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August 9 – October 6, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

Industry Social Club: Healthcare
(8/19)

Locust Point Festival
(9/12)

Oktoberfest at Holy Cross
(9/26)



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Compiled by Katie Cochran

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

8/9 – Open Studio, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Open studio to create art. 10am-2pm. \$

8/9 – Federal Hill History Tours, Federal Hill Park flagpole, 300 Warren Ave. Ninety-minute walking tours sponsored by Federal Hill Main Street; pre-registration required. 10am and 12pm.

8/9 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

8/9 – Teddy Bear Sewing Class, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Class with seamstress Jesse; recommended for ages 8-12. 12-2pm. \$

8/9 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

8/9 – Music: Lovable Idiots, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks. Sponsored by the Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 5-8pm.

8/10 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

8/10 – 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. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$

8/11 – Coffee and Classics Book Club Meet and Greet, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Book club discussing *A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster. 11am-12pm.

8/11 – Spanish Happy Hour, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

8/11 – SBNA Community Meeting, AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St, 2nd floor. Monthly meeting of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

8/12 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2. 10:30am.

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LEMON PEPPERMINT STICKS (above), Snowballs, and Berger Cookies were some of the sweet Baltimore treats cavorting in Riverside Park Pool on July 25 and 26 as part of the annual Fluid Movement water ballet. The “Candy Land of Pleasant Living” production chronicled an attempted takeover of the Domino Sugar factory by Lord Natty Boh. Photo by Mary Braman.

Music Returns to The 8x10 in October Under New Ownership

By Steve Cole

The new owners of The 8x10 music venue on E. Cross Street are moving ahead quickly with a refresh to the building and the band schedule in advance of an October 8 reopening. Nearly 40 shows have already been booked, with the initial calendar set to be released on August 10, said Chris Perella, cofounder and managing partner of Rising Sun Presents, in an interview with the *Peninsula Post*.

Rising Sun, which leads The 8x10's new partnership team, owns and operates five music venues in the Philadelphia area and provides booking and management services at many other area stages. The new team also includes Jeremy Rusen and long-time Baltimore musician Cris Jacobs; the building is co-owned by Dave Rather, formerly of Mother's Federal Hill Grille.

News that The 8x10 had been sold dropped in mid-June, just days before the final show under the previous ownership. Abigail Janssens and Brian Shupe had run the venue since 2005 (see *Peninsula Post*, February 2024). It has been closed since the final show on June 27 with Cris Jacobs and The Bridge. The first iteration of The 8x10 opened as the Eight by Ten Club in 1983.

The next chapter will look to build on The 8x10's musical legacy and extend it to a younger audience, according to Perella. “The goal is to honor the history of what's happened musically in the

room, but augment that significantly, kind of blowing it open for being a development venue for just about every genre,” he said. “The opening calendar will have a whole bunch of familiar faces and also some bigger acts.”

Perella expects the schedule to expand to at least four or five nights of music every week. “A significant portion of the calendar in recent years has been local, tribute, and regional acts, and we certainly want to bring all those folks through on a regular basis. But we also plan to bring in some acts that would normally be playing bigger spaces and/or national acts that are up-and-coming and developing.”

The music mix will likely change, Perella said, as his team targets younger acts and a younger demographic.

“This is a young neighborhood, and we want to bring in people from the neighborhood that maybe haven't been as attracted to some of the programming in recent years. Whether that's indie rock, harder rock and metal, punk, or pop and folk. Younger rock is a part of what we want to focus on.”

Baltimore's Cris Jacobs will continue to appear regularly at The 8x10, Perella said, with his popular “Very Jerry Christmas” shows and possibly residencies with various collaborators. Behind the scenes, Jacobs will be the team's advisor to the Baltimore music community and will recommend local and national talent that he admires.

The experience of attending an 8x10

show will also be getting a refresh, with changes planned for the physical space and amenities. “We are going to upgrade the exterior, the façade, and signage, and the production and sound system. We're adding some TV monitors in the balcony to improve sight lines for folks that aren't right around the rail,” Perella said.

“And we're going to significantly overhaul the décor. We are talking to some muralists and artists about large-format art that will celebrate the history of the venue, which obviously is pretty long and storied.”

A new amenity being planned is food service, Perella said. “Right now, our focus is on exploring partnerships with local Baltimore food purveyors, whether it's a mom-and-pop in the neighborhood or one or more of the vendors in Cross Street Market. We'd use their off-site food prep, since The 8x10 doesn't have a kitchen. We're after a small, but high-quality menu so we can offer up really fresh food.”

In mid-July, The 8x10 announced that the first show on October 8 will be an exclusive “donor party” for contributors to its fundraiser in support of the renovations. On stage will be Cris Jacobs & Friends, featuring Steve Kimock, George Porter Jr., Ivan Neville, Jennifer Hartswick, and John Kimock. The first show open to the general public will be on October 9.

For details on “The 8x10 Revival” fundraiser, visit the8x10.com.

FROM THE EDITOR

How Do You Like to Get Around SoBo?

It's no secret to readers of the *Peninsula Post* that there are many places to explore and activities to enjoy spread across our compact peninsula community. But to take advantage of all these great opportunities can require using several travel modes and some not-always-obvious hacks for getting from point A to point B safely and quickly.

To help everyone better navigate SoBo walkways, bike lanes, and roads, this year we will publish a special feature, our first-ever "Guide to Getting Around SoBo." It will include staff tips (my top tip: try the Cherry Route Circulator!), maps, and comparisons of the different travel modes available on the peninsula. In addition, we're conducting a survey to find out about readers' SoBo transportation habits, likes and dislikes, and tips. Results of the survey will be published in the guide.

We hope you'll take a few minutes to tell us about how you get around SoBo. Turn to page 4 of this issue to read more about the survey and get started filling it out with the QR code. – *Steve Cole, Editor-in-Chief*

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea Sold, Some Artifacts to be Preserved in SoBo

By Robert Hardy

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church on Riverside Avenue has been sold to a local development group for \$1.4 million, as reported in the *Baltimore Business Journal* (July 2, 2026).

As a crew of movers loaded wooden crates onto a truck outside the now-shuttered church on a hot morning in late June, Rev. Kevin Ewing, pastor of the Catholic Community of South Baltimore (CCSB) and former pastor of St. Mary's, reflected on the next chapter for the historic buildings and their artifacts.

