltimore Little League Parade, Riverside Park to ball fields at 1100 E. Fort Ave. 9–10am.

4/11 – Farmer’s Market, Silo Point, 1200 Stuart St. Sponsored by Gene’s Greens. 9am–12pm.

4/11 – The Great Federal Hill Rat Race, starts at Liv’s Tavern, 1113 S. Charles St. One-mile community fun run/walk. Sponsored by Federal Hill Main Street. 9–11am.

4/11 – Taste of Sailing Introductory Sail, Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy., Suite 110. Learn the basics of helming a sailboat, trimming sails, and nautical lingo. 1–4pm. \$

4/11 – Bottle Caps Crab Art, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Studio artist Varsha leads a hands-on BYOB workshop. 5–7pm. \$

4/11 – Music: Charm City Sings Concert, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. Chamber Voices and the Towson University Chorale. 7pm.

4/11 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7–8pm. \$

4/11 – Music: Old Head and Braddock Heights, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/12 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

4/12 – Charity Trivia: ‘Wicked,’ M8 Beer, 1399 S. Sharp St. Fundraiser for Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County. \$5 per person suggested donation. 2–4pm. \$

4/13 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/14 – Third Act Gathering, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Local meeting of the national organization of elders (60+) working to protect the environment and democracy. 10–11:30am.

4/14 – Boys Varsity Baseball, DHHS vs. ACCE, Latrobe Park, Locust Point. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/14 – Girls Varsity Softball, DHHS vs. Coppin Academy H.S., Riverside Park. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/15 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12–1:30pm.

4/15 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6–6:45pm.

4/15 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level ballet class. 7–8pm \$

4/16 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about two iconic whiskey cocktails and mix your own. 6:30pm. \$

4/16 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3–6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

4/16 – Board Game Night, The Foundry Church, 165 E. Randall St. Monthly community event for adults and teenagers. 6:30–9pm.

4/16 – Music: Wax Future, 5AM Trio, and Cope Aesthetic, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7p.m. \$

4/17 – Crafternoon: Spring Flower, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Make your own flower with tissue paper and pipe cleaners. 3:30pm.

4/17 – Baltimore Old-Time Music Festival, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Music, square dancing, and open jamming. 5–10:30pm. \$

4/17 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

4/17 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.more. 6:30pm.

4/17 – Moms’ Night Out: Crafts & Community, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Craft and connect with other local moms. 7–10pm.

4/17 – Music: Uncle Kunkel’s One Gram Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/18 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort; binoculars required. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9am–12pm.

4/18 – Annual Jake’s Day Skate Event, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skateboard lessons for kids under 12 with pro skater Joey Jett, plus kids’ activities. 10am–12pm.

4/18 – Baltimore Old-Time Music Festival, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Workshops, music, and square dancing. 10am–11pm. \$

4/18 – Dino Day, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Hands-on activity stations. 12–4pm. \$

4/18 – NIC Dahl Art & Poetry Workshop, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Authors Carole and Jeffery Boston Weatherford read from *The Roots of Rap* and *RAP IT UP!* and lead participants (kids 6 and up) through the process of creating their own raps. 1–2:30pm.

4/18 – 2nd Annual Cross Street Oysterfest, One Star Country Club, 38 E. Cross St. 1–10pm. \$



The Jake’s Day skate event at Rash Field Park on April 18 features free skateboard lessons for kids under 12 with pro skater Joey Jett. Photo by Mary Braman.

4/18 – Music: Seth Kibel, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

4/18 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7–8pm. \$

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

4/18 – Urban Astronomy, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. A guided tour of Baltimore’s nighttime sky. 8:30–9:30pm. \$

4/19 – Historic Federal Hill Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. Guided tour of the neighborhood. Sponsored by Baltimore Heritage. 9:30am. \$

4/19 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

4/19 – Music: Baltimore Baroque Band, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. 2pm.

4/19 – Charity Trivia: ‘Parks and Rec,’ M8 Beer, 1399 S. Sharp St. Fundraiser for Adopt a Homeless Animal Rescue. \$5 donation suggested per person. 2–4pm. \$

4/19 – South Baltimore Little League Challenger Day, South Baltimore Little League fields, 1100 E. Fort Ave. Adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. 3pm.

