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June 8 – August 10, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

Federal Hill Spring Social
(6/14)

Sail250 Maryland & Airshow
(6/26-28)

AVAM Flicks from the Hill
(7/9, 16, 23, 30)



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Compiled by Katie Cochran

6/8 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

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

6/9 – Coffee and Classics Book Club, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. This month's book is *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. 11am-12pm.

6/9 – \$10 Tuesday Art Class, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Try our open studio or an instructor-led class. 4-8pm. \$

6/9 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

6/9 – SBNA Community Meeting, AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. Monthly meeting of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

6/10 – Ribbon Cutting: Inner Harbor Kayak Launch, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. New public dock opens. 10-11am.

6/10 – Shake Out Your Sillies with Ms. Eliza, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Songs, nursery rhymes, puppet shows, instruments, and a dance party for little ones under 5 with an adult. 11am.

6/10 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation; preregistration requested. 12-1:30pm.

6/10 – Wildlife Gardening: Birding with SharIN Nature, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Learn about birds that live on the Baltimore waterfront. 6-7pm.

6/10 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. All-levels vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6-6:45pm.

6/10 – Inner Harbor Sunset Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 7pm. \$

6/10 – Rooted Beginnings: So You Want to Be a Plant Parent?, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Learn about the essentials of indoor plant care. 7-8pm. \$

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

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A SOBO ROWHOUSE made of clay won the first-place People's Choice Award at the Arts & Crafts Show and Contest during "I Love SoBo Day" on May 3 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Sarah Ahart, owner of Mudhouse Pottery Studio on E. Wells Street, crafted the vase from slabs of stoneware clay, carving the façade of her own South Baltimore rowhouse onto the front of the vase. Ahart now offers "Our Row Home" workshops in her pottery studio where participants can create their own rowhouse vase. The next workshop is slated for July 17. Photos by Mary Braman.

Sail250 to Bring Festivals, Ships, and Airshows to SoBo

By Douglas Bennett

Sail250 Maryland and Airshow Baltimore kicks off summer this June with a wave of events around Baltimore celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. As the *Peninsula Post* reported in December, Sail250 Maryland is hosting multiple festivals, visiting ships, and a week-end of airshows from June 24 through July 1, with many events happening in and around the South Baltimore peninsula.

The celebration is anchored by festivals at the Inner Harbor, Baltimore Peninsula, and Fells Point from Friday, June 26, through Sunday, June 28, with additional activities planned in Locust Point. All festivals will feature live entertainment, food and drink vendors, educational programming, and family-friendly activities.

The Inner Harbor festival along the promenade, starting at the Maryland Science Center, serves as the center of many Sail250 Maryland events with live entertainment, interactive exhibits, artist and nonprofit booths, and the largest concentration of visiting ships. The public will be able to view, tour, and meet the crews of most of the ships from 11am until 5pm, Friday through Sunday.

"It will be the largest tall ship fleet that Baltimore has ever had," said

Sail250 Maryland Director Captain Chris Rowsom in an interview with the *Peninsula Post*. "Baltimore just shines when the harbor is full of ships."

In total, the city will host around 40 vessels from 14 countries.

The festival starts with a welcome ceremony at the Harborplace Amphitheater on June 26 at 10:30am, followed by a crab soup cook-off at noon. A special "Kids on the Bay: Parade of Nations" kicks off the festivities on June 27, showcasing brass and marching bands, visiting ship crews, and special guests in a procession from Rash Field Park along the promenade to the World Trade Center building.

Saturday, June 27, will also feature culinary demonstrations at the Inner Harbor's Seafood for Thought stage, located between the Baltimore Visitor Center and the Harborplace Light Street pavilion, culminating with a Crabology 101 class presented by Phillips Seafood and a crabcake-eating contest.

The festival will have a STEM exploration zone at the Pratt Street pavilion, with around 40 exhibitors teaching kids about science and technology. Planned living history programming around the USS Constellation includes reenactment groups, shanty singers, and the ship's surgeon demonstrating 19th-century naval medicine.

The Inner Harbor's West Shore Park will play host to food and drink vendors as well as a DJ stage and Kids Zone.

The festival at Baltimore Peninsula is the primary viewing spot for the Sail250 Airshow, which will feature performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron, an F-16 demonstration team, the British Royal Air Force Red Arrows, and the French Patrouille de France.

The aerial demonstrations will take place over the Patapsco River, along the SoBo peninsula's southern shore, from 12 to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, with a practice show scheduled for Friday. During the Baltimore Peninsula festival, live narration of the airshows will be broadcast over a public address system. This location will also host the event's two large U.S. Navy ships which will be docked next to the Port Covington Marina.

A detailed schedule of vendors and entertainment will be posted online ahead of the events. The Baltimore Peninsula business improvement district has already announced an outdoor screening of *Pacific Rim*, a 2013 science fiction movie, on Friday starting at 8pm after the festival ends.

In addition to the festivals around the peninsula, Sail250 Maryland plans

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FROM THE EDITOR

Building Community One Text at a Time

If you’re not a SoBo parent, you may understandably skip over our regular “SoBo Peninsula Parenting” column. But in her article in this issue (see page 6), Beth Mayr has some advice that everyone living here can benefit from: SoBo life is better when you take the time to build a community.

We’re fortunate to live in a place that provides us with many of the basic resources needed to build community. With all of our rowhouses and apartment buildings, we are in a high-density environment with no shortage of people. Our many community groups and small businesses sponsor a host of opportunities to engage with others. And as even a cursory scan of our “SoBo Events” calendar makes clear, our peninsula is packed with fun things to do.

But often the critical ingredient in bringing these resources together to create your community is taking the initiative to connect with another SoBo-hemian. Whether it’s texting that new friend you met at the park or striking up a conversation with a stranger at the market, your community is built by you. – *Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief*

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Kayak Launch Opens June 10; Rash Field 2 Nears Completion

Two new recreational facilities that sit next to each other along SoBo’s Inner Harbor shoreline are slated to open this summer: One will provide public access to the harbor for paddlers, the other will create an expansive public park space for outdoor play and relaxation.

A new public kayak launch on the waterfront promenade next to Rusty Scupper restaurant on Key Highway will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 10, according to Dan Taylor, president of Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore. Construction of the 5-plus-acre Rash Field Park “Phase 2” is on track to be completed and opened by the end of August, Taylor told the *Peninsula Post* in a recent interview.