"The sale partner is interested in trying to maintain the historic structure of the church, and that presented a good partnership for us," Ewing says. "We want to honor the legacy of St. Mary's and what it's meant to our community, particularly to those who called St. Mary's their spiritual home for generations. We want to see its structure and history preserved. Things like the star on top of the steeple mean so much to our community and its history."

St. Mary, Star of the Sea was established in 1868 to serve the growing population of Irish immigrants in South Baltimore, many of whom worked in the shipbuilding industry and for the B&O Railroad. The cornerstone of the 13,000-square-foot building was laid in 1869, and the church was dedicated in 1871. It has been closed since late 2024 (see *Peninsula Post*, December 2024).

According to the *Journal*, Ken Burstein of VB Development Group and his partner Jesse Vann acquired the church and adjoining convent and are planning to convert the buildings into 30 luxury apartments, with construction expected to begin this year and apartments available in 2027.

"If you're selling a former church for future secular use, all the sacred items must be removed," Ewing notes. "Sacred items include precious vessels, anything marble, including the altar itself, stained glass, and religious images or icons. An important piece of the puzzle is being able to determine which of those items we have the capacity to retain and put into continued use in the CCSB."

As the moving crew crated statues from the church garden, Ewing elaborated. "We're using a company that specializes as a warehouse and distributor of religious articles," he says. "They were tasked with removing the sacred items, including removing the stained glass without damage. It is a very painstaking process."



Statuary, stained glass, and all other religious objects were removed from the church early this summer.

The church's stained-glass windows, imported from Germany in 1899, "are some of the most beautiful in the archdiocese," Ewing observes. "We've been able to retain all the windows, and it's our intention to keep them intact, which will allow us to incorporate elements into our worship."

As for the statuary, "Some of the statues will be placed in Holy Cross Church, and a number of the historical artifacts are being preserved in our office there so they're within the frame of the public, not stored away out of sight," says Ewing.

"A suggestion was raised to create a prayer space at Holy Cross cemetery [in Glen Burnie] using some of the statuary from St. Mary's," he continues. "It's the CCSB parish cemetery, and it doesn't have a dedicated place of reflection, so those items from the garden would memorialize St. Mary's in a space that holds a sacred dignity."

One of St. Mary's most distinctive ar-

tifacts – its 1920 Casavant pipe organ – presents special challenges. The organ has undergone restoration over the years, although the instrument's original bellows and compressor remain. "The challenge with moving it is that it makes up part of the structure of the building, and it can't just be removed lock, stock, and barrel," according to Ewing.

"We've enlisted an organ specialist who essentially will remove the serviceable reeds," he says. "With an instrument that's been in operation for a century, there are components that need to be replaced on a very frequent basis, and some components unfortunately aren't serviceable."

A question remains about the star on the steeple, famously one of the first lighted church steeples officially noted on nautical charts. According to CCSB deacon Steve Sarnecki, "the first pastor, Father McCoy, was called in by the authorities and told that the light was confusing mariners, so he convinced them to just put it on the charts, and that's what they did. It's part of the fabric of South Baltimore: the orange Domino sign and the blue Star of the Sea."

Will the star remain?

"There is no expectation on the part of the church that the star would be removed," Ewing says. "The buyer has been keen on being a good neighbor throughout this process, and they've shown interest in the significance of St. Mary's as a historical part of the community, and that star means something to the community. We want to see it stay lit."

The developer did not respond to *Peninsula Post* requests for comment on the project.

New Businesses on the South Baltimore Peninsula

The following businesses opened recently in SoBo:

David's Bicycle Service & Repair, Riverside Ave. Reasonably priced drop-off and mobile bike service on the SoBo peninsula. daklab.com

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Grant Funds New SoBo Tech Credential Training

The Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Center (1045 Light Street) was awarded a \$25,000 grant through the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership Community Grants program to support its new "Tech Credential Cohort" initiative.

The project will provide 5-6 Baltimore city high school students the opportunity to participate in a yearlong STEM workforce initiative. Students will earn credentials in IT and digital design by engaging with industry leaders and developing relevant skills. The structure of the cohort allows for students with shared interests to come together in a learning environment.

Through this initiative, the Tech Center team hopes to tackle the biggest challenges they see facing students in the Baltimore area: making connections with technology, professionals, and training. The Tech Credential Cohort serves as the "connective tissue between the small skills under the larger STEM umbrella," said Tyler Farinholt, director of the Tech Center.

By exposing students to real-world skills, the program will strengthen students' knowledge about relevant developments in the digital sphere. In addition to expanding their hard-tech skills, students will work on their communication, collaboration, and presentation abilities.

By leveraging partnerships and existing connections with universities, community organizations, and businesses, the team hopes to create career pathways for young people while bolstering the local workforce. The Tech Center has already impacted the South Baltimore community, specifically with students who attend nearby Federal Hill



THE PROTOTYPE for a giant "Game of Frogs" statue was on display at the Riverside Park Second Sunday concerts in June and July. Creator Andrew Simpson (left) and collaborator Ellie Flock funded the project through a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. They are now seeking locations to deploy concrete replicas of the frog across the city. Photo by Mary Braman.

Preparatory School and Digital Harbor High School. The Tech Credential Cohort aims to build on that success.

This fall will see the first cohort of 5-6 students, which will be a pilot for the program that the Tech Center might scale up in the future, according to Farinholt. Recruitment for the cohort starts in early August, with outreach to local high school counselors to identify students who have an interest in STEM

education. The program formally kicks off at the beginning of September and will occur after school, from 3 to 6pm, for the entire academic year.

While a major goal is to build STEM skills, Farinholt says the most important thing he hopes the initiative provides is a "fun after-school program."

To connect with Farinholt and Tech Center staff, visit digitalharbor.org. – Gwendolin Schemm

Sidewalk 'Prayer Pockets' Engage Locust Pointers

You can't miss the dozens of multi-colored swatches of fabric tied to the fence along Towson Street as you walk by the Church of the Redemption in Locust Point. A large, quilted sign on the fence makes their purpose clear: "Prayer Pockets. (1) Write your prayers on a card. (2) Snap it closed in a pocket. (3) Our community will pray for you."

