

To The Point

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On the Water in Locust Point

by *Damian O'Connor*

One of the best things about Locust Point is that the community is surrounded on three sides by the Patapsco River. There are three convenient public places on the Locust Point peninsula to see the ships and smaller boats that use the river. The Under Armour promenade at the end of Hull Street is a great spot for watching the river traffic. Under Armour provides chairs for employees and residents to sit, eat and watch the river. The Fells Point waterfront is directly across the harbor, and live music from Fells Point events often carries across the water. The Domino plant loads sugar into ships just to the left of the promenade while the Harbor Connector and Water Taxi use the floating dock to the right.

A second spot for river watching is at the Museum of Industry on Key Highway near Lawrence Street. A covered pavilion, used for a weekend farmers' market, offers shade and a view of several harbor vessels and work boats that tie up there.

Finally, Fort McHenry has a long river shoreline. The seawall

at the Fort is adjacent to a paved walkway, lined with benches and shady trees, which runs from the Fort's entrance along the river down to the Visitors' Center. Behind the Center is a private dock used by the Water Taxi and often by other vessels, including the schooner, *Pride of Baltimore II*. The City Fireboats are berthed nearby and can be seen from the Fort. Fort McHenry is open daily, 9-6 in the summer. The open grounds, pathways and Visitor Center are free to explore.

When residents are enjoying the breeze from the river on a balmy Baltimore weekend, it might be a good time to reflect on a bit of local history. In September of 1814 it was the intent of the British Navy to destroy Fort McHenry and then sail down the same Patapsco River to the Inner Harbor area where they planned to set fire to the warehouses, boat builders' wharves, downtown businesses and ships in dock. That attack never happened due to the efforts of the Defenders of Baltimore.

Over the next few articles, some of the boats that use the Patapsco will be highlighted, including the large Navy ships, the taxis, tugboats, fireboats, kayaks and others.

President's Message

Greetings,
As many of you know, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation recently announced the elimination of the Banner Route from the Charm City Circulator program effective July 20, 2015. This decision has been opposed many residents who feel that the peninsula is otherwise underserved by public transit and who use the Circulator to commute to work, support local businesses, and visit cultural attractions. At our May General Meeting, residents approved a motion to allow the LPCA board to do what's necessary to advocate on behalf of saving the Banner Route. Since that time, there have been numerous efforts to mobilize around this important issue.

The board worked with stakeholders from throughout South Baltimore to send a letter to the Mayor expressing our dissatisfaction with the proposed change. The letter, signed by neighboring community organizations, cultural institutions, large companies, local developers, and small businesses, requested a meeting with the

Mayor's Office to discuss alternatives to cutting the Banner Route. This letter was covered by the Baltimore Sun and received considerable attention on social media. There was also a Change.org petition created by residents with currently over 1,200 signatures asking the Mayor not to cut the Banner Route. Lastly, our State legislators representing the 46th District sent a strongly worded letter to the Mayor and Director Johnson calling the cuts to the Circulator a flawed proposal.

This issue is one that impacts the entire South Baltimore peninsula. Our neighbors in Riverside and on Key Highway have been working closely with us and, just this past week, the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association voted to join the advocacy efforts. It is important that over the next month we continue to have our voices heard. Please continue to send letters and e-mails to elected officials and join on us July 13th at 5:30pm in the FSK cafeteria for a public hearing. Thank you for your efforts!

Greg Sileo
President

Upcoming Meetings:
No LPCA meeting in July
Wednesday, August 12, &:30pm, Francis Scott Key School

To join the LPCA email distribution list, send email to: contacts@mylocustpoint.org

Committees

Safety

Chairman: Greg Sileo

Contact: Safety@mylocustpoint.org

The Safety Committee maintains an open dialogue with the Baltimore City Police Department and organizes the Citizens on Patrol (COP) walks. The COP walks in Locust Point are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. when weather is agreeable. If you are having problems in your area with illegal dumping trash, drug activity, vandalism, etc., please contact the committee and the walkers will address your area on one of their upcoming walks. Better yet, please join the walkers to point out specific problems and address your issues directly with a police officer. Monthly email reminders are sent out with the meeting spot for the upcoming walk.

Membership

Chairman: Laura McCoy

Contact: Membership@mylocustpoint.org

The Membership Committee keeps track of all paid members of the LPCA and sells memberships at the general meetings. Cost is \$5 PER PERSON. You must be a Locust Point resident, not just a property owner, to be eligible for membership. Please be advised that you are not eligible to vote for any motions unless you are a dues-paying member.