The new kayak launch is part of the Waterfront Partnership’s Baltimore Blueway project creating a network of water trails and access points across the city’s waterfront (see *Peninsula Post*, April 2026). Another launch will also open in June in Fells Point.

“These are the first two major infrastructure additions to the Blueway that will make this something people can use, even if they do not already own their own kayak,” Taylor said.

The new facility will feature an updated map of the Blueway trail network and a kayak rental kiosk on the promenade adjacent to the launch. The self-service kiosk holds several kayaks with gear that anyone can rent



The newly installed public kayak launch along the Inner Harbor’s “Baltimore Blueway” will feature self-service kayak rentals. Photo by Mary Braman.

and take out on the water. The public can also bring their own kayaks to the launch, which is easily accessible by car from Key Highway. In addition, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and Canton Kayak Club will store kayaks on the launch.

According to Taylor, construction of the multicomponent Rash Field Park 2, which broke ground in April 2025, is closely following the original plan (see *Peninsula Post*, April 2025).

“People are really going to be amazed about how much there is in this new park and what great spaces we’re creating for everyone to enjoy waterfront parkland,” he said. “This is really something brand new for people in the city.”

The sections of the park nearest the

Maryland Science Center – The Garden hillside with trails and trees facing the large, multipurpose grass field of The Lawn – will be finished first, Taylor said, as crews move west to east toward the site’s construction entrance. Significant work remains on The Beach and The Plaza sections, which will feature six sand volleyball courts, two pickleball courts, and an area for stretching out on the sand.

According to Taylor, Rec and Parks is currently seeking a vendor to operate the sand volleyball courts, which will be used for both leagues and open play by the public. Waterfront Partnership plans to host event programming on The Lawn, but not until 2027 when the newly installed grass and plants are better established, he said. – *Steve Cole*

Peninsula-Wide ‘Business Alliance’ Proposed

The formation of a support group for SoBo businesses that brings together community organizations, nonprofits, and businesses large and small was recently proposed as the outcome of a “placemaking” project by the Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA).

The proposed “South Baltimore Business Alliance” would create a directory of businesses and services across the SoBo peninsula, host quarterly networking meetings, and foster collaborations with neighborhood stakeholders, according to Ellie Flock, a local small-business owner who was active in the RNA project.

“The Alliance would be a community of support for collaboration, connections, problem-solving, and advocacy,”

Flock said.

In the summer of 2025, RNA launched the “Riverside Business Council” as part of its neighborhood placemaking initiative with funding from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. The Council was conceived as a short-term “incubator” project to explore how such an organization could benefit the neighborhood and its business community.

The Council held six meetings between last August and this April, bringing together representatives from 28 local businesses and organizations, including real estate firms, artists, restaurants, churches, community groups, coffee shops, bars, and professional services.

At its final meeting on April 22, Council members discussed evolving the organization to expand its boundaries to the entire peninsula and adopting a new name to reflect that expansion and the group’s focus on building an “alliance” between businesses and other SoBo stakeholders.

The next step in bringing the South Baltimore Business Alliance to life will be seeking grant funding, Flock said, which she hopes can be secured by the end of the year. In the meantime, SoBo stakeholders interested in finding out more about the Alliance can fill out the form at the QR code or contact Flock, RNA board member Laurie Scudder, or Jake Rockefeller of JR Resolutions. – *Steve Cole*



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City Remains Silent on ‘Clement Street Caverns’ Investigation

Seventy-five years after the discovery of 19th-century caverns eroding the foundations of homes on the 600 block of E. Clement Street, the City of Baltimore has not released any details of its recent investigation into the current stability of the block initiated by complaints from a property owner two years ago (see *Peninsula Post*, December 2025).

On Sunday, June 10, 1951, residents on the north side of the block reported that parts of their cellars had fallen away into blackness. The City closed the block and began excavating into the street, eventually discovering a series of long-forgotten, man-made caves about 30 feet below the surface. The City then filled the caverns, tore down six of the rowhouses on the block, took over the empty lots, and paved them over. The area remains undeveloped to this day.

The City’s current investigation was spurred by a 311 call in April 2024 from Nancy Waldhaus, whose rowhouse stands next to the empty lots, after she noticed damage to the foundation of her house. An investigation of the area with ground-penetrating radar by the Department of Public Works in 2024 was followed by a series of soil borings by a Department of Transportation (DOT) contractor in November and December 2025.

On March 6, the *Peninsula Post* requested a copy of the DOT contractor’s findings under the Maryland Public



In 1951, City workers dug through the pavement on the 600 block of E. Clement Street to discover long-forgotten caverns. Baltimore Sun photo (June 12, 1951).

Information Act. That request was denied in an email from Hilary Ruley, chief solicitor of the City Department of Law.

On May 8, the *Peninsula Post* contacted DOT for a status update on its E. Clement Street investigation. A spokesperson for the department declined to comment on the situation.

In early May, WMAR-TV aired a news report on the Clement Street Caverns that included an interview with Nancy Waldhaus. The WMAR reporter also reached out to City officials for comment “but so far none have agreed to

speak with us.”

In response to the original subsurface problem discovered on June 10, 1951, the City dispatched a crew of workmen that began excavating through the street on June 11. By mid-July, the network of caverns had been discovered and explored. Crews then began to refill the caverns and the shafts dug into the street. In October, Baltimore City Deputy Highways Engineer William Chilcote released a detailed report on the investigation. In November, demolition of the six condemned homes started. – *Steve Cole*

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to dock two ships at Tide Point in Locust Point, near the former Under Armour headquarters. According to Rowsom, this location will likely feature the Amerigo Vespucci from Italy and the Ara Libertad from Argentina.

“I love having an international tall ship here,” said Locust Point Civic Association (LPCA) board member Dave Arndt. “It really showcases the immigration history of Tide Point. This is also a great opportunity to show off Locust Point and our restaurants, businesses, and sister communities.”

While there will not be an official festival in Locust Point, LPCA is organizing food trucks, water stations, and portable restrooms along the northern end of Hull Street. The association is currently coordinating with local businesses, restaurants, and bars on specials throughout the celebration, according to Arndt.