The "prayer pockets" are the first project of the newly formed arts ministry at the Episcopal church, according to Sarah Gingold, a former textile artist who sewed many of the pockets designed by artist Erik Stallman. The two parishioners created the project with Pastor Lori Babcock.

The pockets debuted on the fence at the end of May. Up to 20 prayer requests have been collected each week, Gingold says. The pockets are opened and the prayers read after the church's regular Sunday service.

"The topics of the prayers have ranged from cute, like praying for the school, to serious things like the loss of a family member," Gingold says. "The prayer pockets are a way for the church to reach out to the community and provide a service." – Steve Cole



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Charles Street 12 Run Coming to Riverside

The finish line for the annual Charles Street 12, a 12-mile, one-way running race from Towson through downtown Baltimore, will this year be next to Riverside Park. The race will bring 2,000 runners into the neighborhood on the morning of Saturday, September 5.

The race begins at the Shops at Kenilworth at 7:30am and heads south on Charles Street into downtown. At E. Conway Street, runners head east one block to the Inner Harbor and then south along the waterfront on Light Street and Key Highway to Webster Street. At Webster, they leave Key and head into the Riverside neighborhood, continuing west along E. Randall Street, past Riverside Park to Patapsco Street, where they go one block south to E. Heath Street. On Heath, they head east toward the park to the finish line at the corner with Byrd Street. – S.C.

Survey: Getting Around SoBo

The Peninsula Post is planning an in-depth look into the many transportation options available to SoBohemians. We want to hear from you about how you travel around SoBo.

Complete our Reader Survey at the QR code below and you'll be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the SoBo eatery, drinkery, or deserty of your choice. The survey closes on Friday, August 28.



Inside Rash Field Park 2

Peninsula Post staff took a tour of the construction at Rash Field Park Phase 2 in mid-July as the project nears completion. According to Dan Taylor, president of the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, work will be completed by the end of August with a grand opening soon after.

The peninsula's newest park has several nature walk trails, an expansive "Lawn," and dedicated sand volleyball and pickleball courts. The park also features a shaded deck area at the new "Beach" (right), a "Rock Crevice Garden" (above, left), a grassy "Amphitheater" seating area (above, right), and the historic Pride of Baltimore mast (left). Photos by Mary Braman and Steve Cole.





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SoBo Bees Make Honey at John Newman Honeybee Company

By Robert Hardy

If you've ever been stung by a bee, visiting an apiary (a bee yard) can be slightly unnerving. Hundreds of bees are swarming around ramshackle boxes of hives. Hundreds more are flying in and out on regular swerving flight paths, out to forage for nectar then back to return their treasure to the hives to do what bees do best: make honey.

On a recent sunny spring morning in a grassy field on the northern edge of the Baltimore Peninsula development, Nikkia Rowe and her son Kairi Dukes of the John Newman Honeybee Company conduct a honeybee colony check in full beekeeping regalia: heavy jackets zipped tightly, thick trousers and boots, long gloves, and hoods with mesh veils.

"They're peaceful," Rowe notes as the bees fly around her. "They don't bother you. They're not ganging up. They are the presence now. They're not aggressive. They get aggressive when there's nothing blooming, and that's when we usually go in to get honey."

Rowe is the proprietor of the Baltimore-based company, which she founded with Dukes in 2019. Last year, they processed and sold about 1,600 pounds of honey, with sales primarily from their website and at local farmers markets. This this year promises a similar yield.

"We put out our first batch of honey during the pandemic in 2020, and we've been going ever since," Rowe says. "We have this collection of colonies here, and there's another yard in the Avalon area, next to Patapsco State Park. We're excited because the honey yield from this year will be the first yield from the Baltimore Peninsula."

The John Newman Honeybee Company is named for Rowe's maternal and paternal grandfathers. "Both of them were entrepreneurs and community-oriented people, so that's why we honored the company by naming it after them," Rowe says. Rowe grew up "right across Hanover Street Bridge in Cherry Hill," she notes. "My grandparents, the Reeds, were one of the original families out there. They were community builders. They opened Reed's Carryout in 1976, which was in operation until around 1984. And they loved community, just like we love community. And the bees love community."

Rowe spent her career as an educator in the Baltimore City school system. "I was initially curious about bees because they appear to be chaotic," she says. "I wanted to learn about bees in a transitional period in my life, so I went back to school and learned how to keep honeybees. I started with two colonies, and the first two years I couldn't keep them alive. Every winter



they would die. But I didn't give up.

"When we started, we went to the community farm in Cherry Hill and they offered us a space, so that's where we were for our first three years. From there, we went to the Black Butterfly Teaching Farm in Curtis Bay, and we were there for two years. Then we came here to the Peninsula."

Dukes continues his colony check, pumping gentle puffs of smoke from his hand-held smoker as the bees do loop-de-loops around him. The smoke masks the bees' "alarm" pheromones and makes them more docile.

"They're going to pollinate just about anything that's blooming," Dukes says. "Now it's black locust and horse chestnut, then magnolia, soon it'll be clover, buttercups, dandelions, some honeysuckle. They go for [blooms with] the highest protein, the highest carbs."

As Dukes opens the top of one of the boxes and carefully lifts out a frame crawling with bees, Rowe explains. "We're in the time of year where colonies can get so large that they swarm," she says. "So the queen will announce that it's time for half of them to leave, and the workers will make queen cells. Then right before those queens emerge, half of the colony will leave. And we're trying to prevent them from doing that. All beekeepers have to deal with that."

Dukes holds each swarming frame aloft over the large wooden crates,

carefully examining the bees, observing their behavior and their health, checking food stores, checking moisture levels, looking for signs of pests, scraping away debris, and checking on the status of the queens.

As Dukes works, Rowe educates some observers on what they are seeing. "All of these boxes contain full colonies," she explains. "These smaller boxes are called nucleus colonies. In each one of them, we're incubating five frames of bees and queens. At a certain point, they go into the larger boxes. This is the result of splitting them once, but they've already built their numbers back up."

"In each of those boxes are ten frames. On the innermost five or six frames, you have a brood: baby bees. The queen lays in a cyclical fashion, so around that circle of brood, you're going to have patches of honey, which we never take, and patches of pollen, which we never take, because that's how they feed the baby bees."