4/20 – Boys Varsity Baseball, DHHS vs. Mergenthaler Voc Tech H.S., Latrobe Park, Locust Point. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/20 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/21 – FHNA Meeting, Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. Monthly meeting of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

4/22 – Open House, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, 100 E. Heath St. Parents of pre-K to 5th graders learn about the school and how to enroll. 8:30am.

4/22 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

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4/22 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 11:30am.

4/22 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12-1:30pm.

4/22 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

4/23 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

4/23 – Music: Will Sims, Old Eastern, Feather and Flask, Ariella Joy and the Silver Lining, and Callum, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/24 – 9-Year Anniversary Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two signature whiskey cocktails. 5pm & 6:30pm \$

4/24 – Herbal Vision Board, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Workshop with Deb Schaffer to blend your own incense and create an intention candle. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

4/24 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.more. 6:30pm.

4/24 – Music: The Dirty Grass Players, The High & Wides, and Whiskey Narrows String Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/25 – Farmer's Market, Silo Point, 1200 Steuart St. Sponsored by Gene's Greens. 9am-12pm.

4/25 – Locust Point Dumpster Day, Knights of Columbus parking lot, 1338 Hull St. Sponsored by Key Group of Cummings & Co. 9am-12pm (or until the dumpster is full).

4/25 – Pottery Sale and Open House, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Buy pottery from local artists, tour the studio, and learn about classes and workshops. 11am-2pm.

4/25 – Music: Peabody String Sinfonia, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

4/25 – Amphibious Adventure: 'Game of Frogs' Grant Kickoff, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. Paint your own frog and hear about plans for gigantic frogs to come. 3-5pm. \$

4/25 – Music: Natalie Brooke and Big Blitz, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

4/25 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

4/26 – 9-Year Anniversary Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two signature whiskey cocktails. 10:30am \$

4/26 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Yoga class and sight-seeing tour of the Harbor. 11am-12:30pm. \$

4/26 – Charity Trivia: Remembering Rob Reiner, M8 Beer, 1399 S. Sharp St. Fundraiser for PPPCS Polar Explorers. \$5 donation suggested per person. 2-4pm. \$

4/26 – Create Your Own Character Design, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. For ages 10-16, learn the design process for creating unique characters. 2:30-4pm. \$

4/26 – Guerrilla Art, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Teens make creative art statements and express themselves. 3pm.

4/27 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

4/28 – Boys Varsity Baseball, DHHS vs. Patterson H.S., Latrobe Park, Locust Point. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/28 – Girls Varsity Softball, DHHS vs. Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West, Riverside Park. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/28 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

4/29 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

4/29 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5. 11:30am.

4/29 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12-1:30pm.

4/29 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

4/30 – Girls Varsity Softball, DHHS vs. Coppin Academy H.S., Riverside Park. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

4/30 – Show and Tell: Tattoo Stories, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. An interactive discussion with Chris Keaton of The Tattoo Museum. 6:30pm.

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

4/30 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about two iconic whiskey cocktails and mix your own. 6:30pm. \$

4/30 – Music: Consider the Source and Second Self, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/1 – Boys Varsity Baseball, DHHS vs. Mergenthaler Voc Tech H.S., Latrobe Park, Locust Point. Digital Harbor High School home game. 3:45pm.

5/1 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

5/1 – Silhouette Cameo Collage, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Join artist Ali Solonche to design and craft a collage. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

5/1 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.more. 6:30pm.

5/2-3 – Asia in a Bite Food Festival, 201 E. Cromwell St. Over 40 Asian food vendors plus merchandise vendors. 11am-7pm.



The Asia in a Bite Food Festival returns to Baltimore Peninsula every month through September with Asian food and merchandise vendors. Photo by Mary Braman.

5/2 – Kinetic Sculpture Race, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Fantastical human-powered vehicles travel through Baltimore. Opening ceremony 9:30am, race starts 10am.

5/2 – Read with Pride: Nevada, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book club discussion of Imogen Binnie's novel. 11am.