Fort McHenry will be open during the celebration but will not host any official Sail250 Maryland events. It will, however, serve as another prime location to view the airshow.

Fort McHenry will be closed to car traffic starting on E. Fort Avenue at Andre Street throughout the whole weekend (June 26-28). LPCA is organizing shuttle bus transportation between Tide Point and the Fort. The area will also be accessible by foot and bus.

Visit sail250md.org for the full schedule and event details.



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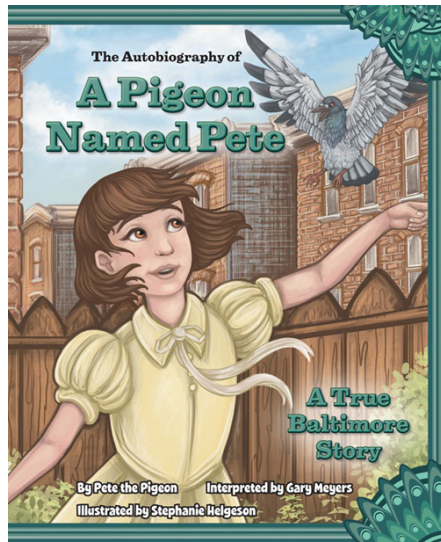
The life of Pete the pigeon, who called South Baltimore home for a quarter of a century in the early 1900s, was depicted in Gary Meyers' first and only children's book, *The Autobiography of a Pigeon Named Pete*, published 10 years ago this year.

In the book, Pete recounts his life on the corner of E. Ostend and Patapsco streets as a love story with Muriel, a young girl who lived on that corner with her family. Meyers, Muriel's son and a retired NASA engineer, interprets Pete's tale with the help of illustrations from Stephanie Helgeson.

Meyers admits that he is not an author and frankly doesn't much like to read or write, but he felt that the story of Pete and Muriel was one too good not to share. Pete was something of a Baltimore celebrity, Meyers discovered after reading news articles from the 1930s about the pigeon.

Pete spent his life flying in and out of his South Baltimore home. He was especially well known at the former Southern District Police Station (now the South Baltimore Learning Center) across Ostend Street from Muriel's home. Pete would fly to neighbors' homes, sitting on their windows as he waited for snacks. In his own home, Pete would pull out plugs and make nests in shoes.

There were some frightening moments, too. Once, a cat grabbed Pete by his neck, but he was saved by neighbors. Another time, a homeless man caught him and was going to have him for dinner. Most of the neighbor-



The adventures of Pete the Pigeon and his adopted human family on E. Ostend Street made headlines nearly a century ago. The true story was retold in 2016 as a children's book written by Gary Meyers, the son of Pete's companion, Muriel.

hood went searching for him and luckily saved him.

Those are just a few of the tales told in Pete's autobiography. In a recent phone conversation with Meyers, he recalled that his first draft was more than 2,000 words long. Meyers worked with Mascot Books, based in Arlington, Virginia, to simplify Pete's tale. In addition to Meyers' retelling of Pete's story, the book includes news articles to show that the story was based on facts.

Pete died in 1944, before Meyers was born. The storied pigeon was buried at the Rosa Bonheur Memorial, Inc., Pet Cemetery in Elkridge. Meyers tracked down Pete's final resting place in the cemetery from a photo and ensured Pete had a proper headstone. Meyers now volunteers at the cemetery cut-



ting the grass.

When the book came out in 2016, Meyers held his first solo book signing at the South Baltimore Learning Center. He recalled telling the residents of Pete's house across the street that there may be visitors stopping by now that Pete's story was back in circulation. Meyers continues to spread the word about the book, sharing it in public schools and libraries across Central Maryland. He even keeps copies in his car to give out to children.

The Autobiography of a Pigeon Named Pete can be found at the Light Street branch of the Enoch Pratt Library (less than two blocks from Pete's home) and ordered through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. — Gwendolin Schemm

Thread Volunteers Support High Schoolers' Success

The citywide Thread program is seeking volunteers to work with high school students to build strong, supportive relationships to aid them in their academic careers.

Founded in Baltimore, Thread enrolls the lowest-performing ninth-grade students who face an abundance of challenges in and out of the classroom. Thread offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from working directly with youth to organizing and managing support networks as a volunteer leader.

To learn more about the program, visit thread.org.

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

The following businesses opened recently in SoBo:

Golden Pretzel M2, 1130 S. Charles St. Serving soft pretzels and snowballs. [instagram.com/golden_pretzel_m1](https://www.instagram.com/golden_pretzel_m1)

Locust Point Provisions. Small-batch, locally made pepper jellies, available Saturdays at the Baltimore Museum of Industry Farmers' Market. [instagram.com/locustpointprovisions](https://www.instagram.com/locustpointprovisions)

University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business 'Flex MBA' Program, Rye Street Market, Third Floor, Baltimore Peninsula. On-site and online advanced business education options for working professionals. rhsmith.umd.edu/programs/flex-mba

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By Robert Hardy

In the back of the Print Shop at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on Key Highway lurks a hulking yet oddly delicate-looking machine that might be mistaken for a giant typewriter on steroids. It's as wide as an upright piano, with a small office chair pulled up close in front of a large central keyboard mounted on an iron frame reaching seven feet high and sprouting tendrils of cables, pulleys, and springs and appendages of chutes, levers, and cranks.

It is a rare surviving, working example of the now-obsolete machine that Thomas Edison once referred to as "the eighth wonder of the world" – the Linotype.

"Outside of Gutenberg's invention of movable type, no other single machine has had the impact on printing as has the Linotype," according to the Museum of Printing in Haverhill, Mass.

The BMI's Linotype machine (Model 8, No. 50958) turns 90 years old this year, and the museum is preparing a birthday celebration in July. The machine dates from 1936 and was donated to the museum by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Office of Stamp Production in Washington, DC.

"To see the machine working is really incredible," says Maze Turner, a BMI volunteer who recently learned how to maintain and operate the Linotype. "It's wickedly precise – not just regular manufacturing precise, but clock-making precise."