"Then in the last two frames on each end of the bottom box and in the second box, the frames are full of honey, front and back. We take those frames. As they move up higher, you see less and less brood and more and more honey. So the bees make their honey, they do their thing, and we come get it. We fight the bees to get it, and we extract it and jar it."



This is the first year that the company will produce honey from its colony at Baltimore Peninsula (left). Kairi Dukes (above) sells the honey at the Baltimore Museum of Industry's Farmers' Market. Photos by Robert Hardy.

"I only pull as much honey off the bees as we need to sell," Dukes says. "I harvest the frames and remove them from the colony. Basically, I just shake all the bees off. Then I take the frames to a prep kitchen, cut off the wax capping that the bees applied, and place the frames into a centrifuge to spin the honey off. I do smaller harvests at whichever local kitchen is available, but for large harvests I use Greenmount Culinary Incubator on Greenmount Avenue. I trade the person who owns it honey in exchange for letting me process there."

The fruits of the bees' and the beekeepers' labor are on display and for sale on a hot July morning at the Baltimore Museum of Industry's Farmers' Market on Key Highway: 16-ounce jars of rich, golden, raw wildflower honey, in a variety of flavors, dependent on the specific flowers from which the bees got the nectar.

"I get different varieties from the different colonies between our two yards," Dukes explains. "So far, we've had black locust, linden, tulip poplar, bramble/blackberry/wineberry, clover, and princess tree (see the honey varieties sidebar on page 6)."

As Dukes presides over the honey-laden market table, he describes his interest in the historical and ethi-

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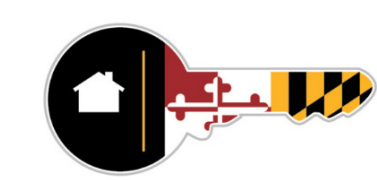


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cal aspects of beekeeping, specifically of ancestral Black beekeeping. “Some Black people kept bees as a form of animal husbandry for their communities. Some did it to use the honey for religious purposes or because the actual trek to get the honey was a right of passage. Some did it to diversify their income because they were taught how to at Tuskegee [University]. Some were forced to do it because they had no rights or personhood. At the same time, some just had beehives on their property and would harvest honey. It’s one of those things you can find at any point in history.”

He also discusses the company’s apprenticeship program, “where we take on young Black people and teach them beekeeping” through field days and hands-on learning sessions. “We want to create opportunities for the community to come together and reconnect to these ancestral arts,” Rowe adds.

“We can learn so much from the bees,” notes Rowe. “With honeybees, nothing is about an individual bee, it’s always about the colony. It’s amazing. I think I could tend to bees the rest of my life and never learn every single thing about them.”

Learn more about the company and purchase their honey at their website: thejohnnewmanhoneybeeco.com.

SoBo Honey Varietals
Of the various characteristics that set one type of honey apart from another – flavor, color, viscosity, crystallization time, vitamin and enzyme content – the most basic is the flower from which the bees harvested the nectar. Below, Kairi Dukes describes the flavor profiles of the types of honey that his company harvested this year from their SoBo beehives.
Black Locust is water-white, exceptionally light, and cleanly sweet with delicate, mild floral notes and a hint of vanilla, lacking any heavy aftertaste.
Linden (Basswood) tastes bright with a medium color and a distinct, refreshing bite that features a prominent minty, herbaceous, or slightly woody finish.
Tulip Poplar is dark, rich, and full-bodied, offering a heavy, robust sweetness with deep molasses and slightly malty undertones.
Bramble/Blackberry/Wineberry shows a medium-amber color with a well-rounded, classic honey flavor that delivers smooth, warm, fruity undertones and a soft berry sweetness that’s more forward this year. Because it’s been so dry, the bees are concentrating the flavors by lowering the water content.
Clover provides the quintessential honey taste: light, clean, and mildly sweet with a subtle, reliable floral aroma and a hint of warm cinnamon with a caramel undertone.
Princess Tree (Paulownia) comes across as very light and clear with a crisp, airy sweetness and faint, delicate fruity or pear-like notes.

SOBO PENINSULA PARENTING

It seems like just yesterday I was writing about all the fun to come this summer, yet somehow Labor Day is in just a few short weeks. My last column included tips for how to build a village as a parent, and I am so grateful for the many readers who reached out with their kind words. As you affirmed, building a village is hard! – *Beth Mayr*

Building a Village as a SoBo Dad

One reader of my column last month, local parent Jarret Cassaniti, shared his perspective as a peninsula dad. Here's what he had to say:

Beth's piece last month hit home in ways I didn't expect when I picked up the *Peninsula Post*.

I'm a peninsula dad with young kids, and I've been thinking a lot lately about community—who builds it, who tends it, and honestly, who's been largely absent from that work for a long time. Reading her five tips, I noticed something: Building the village has historically fallen to moms.

But something is shifting.

There's recent data worth paying attention to: college-educated fathers with young children are now working about six fewer hours per week than before the pandemic and spending roughly four more hours on childcare and housework. That's not a rounding error. That's a generation of dads beginning to actually show up—at the park, at pickup, at story time, in the group text.

What used to be an individual tradeoff, disproportionately carried

by mothers, is starting to look more like a shared family recalibration. Ambition hasn't disappeared for anyone — it's being renegotiated. Together.

For me personally, that's meant becoming someone I wouldn't have predicted a few years ago: a PTO dad, the guy drafting parent communications at 10pm, the one making the ask at the park when two kids are happily chasing each other. It felt awkward at first, exactly the way she described. But Tip 1 — just ask — is true for moms and dads.

We're maybe slower to do it. We weren't socialized the same way around emotional maintenance and community tending. But we're not incapable.

Tip 4 — 'if you want a village, you have to be a villager' — that one landed hardest. Because for a long time, a lot of dads were passengers in the village. Beneficiaries without being contributors. That's changing, slowly, and I think SoBo is actually a pretty good place to watch it happen.

So to the dads reading this: Beth's tips are great! Make the ask. Follow through on the text. Put a specific time and place in the group chat. Keep trying. Have patience.

The village needs you in it — not just visiting.

I am so grateful for Jarret and the many other dads who are working hard to also build their village in South Baltimore. Since my last column, peninsula dads Jon and Jamaal organized a Dads' Game Night at SoBo Play Space. It reached capacity days in advance — and yes, they plan to do more!



Lots of activities for kids at the annual Oktoberfest outside of Holy Cross Church on Saturday, September 26. Photo by Mary Braman.