Communication

Chairman: Ginny Rajnes

Contact: Communication@mylocustpoint.org

The Communications Committee oversees the design and content of the newsletter and website. The newsletter is published bi-monthly. Community members are welcome to submit information on events and items of interest for To The Point or the LPCA website. The deadline for ads and editorial content for the newsletter is now the 15th of the month preceding publication. Website ads and content can be submitted at any time. If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter or if you would like something posted on the LPCA website, please contact the committee.

Design Review

Chairman: Will Jovel

Contact: Designreview@mylocustpoint.org

The Design Review committee reviews all of the plans for individual property improvements or proposed property subdivisions and monitors the projects to make sure property owners are complying with Baltimore City law and zoning codes. The city recommends that any major additions to individual properties or proposed property subdivisions be submitted to the community association prior to any public hearings. It is the policy of the LPCA to request a postponement of any hearing for an applicant that has not first notified the LPCA Board of Directors and presented plans to the Board. Please submit plans to LPCA P.O. Box 27097, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Social

Chairman: Shannon Keeny

Contact: Social@mylocustpoint.org

The social committee plans and coordinates all of the social events sponsored by the LPCA, including the annual yard sale, festival and holiday party.

Dog Park

Chairman: Meg Kelly

Contact: locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com

The Dog Park committee is responsible for the overall cleaning and maintenance of the dog park and enforcing the park rules and etiquette. Members also organize frequent fundraisers, such as Yappy Hours at local bars and restaurants to cover maintenance costs for the park.

Parks and Beautification

Chairman: Cheryl Duffey

Contact: Parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org

The Parks and Beautification Committee is responsible for planning and organizing beautification projects in Latrobe Park and around the neighborhood. Projects in the past have included bulb, tree and flower plantings in the park and corner planters along Fort Avenue. This committee is also responsible for organizing neighborhood cleanups and educating neighbors about proper trash disposal and the city's recycling program.

Nominations and Elections

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The Nominations and Elections committee is responsible for recruiting eligible candidates and organizing elections every 2 years for the LPCA Board and Officers or as vacancies arise.

Important Contact Information

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Mr. Linzy Jackson, III

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Officer Kevin Vaught, 410-396-2170
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Sanitation Enforcement

(for occupied properties that have trash or high grass and weeds that violates the city code)
Eric Booker, Sanitation Enforcement Officer
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Liquor License Board

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After 4:30: (410) 545-6360



Trash and Recycling:

Trash pick up is every Wednesday. Baltimore City law requires that all residences have durable trash cans with tight fitting lids. Residences are limited to two 32-gallon trash cans each. Trash must be put out in cans.

Recycling pick up is every Friday. There is no need to sort recyclables into separate bins and an unlimited amount of recyclables is allowed.

Locust Point COP Walk

From Nick Maly

The remaining scheduled walks for 2015 are: Aug. 19 and Sept. 16. No walk is held in July. It would be great to have all neighbors join in at least one walk this summer. It is the best way for everyone to be involved and flag any areas of concern. If you have any concerns throughout the summer, please let us know what they are even if you can't attend a walk, and we will be sure to bring them to the attention of the officers.

Gather in front of The Himalayan House (1522 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230) for a 7:00 pm start. Come get to know your neighbors during our 1-hour walk around the Locust Point neighborhood. Led by one of Baltimore's finest police officers. Please RSVP that you will be coming by emailing safety@mylocustpoint.org. We need at least five total walkers to conduct the walk with a police officer guide, and a police officer is required for the walk

Then and Now



From Damian O'Connor

The photo on the left shows the Carey Street and Fort Avenue streetcar (#228) in 1904. The fare was probably a nickel

or a few cents per ride. The streetcar is heading down Fort Ave. toward Ft. McHenry (The firehouse is in the background on the left.). This streetcar route was electrified in 1895, then replaced with trolleybuses in 1948, and buses in 1959.



The second picture is the #1 line M.T.A. bus heading up Fort Ave., coming from Ft. McHenry, at Andre Street. Bus fare in 2015 is \$1.60. The newer bus is roomier than the street car, has padded seats, heat and air conditioning but it isn't quite as funky.

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Social Committee Update

From Shannon Keeny

The Locust Point Festival is one of our most honored community traditions. The festival was started in the 1970s to raise the funds to prevent a highway from being built through our neighborhood. Today the festival is designed to bring together neighbors and friends of Locust Point for a day of food, music, and fun. We estimate that more than 1,500 people attended this great event in 2014. We hope you will join us in 2015! This year's Festival will be held on Saturday Sept 12, 2015. Location is as usual Latrobe Park, and the time is 11-6. It will also be opening day for the Youth Soccer league.

