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## Diamondback Brewery and Tap Room

By *Damian O'Connor*

**L**ocust Point is now home to the Diamondback Brewery and Tap Room. The recently opened facility is located in the Banner Building, behind the Harris Teeter parking garage and by the baseball fields. It's a little hard to find now but when construction ends, the view will be much more pleasant. The building is on the site of the old Simmons Mattress company and, more recently, the Coca Cola syrup making operations. The original chimney still exists and



is a good way to find the Brewery. The buildings were constructed over the decades between 1921 and 1948. There is an outside patio area with space for seating and corn-hole contests. No one was there at a recent December visit on a balmy 38 degree Baltimore day but the area looks more promising for spring and summer crowds. With two large apartment buildings under construction across Fort Avenue



and in the complex, the brewery is well located to appeal to beer aficionados.

Diamondback has eight pouring lines installed. On a recent visit Aztec Blonde, 3:30 Amber and four IPAs were on tap, including Omar's Coming – a tribute to one of Baltimore's favorite TV characters. Two terms not usually associated with beer were mentioned by co-owner Francis Smith – "hazy" and "coffee" are popular tastes in some of the brews. Diamondback also sells beer to go in cans and growlers as well as tee shirts and hats bearing the distinctive diamondback shell logo. (Growlers are not watch dogs but large containers for the buyer to bring beer home and consume later.)



Smith and co-owners Colin Marshall and Tom Foster met and became friends while attending Loyola Blakefield and University of Maryland - College Park. They started making beer in Easton but took the opportunity to move into the new building in Locust Point.

Food is not available in house but visitors may make use of food trucks parked nearby and will soon be able to get meals in a neighboring business- the Share Kitchen. The Diamondback team like the ambience of the Locust Point community and have gotten involved; they supplied the beer sales for the recent Festival.

The current hours are Friday 4-12, Saturday 12-12, and Sunday 12-6. In January the Tap Room will be open Wednesday through Sunday.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

**Wednesday, January 11th, 7:30pm Francis Scott Key School**

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To the Point welcomes submissions of articles and photos that may be of interest to Locust Point readers.

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# Locust Point News

## Baltimore City Rec. & Parks

Adults: Winter 2017: Sign Class, Boot Camp Class  
Children: Daytime play for 2 and 3 year olds

## Allen Center

### MYRTLE BEACH & CHARLESTON, SC

The Allen Center is planning a trip leaving on April 17 returning April 21. Transportation in a top-quality Motor Coach, 4 nights lodging in the Myrtle Beach area, 8 meals ( 4 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners) Three Evening Shows: LEGENDS IN CONCERT, CAROLINA OPRY, ALABAMA THEATRE'S "ONE THE SHOW", One morning show: CIRQUE EXTREME Guided tour of Charleston, SC, Admission to amazing BROADWAY AT THE BEACH

To reserve your seat, please turn your \$100.00 deposit in by Jan. 15. Total cost for the trip is \$499.00

pp double occupancy. Final payment is due by March 1, 2017. If you have questions, please call the Allen Center at 410-685-6224. Join us for a fun trip.

**TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE:** Toby's on March 1, 2017 to see Showboat. Sign up today and have your money into the Allen Center by January 30, 2017. The cost is \$55.00, includes lunch and a great show. Call the Center (Ryta Arrington) for more information.

## Francis Scott Key School

Francis Scott Key continues to support Reading Partners and needs enthusiastic volunteers to help tutor. For information, contact hapduffy @ msn.com.

FSK also encourages shoppers at Harris Teeter to link your VIC card to the school. Contact John Shea at jjrs10132007@gmail.com for information.

# Locust Point Community Association Christmas Party

## December 14, 2016



# Then and Now in Locust Point : *Decatur Street*

By *Damian O'Connor*

## Then: 2000: 1300 block of Decatur Street

This house is the end unit, next to an alley and storage buildings. The photo appears to show a pizza delivery, a practice that continues in Locust Point in the present time. Parked out front may be the pizza guy's Dodge Neon. A utility pole is directly in the center of the lot.



## Now: 2016 : 1300 block of Decatur Street

The house on the left now has a gray awning over the front door that is the same color as over the neighbor's porch. The brickwork on the front lawn remains. The pole is gone. The big change is the condo building on the right.



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#### SCHEDULE

Monday 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Thursday 7:00 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am

Torch fat, sculpt lean muscle and crush calories with our high intensity formats that mix dance-based cardio with strength training to a hot playlist!



# Working, in Locust Point

Locust Point residents in need of a spiritual and holistic workout are fortunate to have Monica Ott and the Bamboo Moves shop on Fort Avenue in town.

**What brought you to Locust Point?** I was living out of state in New Jersey and came to visit my parents who had moved to the area. I loved the community and decided to start my business here, 3 years ago this September.

**Describe Bamboo Moves:** Our studio here has had other businesses over the years. It was a nail salon when we first saw it. There is a tin ceiling and upper half of the walls here that is unusual. My husband, Nikolai, and I painted the tin and refinished the floors. We added 7 chakra {wheels of energy in the body} medallions on the wall over the large window. It is fun to work out and watch the park across the street and passersby. People will look through the window at a session and then pop in for information, call us or find the business on the internet.