Upcoming Community Events

Speaking of events, just a few to keep on your radar in the next few months: Locust Point Festival returns on Saturday, September 12, from 11am to 6pm in Latrobe Park. Oktoberfest, outside of Holy Cross Church in Federal Hill, is on Saturday, September 26, from 11am to 3:30pm (southbaltcatholic.org). These two community festivals are some of my family's favorites. They are a very easy opportunity to send a text to your class group chat or that new friend from the park, indicating that you'll be there, and you'd love to see other families there also. Easy playdate!

Getting Ready for Back to School

Baltimore City Public Schools re-open on Monday, August 24. For those whose kids are going for the first time (or even a reminder for parents of returning kiddos), take it easy the first

few weeks, and try not to over-schedule activities. We also found Friday evenings to be particularly overwhelming for much of the fall. Many families love heading to Cross Street Market for an easy and casual dinner, but if your kids can't manage to even get out the door, that's okay too.

Outside of school, be sure to check out popular extracurricular activities: ArtEasy (offering after-school programming at Prep, plus weekend workshops and events), SoBo Ballet, God's Best Family after-school programs, and more. South Baltimore Youth Soccer League also dominates fall schedules for many families, though I believe most teams are at capacity (sign-ups happen in June annually).

I hope the rest of your summer brings you and your family lots of joy. And if not, take delight that school starts again soon.



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The South Baltimore peninsula has several neighborhood groups working to make our part of the city a great place to live. **SoBo 2GETHER** is a regular column of updates from these organizations on community projects that you can get involved in.

Federal Hill Main Street
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Our free **historical walking tours** of Federal Hill are still going on! These tours are made possible through Baltimore Community Foundation's Legacy Forward grant program celebrating the United States' 250th birthday.

We've got six more tours this August, so sign up before they end. Tours are Saturday, August 8; Sunday, August 9; and Sunday, August 23, at 10am and 12pm each day. All six tours have slots open, so there's still time to join in.

Tours will meet at the flagpole in Federal Hill Park and walk about two miles around the neighborhood in 90 minutes, stopping at over 10 locations along the way. On the tour, you'll see iconic Federal Hill historic spots and learn some of the lesser-known history of our great neighborhood.

Find more information on our website or register directly at federalhill-

historytours.eventbrite.com. – Submitted by Charlotte Faust, Project Manager

Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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Summer is in full swing, and we have plenty of exciting news to share from around our community! First, the FHNA Board has selected **Tim Heath** to finish out Jen Covino's term as President. Tim has lived in our neighborhood for 12 years and is already deeply involved in the community, specifically through youth-focused programs in Sharp-Leadenhall and the ongoing redevelopment of Solo Gibbs Park. Please join us in welcoming Tim to his new role.

We also have several exciting **neighborhood beautification and safety projects** underway this season, all made possible by a South Baltimore Gateway Partnership grant. Throughout the summer, we will be installing beautiful bistro lighting in key areas surrounding our local elementary and high schools. Additionally, a professional contractor will soon install a brand-new, improved parking lot gate at Federal Hill Prep elementary school. The temporary gate has already been highly effective in decreasing unwanted nighttime activity in the school lot, and this upgrade will secure the space even further. Residents can also head over to Robert Baker Park to enjoy brand-new picnic tables, which were

purchased using generous community donations from last year.

School might be out for summer, but we are already preparing to **support our local students and staff** this coming fall. Federal Hill Prep will need volunteers to serve as tutors, lunch helpers, and library assistants. If you are interested in helping, please email our Prep liaison, Celine Plachez (celineplachez@yahoo.com). Digital Harbor High School is also looking for volunteers to assist the DHHS committee with teacher lunches and to provide snacks for the athletic department. To get involved, please email our DHHS liaison, Donna Price (dprice4270@gmail.com).

Finally, FHNA is now on our usual summer hiatus, which means there will be no monthly meetings until September. Hope to see you then! – Submitted by Locchanan Sreeharikesan, President

Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association

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We are excited to introduce the 2026-2027 **FHSNA Board**: Estela Martinez (President), Kyle Robinson (Treasurer), Estelle Young (Secretary), Colin White (Safety Co-Chair), Gonzalo Smith (Safety Co-Chair), Rich Schechinger (Member-at-Large), Jax Stone (Member-at-Large), and Matthew Thomas (Member-at-Large). We look forward to serving our community.

As summer brings more activity to the area, we encourage residents to stay vigilant and help **keep our neighborhood safe** by practicing "See Something, Say Something." If you have an exterior security camera, consider joining the SOBO Community Camera Network, a voluntary program that helps investigators quickly identify available video when an incident occurs while allowing homeowners to decide whether to share footage.

FHSNA is also excited to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership to improve neighborhood safety through **better outdoor lighting**. Through this grant, FHSNA has purchased 300 dawn-to-dusk LED light bulbs from Ace Hardware that will be distributed free of charge to eligible residents within our neighborhood boundaries. The first set of bulbs was distributed at our Community Happy Hour on July 24. The remaining bulbs will be distributed at a second event this fall.

FHSNA will also award two \$500 Café Lights Grants to help residents install café lights on their blocks. Learn more about both programs and apply on our website.

We're taking a summer break from **community meetings** and will reconvene on Tuesday, September 29, in the basement of St. Ignatius Loyola Academy at Battery and Gittings streets.

Join us for a social hour at 6:30pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm. A Zoom option will also be available. We hope you'll join us to meet the new board, learn about our plans for the coming year, and find ways to get involved in making Federal Hill South an even stronger community. – Submitted by Estela Martinez, President

Key Highway Community Association

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We are kicking off our **Turn the Lights On campaign** to raise funds to complete the underlighting of the Fort Avenue Bridge on Key Highway, and we need your help!

The surrounding community and businesses identified this as a high-priority Key Highway enhancement project. We began the project in 2018, and the lights were initially turned on in 2022. The lighting system created a welcoming gateway to the South Baltimore peninsula, with the ability to illuminate different color themes. Unfortunately, pigeons damaged the wiring and a solution to safely keep the birds away was needed. A netting solution was installed in 2025. Now we just need a few upgrades to the system, and we can again turn the lights on!

KHCA has raised and invested over \$140,000 in this project. Despite numerous setbacks and challenges, with the assistance and support of our awesome sponsors, we have persevered.