5/2 – Music: Ari and the Buffalo Kings, Rachel May, and The Luke Boardman Band, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/2 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

5/3 – 5th Annual 'I Love SoBo Day', Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Local vendors, food, activities, and an arts & crafts show. Hosted by South Baltimore United and the Peninsula Post. 9am-12:30pm.

5/3 – A Taste of Spring, Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 1528 E. Fort Ave. Kids' activities, food, drink, and raffle. Hosted by the Catholic Community of South Baltimore. 12-5pm. \$

5/3 – Charity Trivia: 'Star Wars', M8 Beer, 1399 S. Sharp St. Fundraiser for All SunFun Charities. \$5 donation suggested per person. 2-4pm. \$

5/3 – Music: Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 6:30pm. \$

5/4 – 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.

5/4 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/5 – Redefining Industry, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Celebrate individuals contributing to the vibrancy of Baltimore. 5:30-8pm. \$

5/5 – Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. A supportive group for all levels of experience. 6-8pm. \$

5/6 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9am-12pm.

5/6 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

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

5/6 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12-1:30pm.

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

5/7 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/8-10 – Rico Rico Fiesta, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Celebration of Latin food, music, and culture. 5-10pm Friday, 11am-10pm Saturday & Sunday. \$

5/8 – Anime and Manga Bingo, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 3pm.

5/8 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

5/8 – Baltimore Hayride Country Dance Night, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. 6:45-10pm. \$

5/8 – Monthly Bingo, The Church of the Redemption, 1401 Towson St. Doors at 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm.

5/8 – 'Turning Toward the Sun' Sound Bath, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. 7-8:30pm. \$

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

5/9 – Boards and Breakfast, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Skate lessons for kids 12 and under with pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

5/9 – Workshop: Macrame Plant Hanger, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 11am-12:30pm.

5/9 – 'Off to the Races' Benefit for The Baltimore Station, Knights of Columbus hall, 1338 Hull St. 5-9pm. \$

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5/9 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30–8:30pm. \$

5/9 – Music: 3 Fifths, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/11 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/12 – Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is Wallace Stegner's *Big Rock Candy Mountain*. 11am.

5/13 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/13 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2–5. 11:30am.

5/13 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12–1:30pm.

5/13 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6–6:45pm.

5/14 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3–6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/15 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

5/15 – Moms' Night Out: Crafts & Community, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Craft and connect with other local moms. 7–10pm.

5/15 – Music: Damn Right and Ben Silver (Orchard Lounge), The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/16 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, and ready-to-eat treats. 9am–1pm.

5/16 – Bienvenidos al Museo, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Free admission, audio tours available in Spanish, and opportunities to engage with Latin community organizations. 9am–4pm.

5/16 – Bird Monitoring, Fort McHenry. Ongoing bird survey from the wetlands adjacent to the Fort. Sponsored by the Baltimore Bird Club. 9am–12pm.

5/16 – Community Shred Day, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. Secure document shredding. 10am–1pm.

5/16 – Friends of the Light Street Branch, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly meeting of volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

5/16 – Spring Fling, Federal Hill Preparatory School, 1040 William St. Carnival-style fundraiser for the whole family. 12–5pm.

5/16 – Meet the Author, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Luna Sawyer discusses her debut novel *Vampire Queen*. 3pm.

5/16 – Music: WAX, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 6pm. \$

5/16 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30–8:30pm. \$

5/17 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Yoga class and sight-seeing tour of the harbor with Marissa Walch. 11am–12:30pm. \$

5/17 – Moss Art Workshop, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Hands-on workshop with Daphne Lee of Potatoh. 3–5pm. \$

5/17 – Music: Charm City Sings Concert, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. 4pm.

5/18 – Light Street Lab, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Hands-on STEAM activities for kids. 3:30pm.

5/18 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/18 – Music: Charm City Sings Concert, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. 7pm.

5/19 – The Coping Well Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Open conversation for tweens and teens about managing school stress with clinical therapist Maggie Wellington. 3–4pm.

5/19 – FHNA Meeting, Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. Monthly meeting of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

5/20 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/20 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2–5. 11:30am.

5/20 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12–1:30pm.

5/20 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6–6:45pm.