Invented in Baltimore by the German immigrant watchmaker Ottmar Mergenthaler in the 1880s, the Linotype – essentially an automated typesetting and typesetting machine – revolutionized the printing industry. Printers and publishers were able to replace the slow, manual, letter-by-letter method of typesetting that Gutenberg had introduced in the fifteenth century with a mechanized, line-by-line process that was significantly faster and cheaper. The Linotype dominated publishing worldwide until the dawn of the era of photocomposition and offset printing in the 1970s.

With the Linotype machine, under the control of the keyboard operator, molten lead flows into small type molds, a mold for each letter of the alphabet and for each number, character, and punctuation mark. That type is cast into "slugs" corresponding to a line of text, one by one forming a column of type. Once a line is typeset, a conveyor system carries the molds back into their original positions in a container above the keyboard.

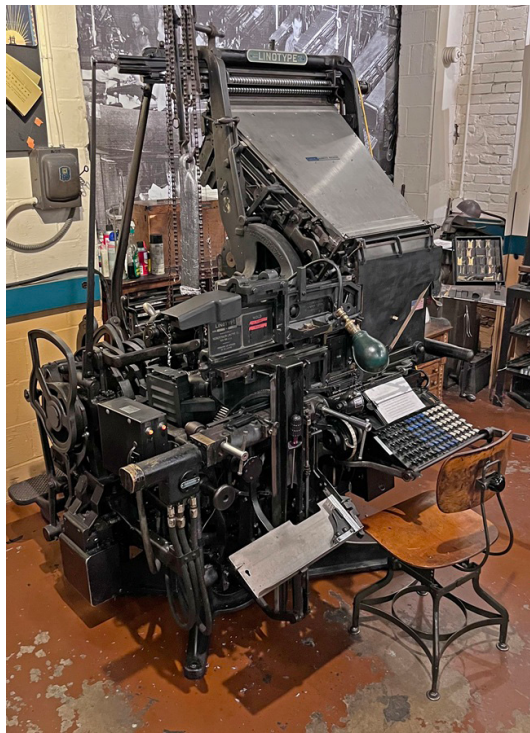
Mergenthaler made the first workable Linotype machines at his workshop at Camden and South Howard streets in downtown Baltimore. After a successful demonstration of the invention at the offices of the *New York Herald Tribune*, the Linotype Company began limited distribution of the machines to newspaper and book publishers who agreed to help finance production.

On July 3, 1886, the *Herald Tribune* became the first newspaper to use the Linotype to compose and print a newspaper. Shortly thereafter, the Friedenwald Company, a Baltimore lithography and printing firm that Mergenthaler had consulted while developing his machine, became the first book printer to acquire and use a Linotype.

In the mid-nineteenth century, typesetting was a very common occupation in America. It was a skilled job that required the ability to read and write and the patience and dexterity to pick

SoBo Museum to Celebrate Historic Typesetting Machine

The Baltimore-Born Linotype Machine Was Once Built in Locust Point



A working 1936 Linotype (above left) is demonstrated at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Invented by German immigrant Ottmar Mergenthaler (top right), the machine creates lines of metal type (above right) ready for printing on a press.

out small slivers of metal type to spell out words. The process of typesetting with movable type was a very slow process. But the Linotype changed that.

According to an early accounting done at the *Tribune*, it took several manual typesetters more than 3,000 hours to do the work that it took a single Linotype operator only about 1,500 hours to do – more than doubling workers' capacity and reducing the cost of labor by one third. With the Linotype, more (and bigger) newspapers and books could be printed and sold to more people, making that content available to a wider audience and increasing profits for printers and publishers.

The Linotype Company moved operations to a large factory complex in Brooklyn, New York, in 1888, while Mergenthaler, who was in poor health, remained in Baltimore making improvements to his machine. By 1890, the new "Model 1" was ready for production, and Mergenthaler opened a

small factory in Locust Point to produce some of the first machines.

A 1906 map of Baltimore shows the factory's location at the long-vanished Claggett and Allen streets. In 2015, BMI volunteers armed with geographic information system software and a GPS app were able to pinpoint the location of Mergenthaler's factory. It stood along Key Highway on the site now occupied by the McHenry Row parking garage, just south of the water tower on Whetstone Way.

Between 1891 and 1894, Mergenthaler's Locust Point factory produced more than 500 Linotype machines that were shipped to and used by publishers across the country. In 1894, Mergenthaler's failing health forced him to end his active involvement with the Baltimore operation. By 1954, it was estimated that more than 200,000 machines had been produced and were in use around the world.

BMI's 1936 Linotype has been churning out "lines o' type" for visitors since 1997. The museum opened its

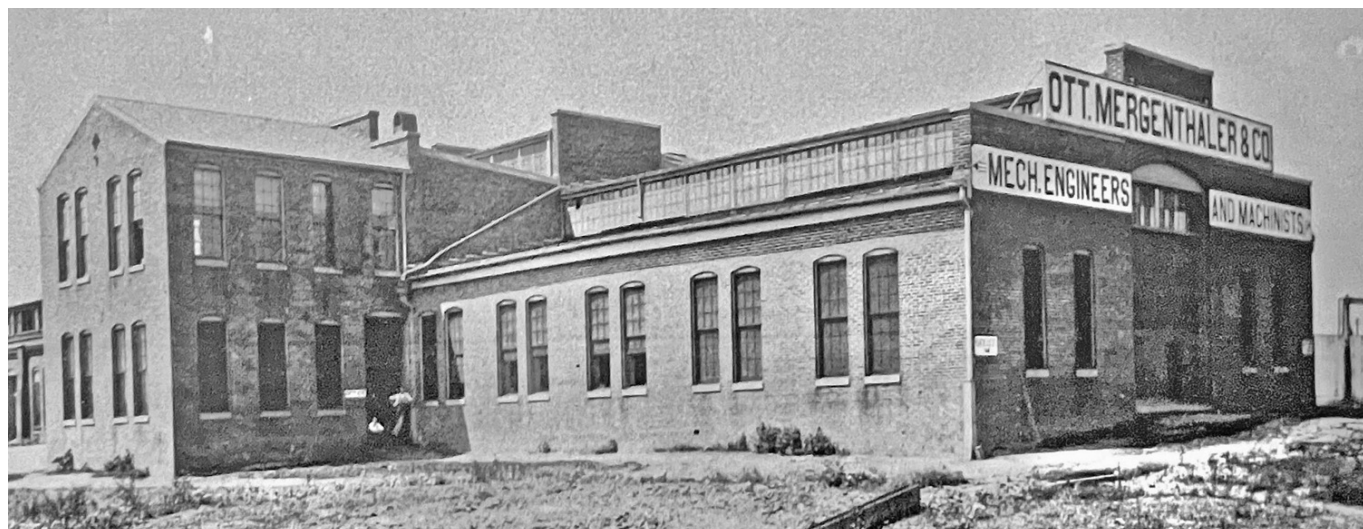
first printing industry exhibit in 1988 as "a recreation of an early twentieth century letterpress shop," complete with a 1905 Model 5 Linotype that was not in working condition. One of the volunteers who worked on the new gallery was Ray Loomis, a Baltimore native who worked for many years as a Linotype operator.

