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Update from Parking and Traffic Committee

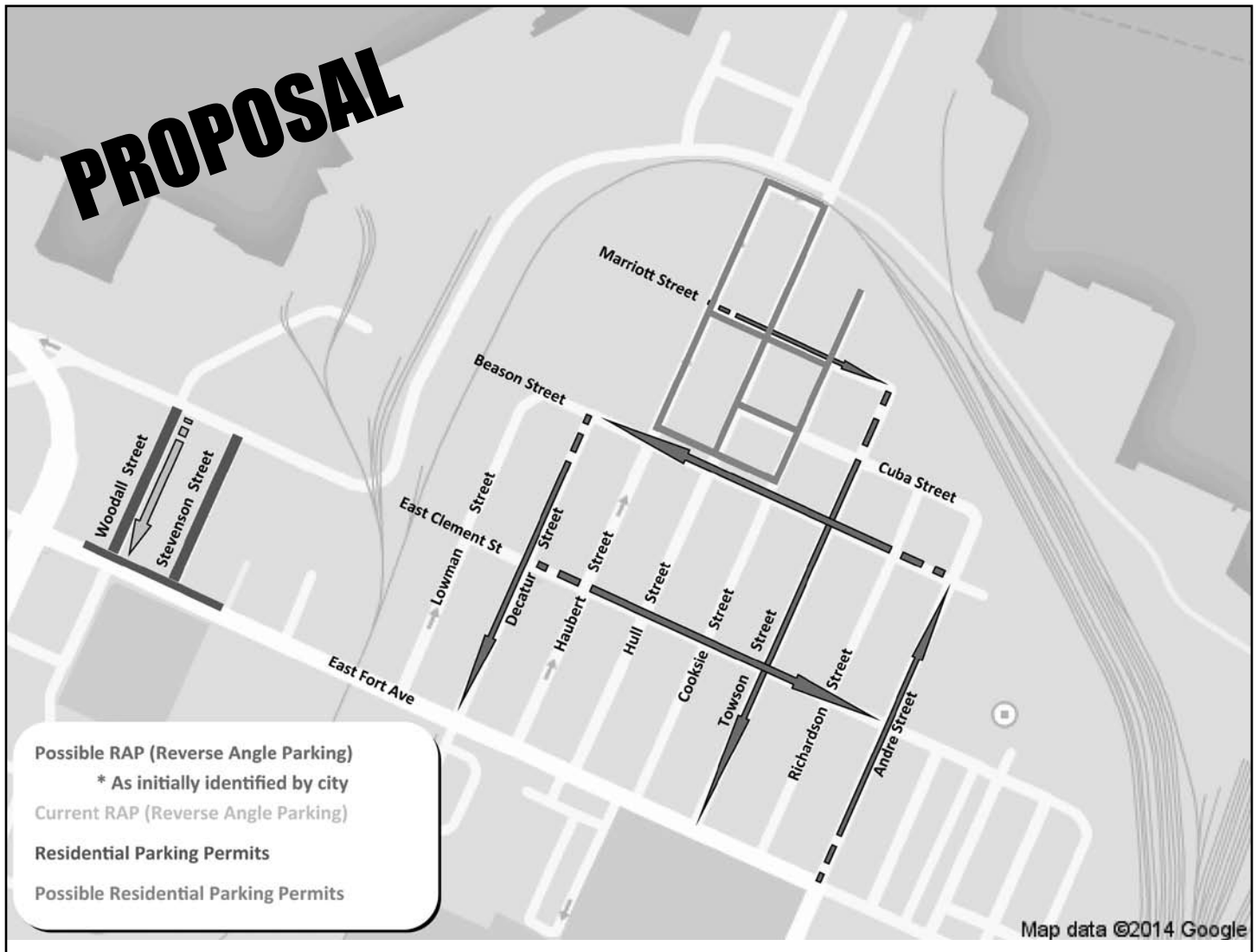
By Terri Harrington and Victoria August

In the fall of 2013, the Locust Point Civic Association formed a committee to study parking issues in the community. Over a period of several months as many as 30 residents have attended committee meetings to come up with recommendations for studying parking in Locust Point. At the general membership meeting on April 9, 2014, the committee chairs presented the committee's recommendations for a vote by the community. The vote was not on the immediate imple-

mentation of parking restrictions, but rather to ask the City Department of Transportation to study the recommendations and begin the process of to determine the impact and interest of those in the affected areas. The majority voted to move forward with the recommendations and resulting processes. The vote was based on the information distributed below. If you would like to serve on the Parking Task Force Committee, please email contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Please note that the map included is for illustration purposes only, it is not necessarily the final recommendation.

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Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, May 14th 7:30pm Francis Scott Key School Cafeteria

Wednesday, June 11th 7:30pm FSK Cafeteria

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 walks. The COP walks in Locust Point are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. The meeting point changes each month to allow walkers to cover different parts of the neighborhood. If you are having problems in your area with trash, drug activity, vandalism, etc., please contact COP chair Michael Rowe 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. You can join the LPCA email list by sending a request to contact@mylocustpoint.org.

Membership

Chairman: Tony Vittoria

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 Ginny Rajnes.

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: Sophia Silbergeld

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

Chairman: Vacant

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.

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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.

Acceptable recyclable materials include: •Plastics with any number from 1 to 7 on the bottom (Including wide-mouth plastic containers such as margarine, yogurt, sour cream containers, empty plastic prescription bottles, plastic drinking cups) •Rinsed milk and juice cartons •Empty aerosol cans •Glass jars and bottles •Aluminum, tin and steel food cans and foil •Mixed paper (all colors, mail, books (hardback, paperback and textbooks included), newsprint, folders, magazines, card - board, cereal boxes, phone books)

Unacceptable: •Plastic bags • Dry cleaning bags •Wire hangers •Chemicals or paint •Used paper napkins, towels, plates and tissues •Metallic wrapping paper •Non-bottle or jar glass, window glass •Used food containers and waxed- lined boxes •Foam or plastic packaging material •Motor oil containers, bottles and cans used for toxic substances.