There will be food - beer - music - family activities - games - vendors. Bands will perform from noon til 5 pm. A Corn hole Tournament will be held from 2 - 5 pm with a \$10 entry fee (team of two). Sign up soon - space is limited. Volunteers are needed to help with the festival.

Email questions to social@mylocustpoint.org

Volunteers are needed for help in making Kruschiki (Polish bow-tie cookies) for this year's LPCA festival. This is a long-standing tradition in the Locust Point community, and we need your help to keep it going. We need at least 40 volunteers. All are welcome at this family-friendly event! Lunch will be provided. Please help out if you can!

Saturday, August 22 from 8:30am - 1:30pm (Sign up for a shift or all day)

Locust Point Community Church, 1308 Beason St.

Sign up online at: bit.ly/lpcacookie



Francis Scott Key School



ANOTHER ONE IN THE BOOKS...

The school year has wrapped up. We hope that the students, staff, and administrators enjoy their summer break. They earned it. We're looking forward to another great year and a very busy summer. The school is scheduled to undergo some major projects:

HVAC upgrades (summer 2015); New library (fall of 2015); Walkway modifications (summer 2015); Bike racks (summer 2015); New faculty gym (summer 2015); Outdoor

class rooms and landscape upgrades (TBA).

NEW COMMUNITY PARTNER

FSK would like to send out a huge thank you to ASR / Domino Foods for its very generous donation of three 3-dimensional printers for the school -- what a great addition for the staff and students. FSK continues to add great pieces to further strengthen the educational experience.

NEW FSK STAFF

We would like to welcome Ms. Shawna Zakrjewski (1st grade) and Ms. Maria Dissen (2nd grade) to Francis Scott Key.

SERVICE LEARNING HOURS

Middle School students in need of completing service hours can contact the school at 410-396-1504 to set up time for cleaning and organizational projects around the FSK grounds.

FSK PTO

Thank you to the PTO for its continued support and effort. We're always looking for new ideas and new members so please come out for one of our monthly meetings. We say a special thank you for everyone's efforts and time.

HARRIS TEETER VIC CARDS 2014 – 2015

A special thank you goes out to all of the folks who have linked their HT VIC Cards to FSK. Simply by doing your shopping, you're helping. Please see results below!

FINAL TALLY (program closed June and July)

As of 5.31.15 we had 336 cards linked and earned - \$5700.00!! PLEASE LINK YOUR HARRIS TEETER VIC CARDS TO FSK – Email John Shea (jirs10132007@gmail.com) for assistance or link to school 1514 at your local Harris Teeter. IT'S A COST FREE, SIMPLE WAY TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY!

Rain or Shine, Reynolds Street Has a Good Time

From Laura Kennedy

This spring, the residents of Reynolds Street and beyond were the grateful recipients of an LPCA Community Improvement Grant. On Saturday, May 16, the neighbors of Reynolds Street along with their friends, families, and whoever happened to stop by, participated in the 2nd Annual Reynolds Street block party. For the second year in a row, the neighbors came together to socialize, meet new people, and share wonderful memories of life in Locust Point.

Attending the party were the newest neighbors on the block who had moved in two weeks prior to the event, three brand new babies all less than two months old, and some of the most tenured neighbors on the block. We were privileged to hear stories from a handful of residents who have lived on Reynolds Street their entire lives (a few years longer than the babies mentioned above!). Stories included making mud-pies near the old grain silos, playing in the former fields where the McHenry Pointe homes now stand, and other beloved memories of mischievous behavior while growing up on Reynolds Street.

The number of volunteers increased from the previous year, helping to set up tents, tables, and beautiful, handmade decorations. A couple of dedicated folks even spent hours in the morning cleaning the entire street so it looked its best for the event. The party ramped up with our local mailman, Gary, as the DJ, and even through a few rain showers the dancing didn't stop. Adults and kids played games including corn hole, kan jam, four square, and ladder golf, while the little tykes played with sand tables, water tables, and bubbles. When a thunderstorm threatened to shut down the party altogether, a handful of brave folks huddled under tents



and formed new bonds as they waited for Mother Nature to run her course.

The food couldn't be beat, with many delicious potluck dishes, as well as donations from neighborhood restaurants including City Limits, In Like Flynn, Our House, Barracudas, and Green Turtle. Of course, what Locust Point party would be complete without handmade, fresh Chruscikis? A neighbor's sister, and former Reynolds Street resident, provided the traditional Polish treats to complement the array of delightful desserts.