When BMI opened an expanded Graphic Arts Exhibit in 1997, it featured the working 1936 Linotype machine donated by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Loomis was on hand at the opening reception to demonstrate the Linotype. According to the museum's "Nuts & Bolts" newsletter: "Guests were intrigued with Ray's expert demonstration of the Linotype... They watched with fascination as a few keystrokes on this now antique machine quickly turned out a 'line of type' with the guest's name on it, ready for the printing press."

Loomis volunteered at the Print Shop for nearly three decades until retiring in 2019 at the age of 90. He was able to pass his Linotype knowledge on to current BMI volunteer Steve Cole (age 71), editor of the *South Baltimore Peninsula Post*. Cole has now passed that knowledge on to Turner (28). Cole and Turner continue Loomis' legacy of demonstrating the Linotype to museum visitors on Saturdays.

Turner recalls a recent impactful interaction with a museum visitor. "I was at the Linotype and a guy and his father came in and were fascinated by it. There was a language barrier between me and the father, so the son was sort of translating, but there was no barrier to his amazement. He was absolutely in awe. I realized that I had started to become a little desensitized to that. Seeing his amazement reminded me of my first time seeing the machine, and how much it captured me. I love the machine, but I really love sharing it, seeing the awe on people's faces and the fascination as they see the details and hear the story. Being able to keep that fascination living on is why I come back every week."

The Baltimore Museum of Industry hopes to share that fascination with more visitors on Saturday, July 11, as it celebrates the 90th birthday of its Model 8 Linotype machine. A daylong series of events are planned during regular museum hours (9am-4pm), including a special Linotype workshop, a screening of a rarely seen episode of *The Twilight Zone* starring the Linotype ("The Printer's Devil"), and a birthday cake. BMI volunteers Cole and Turner will be on hand giving Linotype demonstrations throughout the day. The full schedule of activities will be posted on thebmi.org.



Hundreds of the earliest Linotype machines were manufactured by Mergenthaler in Locust Point at his own factory. That operation was short-lived due to his failing health and the Linotype Company moving production to Brooklyn, New York.

SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

Switching it up this month, neighbors, because here's the real scoop: Summer in South Baltimore with kids is a DREAM. Some of my favorite SoBo events happen over the summer: Riverside Park Second Sunday Concerts, pool time at Riverside Park, splash pad time at Solo Gibbs Park and the Inner Harbor, the Baltimore Family Alliance Summer Playground Tour, and the summer program at the Light Street branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library (free books and prizes).

But the truth is that ALL of these events are better with community. Becoming a parent can be really isolating: Schedules change, life becomes unpredictable, kids get sick, and all of a sudden it feels like the only people you talk to all day are your child and your partner. So how do SoBo families create and grow community?

Below are my thoughts, but please write to us at editor@sobopost.org and offer your own tips. I'd love to continue to share! – *Beth Mayr*

Tip 1: Make the Ask

Yes, it can be awkward to ask another mom for her phone number at the park. But if your kids are playing together, it's totally okay to say, "Hey, I'd love to let you know the next time we're headed to the park. Can I grab your number so I can text you?" It's also okay to say, "Can you remind me of your name again?" We have all introduced ourselves and forgotten each other's names. It's okay! No one is sleeping as much as they wish they

were, and names are harder to retain. Bottom line: Just ask!

Tip 2: Follow Through

If you said you would text that mom the next time you head to the park, do it! It might not always work out perfectly. Kids get sick, dinner happens at different times, and the weather foils plans. But aside from the occasional kiddo meltdown, chances are extremely likely that the other parent will be grateful you reached out. Don't let perfect be the enemy of good: Just message them!

Tip 3: Add an Open Invite

Nowadays, there are lots of chances to be in a group text. Perhaps the Wednesday morning library story time moms have one. Maybe your child's day-care or elementary school classmates have a group text. Maybe it's the Volo team you play on. Whether or not it's a parent-centric group, a group text is a low-barrier way to invite a group to an event you are already planning to attend. I think that's the key to a group invite: You have a specific time, date, location, and event. ("I'll be at the Riverside Park Second Sunday Concert with some snacks and a picnic blanket. Let me know if you want to join!"). In a larger group text, most of the people won't be able to attend for one reason or another. But chances are there's at least one parent in that group, quietly hoping for more community, who will make themselves available to attend. I love these kinds of events, too, for fos-



Enjoying summer events with kids in SoBo, like the programming at the Light Street library, is always better with community. Photo by Mary Braman.

tering community among people with and without kids or people with kids of different ages. Something like a concert in the park or time at the pool will appeal to many types of people.

Tip 4: Keep Trying

I recently saw a reel that said, "If you want a village, you have to be a villager." If you see someone else in the group text who could use a meal, a chill night out, a park playdate, someone to watch their kid for an hour, or something that seems doable to you, offer it! Things that might be hard for one person might be easier for another, and that type of gesture goes a long way. I would venture to bet the other parent will remember that for a very long time.

Tip 5: Have Patience

Building community takes time. Easier said than done, I know, but I can think of so many wonderful people I've met in the five-and-a-half-plus years I've been a parent. Once I was part of a group of moms (we met through Fit4Mom, which I highly recommend for building community) where either the mom or her partner was from another country. They were almost all here temporarily for work. While they were here, though, they really wanted community, and we had so much fun together! I think of that group fondly, even though most

of them have moved out of state. That group was what I needed when I had it, but they weren't long-term friends due to their work situation. That experience, though, helped me to build the confidence to invite other moms to playdates or hangouts after bedtime, and slowly but surely, I've been building more of a community of "my people." I'm meeting new people all the time and expanding the list of my people, which I am beyond grateful for. My point is that it takes time. Appreciate the stepping stones along the way. Even if the random dad your husband meets at the park isn't going to be his Forever Bestie, maybe it gets him out of the house for the first time in months, with a chance to reset a little bit to make parenting easier.