We are now seeking to raise \$10,000 to pay for internet connectivity, parts replacement, and start-up costs. A donation of any amount is helpful in reaching our goal. You can donate via our website (see the Contact page) or send a check to Key Highway Community Association, c/o President Carol Sholes, 100 Harborview Drive #2104, Baltimore MD 21230. – Submitted by Carol Sholes, President

Locust Point Civic Association

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LPCA hosted **three tall ships** at Tide Point in Locust Point during Sail250 in July. This was a tremendous event for visitors and South Baltimore residents. We estimate that over 27,000 people visited Tide Point during the event and almost 15,000 people visited Fort McHenry over the weekend for the airshow. LPCA organized food trucks and a shuttle to the Fort, which was sponsored by Domino Sugar, Steinweg, and Freedom Car.

The Sail250 weekend concluded with a **sunset piano concert** on the Tide Point promenade on Sunday evening by world-renowned artist, pianist, and composer Cristiana Pegoraro. This event would not have been possible without all the great volunteers from Locust Point who gave directions, provided water, cleaned up



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The annual **LPCA Festival** will be held on September 12 from 11am to 6pm at Latrobe Park. There will be over 70 vendors plus food, drinks, music, and more. This is a family event. Bring your chairs and wallets and enjoy.

Also on September 12, Fort McHenry will be celebrating **Defenders Day** with events throughout the day, culminating with fireworks at dusk. The Maryland Military Band will perform on the East Lawn for an hour prior to the fireworks show. All are invited, so bring your chairs and picnic dinner. LPCA will be providing a free shuttle between Latrobe Park and the Fort.

LPCA **membership meetings** will be held on August 12 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1338 Hull Street, and on September 9 at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, 1425 E. Fort Avenue. All meetings will start at 7:30pm. Please come to hear what is happening in the Locust Point community. – Submitted by Dave Arndt, Board Member

Riverside Neighborhood Association
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Summer has been rolling along at RNA! We were super happy to work with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, especially Director Veronica McBeth and Community Liaison Monay Easley-Small, to get **crosswalks repainted** at the Key Highway intersections with Jackson, Harborview, and Webster. This was part of a push to increase pedestrian safety and walkability in the neighborhood during Sail250.

We hope everyone had a great time during **Sail250 and the airshow**, which truly highlighted the best of Baltimore and the neighborhood. We also had a great turnout for our Second Sunday Concerts. The grand finale is in September. – Submitted by Jeff Dewberry, President

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association
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Led by President Tara McNulty, SBNA meets at 6:30pm on the 2nd 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). SBNA includes the blocks between Cross Street to the north, McComas Street to the south, and between Race Street on the west and Light Street on the east.

Our upcoming **general membership meetings** are scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, when we'll hear from State Delegate Luke Clippinger; Tuesday, October 13; and our annual meeting on Tuesday, November 10.

We are in the process of planning a **community cleanup event**, so keep an eye out for that date.

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** with SBNA, the following committees are recruiting: clean & green, public safety, and website.

For more on SBNA, check out our recently revamped website. –Submitted by Justin Lane, Secretary



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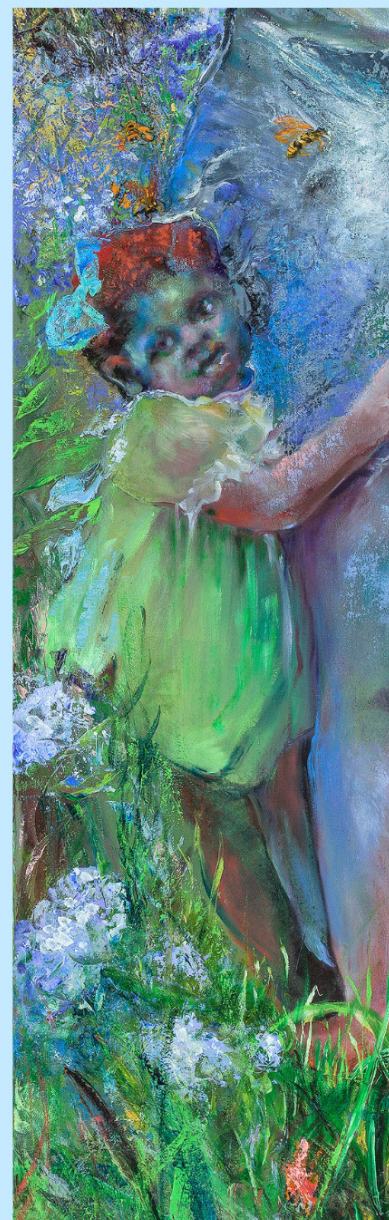
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SOBO EVENTS

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8/12 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

8/12 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

8/12 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

8/12 – Zentangle Mindful Drawing, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Workshop featuring Zentangle, an easy-to-learn and relaxing way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. 7-8pm. \$

8/13 – 35th Anniversary Book Lovers Community Cookout, South Baltimore Learning Center, 28 E. Ostend St. Literary conversations, food, music, and giveaways. 12-4pm.

8/13 – How to Make a Zine, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Baltimore-based comic creator and artist Kata Kane leads the group in creating an eight-page mini “book” (aka: zine.). 3:30-5pm.

8/13 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

8/13 – Playdate: Storytime Adventures, Elijah’s Park, 301 Mission Blvd. Outdoor family-friendly fun. 10-11am.

8/13 – Pints & Projects, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Open-format craft night to work on your projects with other crafters. 3-9pm.

8/13 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

8/13 – ‘After School Special’ (21+ only), Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Experience the museum in “the big-kid way” with tours, activities, crafts, drinks, and snacks. 6:30-9pm. \$

8/13 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 6:30pm. \$

8/14 – Outdoor Movie Night: Love & Basketball, The Lawn, 301 E. Cromwell St. Food and drink available for purchase. Event begins at 6pm, show at dusk.

8/14 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

8/14 – ‘Try-It’ Pottery Wheel Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. 6:30-9pm. \$

8/14 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

8/14 – Sound Bath, Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. Sponsored by Resonance B.more. 7pm.

8/15 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. Produce, flowers, baked goods, ready-to-eat treats, and more. 9am-1pm.

8/15 – Make Room to Thrive, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. A day of discounts on items and information about the shop. 10am-4pm.