We are very grateful for the grant from the LPCA to pay for the street closure permit, the DJ, and paper goods for the party. Many thanks for helping us bring neighbors together and make this party possible.





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1408 Andre St – Under Contract, never hit the market!

All data can be verified through MRIS.



Latrobe Spruce up and Eco-Week Update

By Cheryl Duffey

Many thanks to the 30 volunteers that came out and helped us get our historic Latrobe Park ready for all of the summer visitors. Our beautiful park is a showcase because of all the time and effort our residents and friends put in helping to maintain it. 1300lbs of trash removed from our streets and a lesson in ecology for the Daisies and volunteers during Eco-Week! Enjoy the summer, enjoy the park! Thank you everyone.




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Activities

REC CENTER

“Sweat the Weight Off”

New adult dance class has started and reviews have been excellent, call 410-929-3660.

Sweet Caroline’s is celebrating their two year anniversary with a block party on the 1400 block of E. Clement St. scheduled. The event is scheduled for August 15. Checkout their website for more info.

FORT MCHENRY

Experience FORT! FLAG! FREEDOM! June 27 - August 23 at the birthplace of “The Star-Spangled Banner! Fort McHenry offers “hands on history” seven days a week.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION-THE GLORIOUS FOURTH! [ALL DAY] – Includes Flag talks, musket-firing and at 3:00 p.m., a public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

JULY 5 -U.S. ARMY TATTOO! [2:00 P.M.] – Join the U.S. Army Old Guard, Continental Color-Guard and Fort McHenry Guard for a stirring performance!

AUGUST 1-SEA SERVICE TATTOO [2:00 P.M.] – Honors the US Coast Guard with Color-Guard and Maryland Defense Force Band bringing the best of the Ocean ashore.

AUGUST 1-FORT MCHENRY CRAB FEAST [3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.] – Enjoy summer BBQ fare to go along with MARYLAND CRABS. Anyone can attend – Purchase tickets at www.friendsoffortmchenry.org | info @ [facebook.com/FriendsofFortMcHenry](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofFortMcHenry)

LPCA Charitable Contributions 2014 End of Year	
Recipient	Amount
Police Explorers	\$2,000
FSK Elementary/Middle School	\$2,000
Maryland Food Bank	\$1,000
South Baltimore Learning Center	\$1,000
Healthcare for the Homeless	\$500
Knights of Columbus	\$500
Sister Catherine Ministries (Our Lady of Good Counsel)	\$500
South Baltimore Youth Soccer League	\$500
The Baltimore Station	\$500
Church of Redemption	\$250
Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance	\$250
Christ United Church	\$250
South Baltimore Little League	\$250
BARCS	\$250
The National Aquarium	\$250
	\$10,000

Doda Memorial Update

By Hap Duffey

The long anticipated renovation of the Doda Memorial was delayed as a result of the need to apply for additional liability insurance to cover the contractor and LPCA in order to meet the City’s requirements. However, the Dept. of Recreation and Parks has promised to issue the required “Park Entry Permit” by the end of June.

Since an impressive enough memorial stone could not be found at any of the local landscape companies, several members of the Doda Memorial committee made the trip to the Medford Quarry in Westminster, MD. When they still couldn’t find an appropriate stone in the wholesale lot area, they donned hard hats and protective vests and traveled down into the quarry itself. A 3-4 ton pink & white marble boulder from the Precambrian era was finally selected and will be making its way to Latrobe Park in the next 2-3 weeks. It will be the center piece of the memorial plaza, on which the bronze plaque honoring Victor and Shirley Doda will be mounted. With any luck, the project should be completed by the end of July, and the rededication ceremony can be scheduled for the middle of August. It will be a relief to bid farewell to the rotting memorial sign that still stands (barely) at the Latrobe Terrace entrance to our park.



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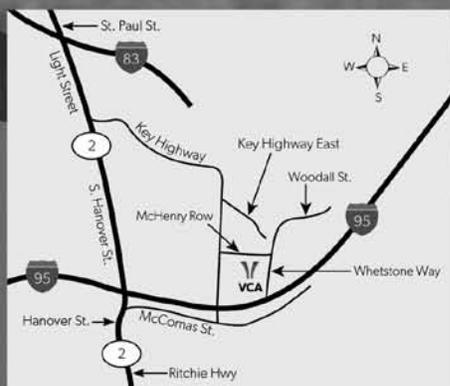
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