So there you have it: my tips for building community. They are not exhaustive, and they are not foolproof. If you are in the stages of looking for community (especially if you're in that isolating newborn/infant stage: I see you!), I hope this provides a little glimmer of hope. And if you know someone who might benefit from these ideas, do me a favor and grab a copy of the *Peninsula Post* to drop at their house (maybe with some coffee; be that villager!). You never know how building community might make a difference in someone's life.



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'Spruce Your Stoop,' Riverside Concerts, and Federal Hill Tours



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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This summer we are offering free historical walking tours of Federal Hill to celebrate the United States' 250th anniversary. These tours are made possible through Baltimore Community Foundation's Legacy Forward grant program, which invests in organizations that celebrate the past while bringing diverse communities together.

The tours will start in June and continue through the end of August. Altogether, we'll offer 16 tours open to 25 participants each. We'll launch tour dates and registrations in batches, so stay tuned to our email list or social media to hear about when exactly the tours will be and how to sign up to join.

For now, we are designing the tours around community input with a public survey. We want residents, business owners, workers, and frequent visitors alike to influence what the tours focus on by telling us which Federal Hill stories matter the most to them.

We're also actively in the process of recruiting tour guides. So, if you love Federal Hill, walking, and talking to strangers, you might be a good fit to join our tour guide team. Please email Chris (chris@rentatour.com) for details about becoming a guide.

We're so excited to bring this project to our community, and we hope to see you on one of the tours! – Submitted by Charlotte Faust, Project Manager

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FHNA has had a **busy spring**, with a cleanup, a successful happy hour at Robert Baker Park, the Spring Fling Beer Garden, and Federal Hill Park Spring Socials. We have one more Spring Social in Federal Hill Park on Sunday, June 14, from 4 to 7pm.

In addition, the neighborhood association recently had **board elections**, and we're really excited to have a full and diverse board. Jen Covino, our previous Public Safety Chair, will be taking over as President. Jen has helped us navigate the recent public safety

challenges, and her leadership will be crucial as we continue to navigate those issues.

Finally, FHNA successfully won a **South Baltimore Gateway Partnership grant** to install a gate at the Federal Hill Prep parking lot as well as bistro lighting for Prep, the Digital Harbor Foundation, and Digital Harbor High School. We applied for this grant in response to the homicide that occurred around the new year, and we are hopeful that this will lead to some meaningful public safety improvements. – Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association
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Our country is celebrating 250 years in July. Many tall ships will be in port this summer to mark the occasion with **Sail250**, June 24-30. 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. Join in the decorating fun and **Spruce Your Stoop**. To participate, have a representative from your street or block email federalhillsouthna@gmail.com with "Spruce Your Stoop" in the subject line by June 12. Tell us the street name and range of addresses that are included in your group. All participants will be recognized with a visit on June 14 from FHSNA Garden Club representatives and will receive a prize.

Our next **general meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 30, from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, 300 E. Gittings St. We will have refreshments and drinks, including wine. It is a great opportunity to see your neighbors and familiarize yourself with city and neighborhood events. There will be no meetings during July and August.

Have a fabulous summer! – Submitted by Nadine Bowen, President

Locust Point Civic Association
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Just in time for the summer, LPCA received and **planted 10 street trees** from Baltimore Tree Trust. The trees are located throughout Locust Point. This is part of our effort to create a more healthy, green environment for our residents.

As part of Sail250, LPCA is working with the Sail250 committee, the National Park Service, and the city government to provide a safe and enjoyable **Sail250 event in Locust Point**. There will be a tall ship at Tide



The Second Sunday Concert series sponsored by the Riverside Neighborhood Association returns on June 14. Photo by Mary Braman.

Point, and Fort McHenry will be a perfect spot to watch the Airshow. We are working with local restaurants and bars to provide specials. There will also be food trucks and a shuttle service from Tide Point to Fort McHenry.

There will be some road closures and parking restrictions for this event. Please see our website for more details.

The next **LPCA membership meeting** will be held on June 10 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will not be having a July meeting.

At our May meeting, we held our **LPCA elections** and elected three new Board members as well as seven current Board members. – Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member

Riverside Neighborhood Association
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Let's get excited for **2nd Sunday Concerts** in Riverside Park, which start in June and run through September.

Ebb & Nova play on June 14 from 5 to 8pm. Roses n' Rust perform July 12 from 5 to 8pm. The Lovable Idiots play on August 9 from 5 to 8pm. The Tom Starr Band wraps things up on September 13 from 4 to 7pm.

Remember to bring your old RNA cup to get drinks for only \$4 all season long! If you don't have one, get a new RNA cup to start your collection.

We can't wait to see everyone at the concerts! – Submitted by Jeff Dewberry, President

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SOBO EVENTS

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6/10 – LPCA Membership Meeting, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Ave. Monthly meeting of the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 7:30pm.

6/11 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

6/11 – Family Game Night, Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E Heath St. Games will be provided, but you can bring your own favorites to share. 6-8pm.

6/11 – Glimmer in the Garden, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Crafting and cocktails in the Sculpture Garden. 6-9pm. \$

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

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

6/11 – Music: Better Off Dead, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/12 – Minecraft Mania Sleepover, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. The ultimate sleepover with exhibits and activities. 5:30pm to June 13 at 9am. \$

6/12 – Music: Remedy Band, BGE Pavilion at Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Outdoor concert with an acoustic rock band. 6-7pm.

6/12 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

6/12 – Hand Building ‘Pick Your Own’ Pottery, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create a planter, mug, or personal-sized casserole dish. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

6/12 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

6/12 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.More. 7pm.

6/12 – Music: The Lovable Idiots, Love Riot and Cesar.io, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/13 – Community Dumpster Day, Digital Harbor High School parking lot, 1100 Covington St. Dispose of your nonhazardous household trash. Sponsored by the Federal Hill South Neighborhood Assoc. 8am-12pm.