**Who would your typical clients be?** Really not a typical person... They would range in age from 20s to 70s, beginner to advanced, men and women. We get athletes (runners, soccer players) who feel the yoga helps the body perform better—a burst of spring signups, maybe because of sports and getting outside more. Some like to train early before work and others come in the evening after a long work day.

**Is yoga the same for everybody?** We have some classes that are gentle movements. Others are



restorative and some are quite vigorous. We play different music tapes while we do the sessions. Classes run 7 days a week, some even starting at 6 a.m. and others in the evening. There are about 10 instructors here and I teach classes myself.

**Any other direction, plans?** Yoga is about wellness and being mindful about all aspects of the body. We share

information about healing and diet. Nikolai teaches vegetarian cooking classes, one with Mediterranean cuisine, in another location. We have done outdoor classes in the park. We train other yoga instructors. There are retreats for yoga fans. We also sell workout clothing and music tapes.

**How have you found working in Locust Point?** We love it here, living and working. There is a welcome environment on Fort Avenue and a supportive group of other women who have Locust Point businesses - a bakery and an acupuncture studio.

**Bamboo Moves 1624 Fort Ave.**

**Open Daily , 9-9 during the week and mornings on weekends/ two early classes at 6 a.m.**

## To the Point Editorial Office



**Editor's Note:** To the Point would be interested in old pictures of storefronts, businesses or recognizable locations from the earlier days of Locust Point.

Pictures should not be the actual photo but an image from a copier, a smartphone picture or a scanned image. They could be used for a photo feature in To the Point. As an example, pictures of the inside of the old Library building or when the library was housed in FSK would be useful.



# Veterans Day Clean Up with FSK Middle School Volunteers

**By Hap Duffey**

On November 11th, over 25 8th grade students from Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School (FSK) volunteered alongside several community volunteers to remove debris and litter from the storm water retention ponds surrounding Banner Field.



The event began with an instructional session led by longtime Park Volunteer Coordinator, Cheryl Duffey, who talked with the students about the connections between litter, storm water run-off, and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

The volunteers then proceeded to remove over 50 pounds of recycling and debris from the park. “Each one of these students is part of our community, so it was amazing to work together to do something to improve the Bay, which we all share, and Latrobe Park, which we all love,” said Kathy Buckley, a retired Locust Point resident who volunteered with the students. Thank you to all who helped, and to the Baltimore Tool Bank, who donated tools and equipment!



We look forward to holding more events with the FSK Middle School students where we can all get to know each other better and are in the process of planning a community breakfast. If you would like to help, please contact [FSK076@gmail.com](mailto:FSK076@gmail.com).

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# Locust Point Library



***The old library building on Beason and Towson Street, with the Perishable Deliveries (PDI) sign. The inset was behind that sign and reads "Enoch Pratt Free Library Branch Number 9".***

Area developers Bozzuto and War Horse have announced demolition will begin in January, 2017 for a townhome development on the site. In early 1900, philanthropist and steel baron Andrew Carnegie donated money throughout the country to build public libraries, with the condition that the local city would give them a budget and continue to support them. This building opened in 1910 on a 90 foot square of land donated by the B & O Railroad.

Prior to the Carnegie grant, the City of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Library system had seven Branches and several Stations to serve the public. In 1901 a Station was housed in the rear room of a Social Settlement Association building on Hull Street. The room was provided with light, heat and janitor services. It was open from 4-8 pm and had a total of 250 volumes.

*The Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore City Report of Librarian to the Board of Trustees 1897-1909* gives an interesting picture of the community. Some comments from the early 1900s:

**“The population of Locust Point is fast increasing and new houses are being built on every vacant space....We need more room, more books and a Branch Library. There are many grown people on Locust Point who would enjoy reading in the Station, but the space is so small and so well occupied by children that we can do very little for them. One of the causes of the diminution at this Station in summer is that many of the readers are children, who go to the country to pick berries.”**

**“...continuing noise in the room, making it difficult to read... Sometimes we have not enough chairs for all the boys and consequently some have to sit on the floor... the behavior of the children has not always been as orderly as we desire.”**

**“A number of children come in and say ‘my father wants to join the library’...There have been some demand for German books here, and Hungarians are anxious to become borrowers...”**

In 1905 the City had 8 Branches and 4 Stations, including Locust Point which was now housed at 1504 East Fort Avenue.

The City was aware of the need but had no funding to provide a building. Finally in 1906 Baltimore received Carnegie grant money for new library buildings. Many of the Stations were turned into Branches of the Enoch Pratt System over the next several years, as land was obtained for that use.

The new Beason Street building was: ” a long, low two-story, nine-bay-wide Classical-Revival style building with a hipped roof, projecting central entrance area, simple modillion cornice, and a brick belt course between floors. Wide steps framed by short brick walls extend the entire width of the projecting central pavilion.”

The new Branch was very popular and well used for a time but in 1928 changes were made to Branch 9 .

***(To be continued)***



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