5/20 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level contemporary ballet class. 7–8pm \$

5/21 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3–6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/21 – Board Game Night, The Foundry Church, 165 E. Randall St. Monthly community event for adults and teenagers. 6:30–9pm.

5/22 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

5/22 – Music: A Beatles Tribute, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Concert to benefit the Maryland Food Bank. Doors at 7pm. \$



The annual Kinetic Sculpture Race hits the streets and waters of Baltimore on May 2. Photo by Steve Cole.

5/23 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, and ready-to-eat treats. 9am–1pm.

5/23 – Music: Nestor Plays Primus and Luke Walker presents "Les Brers," a tribute to the Allman Brothers, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/23 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 8–9pm. \$

5/25 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of Memorial Day. 9am–4:45pm.

5/25 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

5/26 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

5/26 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6–7:30pm.

5/27 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

5/27 – Mindful Movement with Maya, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Introductory yoga class for children ages 3–5. 10:30am.

5/27 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2–5. 11:30am.

5/27 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation. 12–1:30pm.

5/27 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6–6:45pm.

5/28 – Meet the Artist: Cissy Marks, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Discussion by long-time Federal Hill resident whose works are on display at the library. 6:30pm.

5/28 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3–6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

5/30 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, and ready-to-eat treats. 9am–1pm.

5/30 – Music: Melody Trucks and the Fitzkee Brothers, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

5/30 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 8–9pm. \$

6/1 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

6/1 – 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.

6/2 – Senior Day, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. A day of science exploration for adults ages 65+. \$

6/2 – Sew & Tell Sewing Club, Arteasy, 1539 Light St. A supportive group for all levels of experience. 6–8pm. \$

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

6/5 – Peninsula Post Issue #31 available free all over SoBo.

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

6/5 – Baltimore Outreach Services Gala, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Annual fundraiser supporting the shelter for women and children. 6–9pm. \$

6/5 – Music: Deaf Scene, The Rez, and Infinite Drift, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/6–7 – Asia in a Bite Food Festival, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Over 40 Asian food vendors plus merchandise vendors. 11am–7pm.

6/6 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, and ready-to-eat treats. 9am–1pm.

6/6 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 8–9pm. \$

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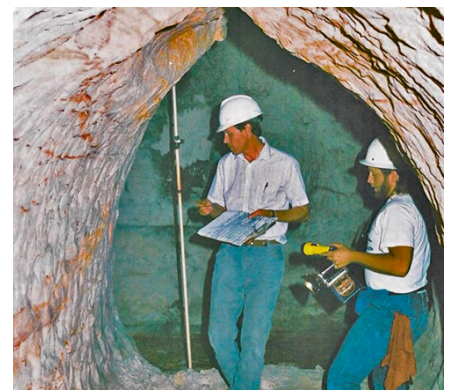
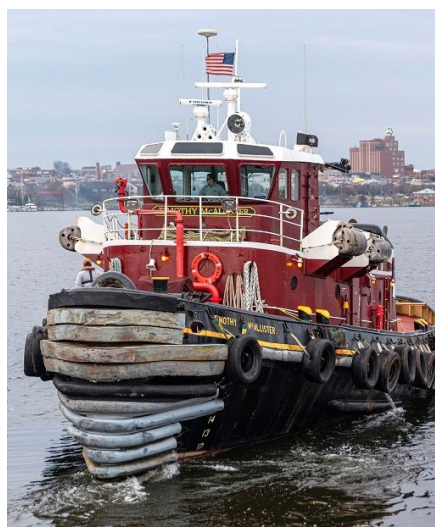


Celebrating 5 Years of SoBo In the Pages of the *Peninsula Post*

On March 12, 2021, the first “prototype” issue of this community newspaper hit the streets and shops of SoBo. Launched in the middle of the pandemic, the paper sought to tackle the social isolation that came with Covid by fostering community connections across peninsula neighborhoods.

With a mix of news reporting, historical deep dives, personality profiles, events coverage, and photography, the pages of the *Peninsula Post* have highlighted the people and places that make SoBo a great part of Baltimore City.

The photos on this page illustrate some of the community spirit, creativity, and hard work by SoBohemians that have appeared in the newspaper. Here’s to lots more to come!



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