6/13 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

6/13 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, and baked goods. 9am-1pm.

6/13 – Boards & Breakfast at Jake’s Skate Park, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Kids under 12 can skate alongside pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

6/13 – Dance2Fitness, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Outdoor workout/dance class. 9-10am.

6/13 – Fan Favorites Class, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Mix of HITT, yoga, and boot camp; preregistration required. 10am.

6/13 – 50th Anniversary Celebration, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Hands-on science activities and demonstrations, 1976 throwback admission prices, and exhibits. 10am-5pm. \$

6/13 – Coffee and Clay Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Learn about pour-over coffee and create your own pour-over. 10am-12:30pm. \$

6/13 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 2-6pm. \$

6/13 – Music: Crescent City Sounds, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join Lakin Ducker and Jeff Muller for a mix of traditional jazz and R&B classics. 3pm.



The final shows at SoBo’s legendary music venue, The 8x10, are scheduled for June 25-27. Photo by Liz Pappas, Barley Moon Photography.

6/13 – Intro to Eco Printing, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn principles of eco printing and create four sheets of your own specially designed paper. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

6/13 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Beverages and snacks available for purchase. 8-9pm. \$

6/14 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

6/14 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of Flag Day. 9am-4:45pm.

6/14 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

6/14 – Vinyasa Yoga, Rash Field Park Shade Lawn, 201 Key Hwy. Vinyasa flow class; preregistration required. 10am.

6/14 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 10am-2pm. \$

6/14 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$

6/14 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Yoga class and sightseeing tour of the Harbor with Marissa Walch. 11am-12:30pm. \$

6/14 – Book Signing with Susan Weis-Bohlen, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Ayurvedic practitioner and author Susan Weis-Bohlen signs her book, *Seasonal Self-Care Rituals: Eat, Breathe, Move, and Sleep Better – According to Your Dosha*. 11am-1pm.

6/14 – Fed Hill Spring Social, Federal Hill Park, 300 Warren Ave. Live music and refreshments. Hosted by Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 4-7pm.

6/14 – Music: Ebb & Nova, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks. Sponsored by Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 5-8pm.

6/15 – Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Used book sale in support of the Friends of the Light Street Branch. 12-7:45pm.

6/15 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

6/15 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels and affirming of all bodies and genders. Hosted by Rainbow Body Arts. 7-8pm. \$

6/16 – Switch It Up, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Family-friendly Switch games; all ages welcome. 1-3pm.

6/16 – \$10 Tuesday Art Class, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Try our open studio or an instructor-led class. 4-8pm. \$

6/16 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

6/17 – Shake Out Your Sillies with Ms. Eliza, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Songs, nursery rhymes, puppet shows, instruments, and a dance party for little ones under 5 with an adult. 11am.

6/17 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation; preregistration requested. 12-1:30pm.

6/17 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

6/17 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level contemporary ballet class. 7-8pm. \$

6/17 – Inhabit Your Joy: A Journaling Workshop, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E Fort Ave. 7-8pm. \$

6/18 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

6/18 – Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Used book sale in support of the Friends of the Light Street Branch. 12-7:45pm.

6/18 – Family Game Night, Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E Heath St. Games will be provided, but you can bring your own favorites to share. 6-8pm.

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6/18 – Board Game Night, The Foundry Church, 165 E. Randall St. Monthly community event for adults and teenagers. 6:30-9pm. \$

6/18 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm. \$

6/18 – Sculpting Black Hair Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Celebrate Black history and learn how to sculpt clay tiles inspired by coils, curls, braids, and other styles that have shaped Black identity across generations. 6:30-9:30pm. \$

6/19 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

6/19 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

6/19 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.More. 7pm.

6/19 – Music: Strangers Stopping Strangers (Grateful Dead tribute), The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/20 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

6/20 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

6/20 – Dance2Fitness, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Outdoor workout/dance class. 9-10am.

6/20 – Fan Favorites Class, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Mix of HITT, yoga, and boot camp; preregistration required. 10am.

6/20 – Book Sale, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Used book sale in support of the Friends of the Light Street Branch. 10am-4:45pm.

6/20 – Artful Celebrations: Juneteenth, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Special celebration highlighting contributions and legacy of Black artists and culture. 10am-3pm. \$

6/20 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 11am. \$

6/20 – Whiskey on the Waterfront, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food trucks, and cocktails. 12-6pm.

6/20 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 2-6pm. \$

6/20 – Music: Psycho Killers (Talking Heads tribute), The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/20 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Beverages and snacks available for purchase. 8-9pm. \$

6/20 – Solstice Gala, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Annual fundraiser with live music, cocktails, food, and dancing. 8pm-12am. \$

6/21 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

6/21 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

6/21 – Historic Federal Hill Tour, Federal Hill Park, 301 Warren Ave. Guided tour of Federal Hill and the surrounding neighborhood. Sponsored by Baltimore Heritage. 9:30am. \$

6/21 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 10am-2pm. \$

6/21 – Vinyasa Yoga, Rash Field Park Shade Lawn, 201 Key Hwy. Vinyasa flow class; preregistration required. 10am.

6/21 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$

6/22 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

6/22 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Introductory class open to all levels and affirming of all bodies and genders. Hosted by Rainbow Body Arts. 7-8pm. \$

6/23 – Slither, Slide, Creep & Crawl, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Join staff from Baltimore’s National Aquarium to see how aquatic creatures live. 11am.

6/23 – \$10 Tuesday Art Class, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Try our open studio or an instructor-led class. 4-8pm. \$

6/23 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

6/24 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

6/24 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

6/24 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation; preregistration requested. 12-1:30pm.

6/25 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

6/25 – Family Game Night, Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E Heath St. Games will be provided, but you can bring your own favorites to share. 6-8pm.

6/25 – ‘Try-It’ Pottery Wheel Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create pottery on a pottery wheel. 6:30-9pm. \$

6/25 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$



Free salsa dancing lessons are offered Friday evenings on the water all summer long at Port Covington Marina. Photo by Mary Braman.

6/25 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

6/25 – Music: Trust in the Music, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Last weekend of shows at The 8x10. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/26-28 – Sail250 Maryland & Airshow Baltimore, multiple SoBo locations. Ship tours, entertainment, vendors, and more.