8/15 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

8/15 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 11am. \$

8/15 – Friends of the Light Street Branch, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly meeting of volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

8/15 – Mess Fest, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Mucky, sticky, sloppy science event. 12-4pm. \$

8/15 – Whiskey on the Waterfront, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food trucks, and cocktails. 12-6pm.

8/15 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 4:15pm. \$

8/15 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

8/16 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

8/16 – 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. \$

8/16 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Yoga class and sight-seeing tour of the Harbor with Marissa Walch. 10-11:30am. \$

8/16 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

8/16 – Mess Fest, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Mucky, sticky, sloppy science event. 12-4pm. \$

8/16 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

8/17 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

8/17 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. All-levels introductory class affirming of all bodies and genders. Hosted by Rainbow Body Arts. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$

8/18 – Sunrise Social Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 7-8am. \$

8/19 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

8/19 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

8/19 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

8/19 – Industry Social Club: Healthcare, Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy. Informative networking event for professionals and influencers. 5:30-8pm.

8/19 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

8/19 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level contemporary ballet class. 7-8pm. \$

8/19 – Sunset Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 7-8pm. \$

8/19 – Propagate Possibility: Growing New Beginnings, One Cutting at a Time, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Hands-on plant propagation workshop. 7-8pm. \$

8/20 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

8/20 – Playdate: Arts & Crafts, Elijah’s Park, 301 Mission Blvd. Outdoor family-friendly fun. 10-11am.

8/20 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

8/20 – Board Game Night, The Foundry Church, 165 E. Randall St. Monthly community event for adults and teenagers. 6:30-9pm.

8/20 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn about the history of Sazerac and Black Manhattan, then mix up a traditional cocktail. 6:30pm. \$

8/21 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.



Outdoor movie nights at Baltimore Peninsula on August 14 and September 11. Photo by Mary Braman.

8/21 – Tote-ally Custom: Block Printing 101, Arteasy Studio, 1539 Light St. Design, carve, and print your own custom tote bag. 6-9pm. \$

8/21 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

8/21 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

8/21 – Paddle & Sound with Shawn, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Social paddle followed by a sound healing session on the dock. 7-8:30pm. \$

8/21 – Neighborhood Night at the Ballpark, Camden Yards, 333 W. Camden St. Join neighbors and friends from Locust Point and Riverside for City Connect Friday as the Orioles take on the Rays. 7:05pm. \$

8/22 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

8/22 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 9am. \$

8/22 – Hand Building Flower Wall Decor Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create a flower wall decor with clay. 10am-1pm. \$

8/22 – Liquid Nitrogen Slushie Lab, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Use liquid nitrogen to quickly freeze lemonade into a slushie. 12:30 and 1:30pm. \$

8/22 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7:30-8:30pm. \$

8/23 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 8-9:30am. \$

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8/23 – Federal Hill History Tours, Federal Hill Park flagpole, 300 Warren Ave. Ninety-minute walking tour sponsored by Federal Hill Main Street; pre-registration required. 10am and 12pm.

8/23 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

8/23 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

8/24 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

8/25 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of the 110th Birthday of the National Park Service. 9am-4:45pm.

8/25 – Playdate at the Library, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Bubbles, toys, and enriching playtime. 10:30am.

8/25 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

8/26 – Get Rooted: A Back-to-School Mindfulness Moment, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Midweek mini-meditation to get rooted in peace and presence. 9-9:30am.

8/26 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

8/26 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

8/26 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

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8/27 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 6-7:30am. \$

8/27 – Playdate: Storytime Adventures, Elijah's Park, 301 Mission Blvd. Outdoor family-friendly fun. 10-11am.

8/27 – Community Run/Walk, Harry's Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

8/27 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

8/28 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

8/28 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

8/28 – Full Moon Glow Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding under the full moon on Baltimore's Inner Harbor. 7:30-9pm. \$

8/29 – Farmers' Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

8/29 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 9-10:30am. \$

8/29 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the Inner Harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

8/29 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7-8pm. \$

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



Vendors galore at the annual Locust Point Festival in Latrobe Park on September 12. Photo by Mary Braman.

8/30 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

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8/31 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

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

9/2 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

9/2 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/2 – Paint Your Pet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Create a custom painting of your pet. 6-8pm. \$

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

9/3 – Classic Cocktails Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Learn how to mix up two traditional cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

9/3 – Bingo Night, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Fundraiser for the Citizens of Pigtown. 7-9pm. \$

9/4 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.

9/4 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

9/4 – Hand Building Jack-O'-Lantern Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. 6:30-9pm. \$

9/4 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

9/5 – Charles Street 12 (Mile) Run from Towson south through downtown Baltimore to Riverside Park. Race starts at 7:30am, ends at 1pm. \$

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

9/5 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

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

9/6 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

9/6 – Collective Minds Festival, West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. House music festival. 12-9pm. \$

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

9/6 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Beverages and snacks available for purchase. 7-8pm. \$

9/7 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. All-levels introductory class affirming all bodies and genders. Hosted by Rainbow Body Arts. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$

9/8 – Sunrise Social Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 6-7am. \$

9/8 – SBNA Community Meeting, AJ's on Hanover, 1500 S. Hanover St., 2nd floor. Monthly meeting of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

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

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

9/9 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

9/9 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/9 – Rooted Ritual: New Moon Yoga Nidra, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Guided yoga nidra rest practice. 7-8:30pm. \$

9/10 – Chocolate and Whiskey Pairing, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Pairing of four chocolates and whiskey. 6:30pm. \$

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

9/11 – Outdoor Movie Night: The Greatest Showman, The Lawn, 301 E. Cromwell St. Food and drink available for purchase. Event begins at 6pm, show at dusk.

9/11 – Craft Your Own Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Craft two signature cocktails. 6:30pm. \$

9/11 – 'Try-It' Pottery Wheel Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create pottery using a pottery wheel. 6:30-9pm. \$

9/11 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

9/12-13 – Defenders' Day Celebrations, Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. Events commemorating the defense of Baltimore against British attack in 1814. 9am. \$

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

9/12 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 9am. \$

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

9/12 – Community Garden Open House, Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington St. Visit the Federal Hill South/DHHS garden and learn how you can get involved; refreshments served. 10am-1pm.

