

The Old Library Building Razed



The skyline on the corner of Towson and Beason streets in Locust Point looks different in 2017. The old library building, constructed in 1910, is gone. 107 years ago William Howard Taft was President. There were 92 million people in the country. Mother Theresa and David Niven were born in 1910 while Mark Twain and Leo Tolstoy died. The Cubs were in the World Series (and lost).

The corner lot and adjacent parcels have been designated for clearance. A new condominium complex will be built in the same location. The library building was most recently the home of Perishable Deliveries, Inc.



Upcoming Meeting:

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 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

Circulator Banner Route will be changing hours beginning February 27th. From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, they will run 45 minutes apart.

Allen Senior Center (1401 Towson Street)
Call 410-685-6224 for details.

Monthly Bingo and Lunch at the Center -2nd Sunday of each month.

MGM GRAND AND NATIONAL HARBOR –Bus trip – Gambling and Shopping.

African American Museum in Washington, DC. - Bus trip in May.

Francis Scott Key News -

Help Address Funding Cuts! Baltimore City Public Schools are facing a \$130 million shortfall for 2017/18 school year, more than twice any prior year's gap. For FSK, the cut is \$457,000 at roughly \$100k per teacher (for a school that only has 20 teachers).

Anyone with a vested interest in keeping families in the community, please call the Governor's and Mayor's

offices to release supplemental funds to help fill the gap. Any questions, please contact Stacy.A.Braun@gmail.com.

FSK continues to support **Reading Partners** and needs enthusiastic volunteers to help tutor. For information, contact hapduffey @ 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.

Doris Catherine West (Saul), a life-long Locust Point resident, passed away on December 12, 2016 at age 86. In her time she worked at the C&P Phone Company and the K. of C. Hall, substituted in local schools, and owned a ceramic shop on the corner of Hull and Clement Streets. She was an active volunteer with Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and the Allen Center.

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Working, in Locust Point

One of the newest businesses in Locust Point is the EarthShake (1648 E. Fort Ave.), at the corner of Andre Street. The store is cozy with a bar, tables and a kids' drawing area. Patrons can add a Polaroid selfie to the bulletin board. Chris talked about EarthShake.

Tell me about the business. We opened December 30. We have four owners: Damion DeSantis, Jack Goldberg, Jason Schiavone and me, Chris Sibiski.

Why here? It's a great location. The area and street are very active. We are right across from Latrobe Park. There are a lot of people who use the park. We are doing well now and when the weather gets warm,...

{The store had a steady walk in trade on a recent, cold February midday.}

What do you sell? Cold-Pressed Juices, Teas, Coffees, Smoothies, and Bowls -made from familiar fruits and vegetables and some special fruits. Acai (ah-see-ee) berries from Brazil, Pitaya (pit-tie-ya) dragon fruit from cactus plants in the Americas. We have cold pressed juice in bottles and we make the smoothies and bowls to order.



Damion DeSantis and Chris Sibiski

What are the favorites? For the smoothies –Blue Steel, Kale Ripken, and Berry Power. For the bowls –Chocolate, Bananas, Peanut Butter; Avocado, Bananas & Kale. Customers can choose different toppings with bowl orders.

Welcome to Locust Point. Good luck with EarthShake.

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Then and Now in Locust Point : *Towson Street*

By *Shane Pinzka*



The family ran a German-Hungarian Bar & Inn and the photos attached are from the 1880s. This Locust Point landmark was also known as being one of the first desegregated



beer houses in all of Baltimore despite Jim Crow laws. Beer officially disappeared during Prohibition in 1919 and did not reappear (officially) until repeal in 1933. A few years earlier around 1931, and undoubtedly anticipating repeal, Baltimore's Hoffberger family bought GBS and along with it, the name and the product that got to be known as "National Boh."

Throughout Prohibition, the corner of Marriott and Towson St. was known as a speakeasy in the neighborhood due to its ease of access to the port. Once permitted again, Natty Boh was the popular blue collar beer of choice and Jakob quenched thirsts again."

My wife Brooke and I bought our house (built in 1876) in April of 2015 from the original owner's fifth generation grandson. He shared the two old photos and the newer one of the original bar, which he took with him when he moved.

Baltimore acquired its beer brewing roots in the second half of the nineteenth century due largely in part to its heavy German-Hungarian population and a surplus supply of grain stocked around the port.



By the turn of the 20th century, there were dozens of small independent breweries popping up all along the harbor and the industry thrived until Prohibition in 1920. During this hops-crazed era, Frank Jakob established the bar & inn at 1200 Towson Street in Locust Point, which became a very popular watering hole.

Natty Boh and Arrow beer both trace their origins back through a tangled history to an original Baltimore brewery known as Gottlieb-Baurenschmidt-Straus (GBS Brewing Co), which was established in 1901. Jakob and his family served GBS beer from their front steps to the community as well as sailors and deckhands who found themselves washed in with the tide along the Patapsco River. Ships coming in and out of the port in the industrial side of Locust Point would always be able to find a place to enjoy

the company of others after a long day's work at the end of Towson Street.



To the Point Editorial Office



To the Point would be interested in old pictures of storefronts, businesses, houses, and recognizable landmarks from the earlier days of Locust Point. See the current contribution in *Then and Now* from a local resident.

In the January issue, a local business, *Bamboo Moves*, was misidentified in a *Working*, in Locust Point article. To the Point regrets the error.



Locust Point Library (Part 2)

In 1928 at the request of the PTA of Locust Point, the library building closed and the contents were moved to a new wing of the existing Francis Scott Key School on Fort Avenue. Branch 9 was said to have felt the effects of “having the population during the last twenty years move away from its close neighborhood and settle around the Fort Avenue district”. Permission was obtained from the Carnegie Corporation to vacate the



building and the library moved to its new location on the ground floor of the school.

The original location, about a half mile away had become less desirable due to the factories and warehouses in the area. The land on which the library was built had been donated by the railroad. Today, very



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Locust Point Library

close to the old library building site is the Silo Point complex, which perhaps contains the most expensive housing units in Locust Point. The residences were converted from the old B&O Locust Point Grain Elevator.

These interior pictures all appear to be of the main reading room at FSK, judging from the similar light fixtures and floor tiles. The upper picture



setting and circulation increased from 1927 (28,000) to 1930 (40,000). The next change for the library was in 1958. The City Department of Education decided that they would run the library in the school while the Pratt Library system would service the community through the use of bookmobiles. The library building has been used by various businesses since then. The closest branch of the Enoch Pratt Library today is on Light Street in Federal Hill.



is dated as the late 1940s. This wall sign says ...”This site was given to the Library by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company Anno Domini 1909”. Was the sign brought over from the old building on Beason Street, as a memento? As the old library is now rubble, the answer will never be known.

The library thrived in its new



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