6/26 – Visionary America Guided Tour, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Explore the works of bold American visionary artists who are reimagining what art can be. 1:30-2:30pm. \$

6/26 – Workshop: Watercolor at the Waterfront, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Watercolor workshop led by Carol Auerbach, the artist behind CLA Creative. 2:30-4pm. \$

6/26 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

6/26 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

6/26 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.More. 7pm.

6/26 – Music: Trust in the Music, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. Last weekend of shows at The 8x10. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/27 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

6/27 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

6/27 – Dance2Fitness, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Workout/dance class. 9-10am.

6/27 – Fan Favorites Class, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Mix of HITT, yoga, and boot camp; preregistration required. 10am.

6/27 – Crafty Cat Blankets, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create a no-sew fleece blanket to be donated to BARCS. 11am.

6/27 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 2-6pm. \$

6/27 – ‘Try-It’ Pottery Wheel Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create pottery on a pottery wheel. 10am-12:30pm. \$

6/27 – Telescope Training, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Learn how to use your telescope. 11am-3pm. \$

6/27 – Flying with the Navy, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Q&A with Rear Admiral David J. Faehnle plus screening of “The Blue Angels 3D” in IMAX. 11am. \$

6/27 – Visionary America Guided Tour, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Explore the works of bold American visionary artists who are reimagining what art can be. 1:30-2:30pm. \$

6/27 – Grooves & Hooves: Painted Vinyl, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Paint vinyl records. 5-7pm. \$

6/27 – Music: Trust in the Music, The 8x10, 10 E. Cross St. This is the final show at The 8x10. Doors at 7pm. \$

6/28 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

6/28 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

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6/28 – Ceramics & Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Learn a new ceramics technique each week. 10am-2pm. \$

6/28 – Vinyasa Yoga, Rash Field Park Shade Lawn, 201 Key Hwy. Vinyasa flow class; preregistration required. 10am.

6/28 – Visionary America Guided Tour, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Explore the works of bold American visionary artists who are reimagining what art can be. 1:30-2:30pm. \$

6/30 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. 10:30am.

6/30 – \$10 Tuesday Art Class, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Try our open studio or an instructor-led class. 4-8pm. \$

6/30 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

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

7/1 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

7/1 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

7/1 – Postpartum Meetup and Support, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Support circle with a lactation consultant from Wild Fig Lactation; preregistration requested.12-1:30pm.

7/1 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

7/1 – Music: The Arm and The Caribbean, Design Distillery, 1414 Key Hwy. Hosted by Essential Tremors. 7pm. \$

7/2 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

7/2 – Crafternoon: Noisemaker Craft, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Create and decorate a noisemaker for your July Fourth celebrations. 4pm.

7/2 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Market, 301 Mission Blvd., 5th floor. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

7/2 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

7/2 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

7/3-5 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of Independence Day weekend. 9am-4:45pm.

7/3 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

7/3 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

7/3 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.More. 7pm.

7/4 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry Pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

7/4 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

7/4 – Dance2Fitness, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Outdoor workout/dance class. 9-10am.

7/4 – Fan Favorites Class, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Mix of HITT, yoga, and boot camp; preregistration required. 10am.

7/4 – Celebrate the Glorious Fourth, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Fourth of July celebrations. 10am-5pm. \$

7/4 – Federal Hill Fourth of July Parade, 800 block of William St. to Federal Hill Park. Decorate your bike, stroller, or wagon and join the parade. Gather on William St. at 10am, parade begins at 10:30am.

7/4 – Fireworks Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Enjoy the fireworks from the Inner Harbor. 8:15-10:45pm. \$

7/5 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

7/5 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

7/5 – Vinyasa Yoga, Rash Field Park Shade Lawn, 201 Key Hwy. Vinyasa flow class; preregistration required. 10am.

7/5 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 10:30am. \$

7/5 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

7/6 – 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.

7/7 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

7/8 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

7/8 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

7/8 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.



Fireworks explode over the harbor on July 4. Photo by Mary Braman.

7/9 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

7/9 – Flicks from the Hill: The Wiz, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Outdoor movie viewing from Federal Hill plus free museum admission. 5-9pm.

7/9 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 6:30pm. \$

7/9 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

7/10 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.

7/10 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

7/10 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

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7/11 – Inner Harbor SUP Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

7/11 – Dance2Fitness, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Outdoor workout/dance class. 9-10am.

7/11 – Boards & Breakfast at Jake’s Skate Park, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Kids under 12 can skate alongside pro skater Joey Jett. 9-11am.

7/11 – Fan Favorites Class, West Shore Park, 401 Light St. Mix of HITT, yoga, and boot camp; preregistration required. 10am.

7/11 – Tall Tales of Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Poet Laureate of Annapolis Jefferson Holland presents original tall tales, epic poems, and songs inspired by the Bay. 11am.

7/12 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

7/12 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

7/12 – Vinyasa Yoga, Rash Field Park Shade Lawn, 201 Key Hwy. Vinyasa flow class; preregistration required. 10am.

7/12 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. 10:30am. \$

7/12 – Herbal Vision Board, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Create a hand-made candle and learn about botanicals with Deb Schaffer. 3:30-5:30pm. \$

7/12 – Music: Roses n’ Rust, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks. Sponsored by Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 5-8pm.

7/12 – Virtual Event: The Art and Story of Matt Sesow, American Visionary Art Museum. Online program takes you behind-the-scenes of one of AVAM’s featured artists, Matt Sesow. 7-8pm.

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Hundred Acre Wood received the “Worst Honorable Mention” award for “half-baked theoretical ‘engineering’ [that] did not deter its Pilot from the challenge.”



Bolt of Te Fiti received the “Best Pit Crew” award for “quick thinking in the face of a kinetic disaster.”

VISIONARY RACERS RETURN!

The American Visionary Art Museum’s annual Kinetic Sculpture Race on May 2 featured over two dozen teams zipping through Baltimore.

Our photographer Mary Braman captured several of the person-powered vehicles as they made their way through SoBo.



Gone Phishin’ received the “Art Award” for its consideration of several factors, including “color, costumes, kinetic motion, humor, and media glory-seeking.”



Dogs Playing Poker on Riverside Avenue.



In A Pickle on Riverside Avenue.



Just Dande-lyin’ Around on E. Fort Avenue.