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9/12 – Locust Point Festival, Latrobe Park. Food, vendors, games, and live music. Sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Assoc. 11am-6pm.

9/12 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 7-8pm. \$

9/13 – Yoga on a Yacht, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. Yoga class and sight-seeing tour of the Harbor with Marissa Walch. 10-11:30am. \$

9/13 – ‘Try-It’ Pottery Wheel Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. Create pottery using a pottery wheel. 10am-12:30pm. \$

9/13 – Craft Your Own Brunch Cocktail Class, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Make two brunch-inspired whiskey cocktails. 10:30am. \$

9/13 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

9/13 – Music: Tom Starr Band, Riverside Park gazebo, 301 E. Randall St. Live music and food trucks, sponsored by the Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. 4-7pm.

9/14 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/14 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. All-levels introductory class affirming of all bodies and genders. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$

9/15 – FHNA Meeting, Light Street Presbyterian Church, 809 Light St. Monthly meeting of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30pm.

9/16 – Baby & Toddler Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for little ones under 2 with a favorite adult. 10:30am.

9/16 – Preschool Storytime, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Stories, movement, songs, and play for ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. 11:30am.

9/16 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

9/16 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/16 – Beer & Ballet, Checkerspot Brewing Co., 1421 Ridgely St. Introductory-intermediate level contemporary ballet class. 7-8pm. \$

9/16 – Make Space to Grow, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E Fort Ave. Workshop on understanding what your plant needs for its next season of growth. 7-8pm. \$

9/17 – Fee-Free Admission to Fort McHenry, 2400 E. Fort Ave. No admission charged in honor of Constitution Day. 9am-4:45pm.



History tours of Federal Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods in August, sponsored by Federal Hill Main Street. Photo by Quintin Parson (QP Imaging).

9/17 – Board Game Night, The Foundry Church, 165 E. Randall St. Monthly community event for adults and teenagers. 6:30-9pm.

9/17 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

9/17 – The Visionary World of Mr. Imagination, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Virtual behind-the-scenes look at the life and art of Gregory Warmack, the self-taught visionary known as “Mr. Imagination.” 7-8pm.

9/18 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.

9/18 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

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

9/19 – Paddle and Flow Class, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboarding followed by yoga session on land. 9-10:30am. \$

9/19 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

9/19 – Friends of the Light Street Branch, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Monthly meeting of volunteers supporting the local branch. 11am.

9/19 – Yarn Art: Connecting Culture with Francisco Loza, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Workshop with Francisco Loza to learn his pressed yarn technique and create your own piece. 11am-1pm. \$

9/19 – Whiskey on the Waterfront, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, 301 E. Cromwell St. Live music, food trucks, and cocktails. 12-6pm.

9/19 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 6:30-7:30pm. \$

9/20 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

9/21 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/21 – Belly Dance Classes, Riverside Third Space, 1530 Battery Ave. All-levels introductory class affirming of all bodies and genders. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$

9/22 – Sunrise Social Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 6-7am. \$

9/22 – Autumn Equinox Yoga, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Celebrate with a yogasan class for all ages and levels. 7-8pm. \$

9/23 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

9/23 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/23 – Finding Your Roots: A Journaling Workshop, Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E Fort Ave. 7-8pm. \$

9/24 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

9/24 – Hand Building Pet Bowl Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

9/25 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.

9/25 – Plant Bingo, The Thrive Sanctuary, 1442 E. Fort Ave. Each round highlights a different plant tip. 6:30-8pm. \$

9/25 – Sunset Salsa, Port Covington Marina, 321 E. Cromwell St. Free salsa dancing lessons. 7pm.

9/26 – Ya Gotta Regatta, Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy. 8am-4pm. \$

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

9/26 – Inner Harbor Paddle Tour, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Tour the harbor on a stand-up paddleboard. 10am. \$

9/26 – Pet Parade: Mutt Gala, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. Fashion show featuring pets. 10am-12pm.

9/26 – Oktoberfest, Holy Cross Church, 110 E. West St. Outdoor festival featuring German food and beer, polka music, silent auction, a tour of the church, and kids’ games. 11am-3:30pm.

9/26 – Sweet Tooth Saturday Dessert Festival, Rash Field Park, 201 Key Hwy. Dessert vendors, bakers, and sweet treat creators. 12-7pm.

9/26 – Baltimore Sunset Cruise, Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St. 6:30-7:30pm. \$

9/27 – Southern Italian Pasta Workshop, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Make authentic southern Italian pasta. 12-1:30pm. \$

9/27 – Inner Harbor Kayak Tour, Maryland Science Center, 601 Light St. Three-hour kayak tour sponsored by Baltimore Rec & Parks. 1-4pm. \$

9/28 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Boot Camp, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

9/29 – Sunrise Social Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 6-7am. \$

9/29 – Spanish Immersion Group, Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely St. Relaxed, small-group environment for all-levels Spanish. 6-7:30pm.

9/30 – Postpartum Support and Meetup Group, SoBo Play Space, 1530 Battery Ave. Weekly support circle with a lactation consultant. 12-1:30pm.

9/30 – Wellness on the Waterfront: Yoga, Rye Street Park, 301 E. Cromwell St. 45-minute vinyasa (flow) class with Marissa Walch. 6pm.

10/1 – Community Run/Walk, Harry’s Bar, 1036 E. Fort Ave. Distance 3-6 miles. Sponsored by Bmore Running. 6:30pm.

10/1 – Hand Building Pumpkin Trays Workshop, Mudhouse Pottery Studio, 1827 Marshall St. 6:30-8:30pm. \$

10/2 – Peninsula Post Issue #33 available across the SoBo peninsula.

10/2 – Learn American Mah Jongg, Pratt Library, 1251 Light St. Practice your game with a volunteer instructor every other Friday. 11am-12:30pm.

10/3 – Farmers’ Market, Baltimore Museum of Industry pavilion, 1415 Key Hwy. 9am-1pm.

10/3 – Teeny Tiny Puppet Workshop, American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy. 1-3pm. \$

10/3 – Crab Feast 2026, Knights of Columbus #4606, 1338 Hull St. Steamed Maryland crabs, DJ, and raffles. 3-7pm. \$

10/5 – 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.

10/6 – Sunrise Social Paddle, Inner Harbor Marina, 400 Key Hwy. Stand-up paddleboard tour of the Inner Harbor. 6-7am. \$

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