Note about PLASTIC BAGS: Please reuse your plastic bags by donating them to the doggie bag bins in Latrobe Park.

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Parking and Traffic Update

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1. Create zone with Residential Permit Parking (RPP) by McHenry Row on the West side of the bridge (Highlighted sections of Woodall, Stevenson and Fort)

Enforce Permit Parking Monday – Friday from 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. -12 midnight, with 2 hour parking. Suggested hours subject to study by the Parking Authority before implementation.

Next Step - Set up meeting with affected residents to confirm support.

Since the area isn't large enough to qualify for residential permit parking through the Parking Authority process, the only way it can be established is through legislation. Councilman Cole will only introduce the legislation if the majority of residents within this geographic area support it.

2. Create Zone with Residential Permit Parking (RPP) by Under Armour (Highlighted blocks near Under Armour)

Enforce Permit Parking Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with 2 hour parking. The law allows up to four stickers per dwelling unit. The RPP area must decide how many visitors' passes to allow (0,1,2).

Next Step - Letter of intent from LPCA must state:

- Wants to establish RPP area
- Days and times RPP will be in effect
- Block faces/streets included

- Number of visitor passes per household
- Name of LPCA president and parking rep
- Whether use of off street parking will be required
- Whether special permits issued and to what entity
- Will corner properties be considered for boundary edges

The RPP zone will be created BY PETITION. Once the above steps are completed, the Parking Authority will release the petitions to LPCA and then volunteers need to get signatures (believed to be 60%).

3. Implement Reverse Angle parking (Highlighted by directional arrows)

The community has met the four conditions below:

1. Traffic volumes – less than 2000 vehicles per day
2. Must be wide enough- Reverse angle parking on one side, parallel on other
3. Conversion of street from 2-way to 1-way must not compromise local traffic circulation or bus routes
4. Safe Sight Distance- clear sight distance so motorists can see parked vehicles well in advance

Next Step - LPCA submits application to DOT to begin the process as follows:

1. DOT confirms again the four conditions are met
2. DOT hosts a meeting for the single purpose of voting for reverse angled parking



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1423 HARPER ST

Luxury townhome in desirable McHenry Pointe! Enjoy the amenities of the city w/ the comfort of a 3 BR 2/2 BA 2200+sq ft house. 2 car garage, SS appliances, granite, hardwood floors, crown molding, large master suite w/ tray ceiling & walk in closet. Attached 2 car garage plus parking pad! Full walk out roof deck w/ wet bar & expansive water views! Minutes to I-95. Walk to parks, bars & restaurants.



1429 STEUART ST

Gorgeous home in sought after Locust Point neighborhood w/ 2 car garage! Large open main level floor plan with hardwood floors, tall tray ceilings, crown molding, office/ den space & detailed accents. Gourmet eat in kitchen with granite counters, ss appliances & breakfast bar! Master suite features large walk in closet & BA w/ Jacuzzi tub & separate shower. Don't miss the roof deck w/ city views!

Dynamic New Leadership into the 21st Century



By JoAnn Best

Christ Church recognizes the need for change! After all, our demographics in Locust Point have shifted leading to the necessity to explore the spiritual needs of our new neighbors. After a year and a half long search, we have found the ideal person to lead our congregation forward and strengthen our relationship with the best neighborhood ever -- Locust Point!

Pastor Aaron Newell joined our church on February 1st bringing his wife and 3 daughters ranging in age from 2 to 11 yrs. Pastor Aaron is up for the challenge to recreate a spiritual hub where Locust Point can gather in order to serve the community by:

1. Reaching up in worship;
2. Reaching in to reflect
3. Reaching out to the world.

The first two goals focus on church self-improvement and the latter on the neighborhood. "It is my desire to make our church relevant to our community, even a habit in people's lives," he said. Pastor Aaron brings 15 years of experience as a kid, youth and associate pastor. He will be moving into Locust Point after the current school year is over.

After graduating from Southeastern University in 1995, Newell worked in Key West, Fla., then Youngstown, Oh, and New Castle, Pa. His wife graduated from the same university and currently teaches at the Katherine Thomas School in Rockville, Md.

Newell will be leading the church toward a service that incorporates modern elements and allows people attending services to be more involved through readings, music, and art, while celebrating and protecting the church's rich history and tradition. "I want people to look forward to coming to church," he said.

Newell's sermons are conversational and include personal experiences and anecdotes. Each sermon ends with a challenge to reflect and act on in the upcoming week. He uses technology to illustrate the service and incorporates video clips

The church offers children's classes and adult service at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. "Realizing the importance of church for our own kids means I will make reaching out to and serving families a priority," Newell said. "Kids want to come to church and learn about Jesus and how to make their relationship with him relevant to their daily lives. We do that here, even taking time for a children's message before the adult service."

Future family events at the church include Vacation Bible School and Light Up the Night (Halloween).

More information is available at the church website: locustpointchurch.org.

Contact Pastor Aaron at aaron@locustpointchurch.org.



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Social Committee

Below are the Locust Point Social Events from May through September.

Community Yard Sale will be on May 3rd, 8am-2pm Rain or Shine at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

We are looking for volunteers to help with getting tables in place on Friday, May 2nd. On Saturday we will also need volunteers to assist with setup between 7 and 8am and then cleanup from 2-3pm. Don't forget, there will be a jewelry buyer at the yard sale for anyone who wants to sell old gold, diamonds, sterling, etc. Contact social@mylocustpoint.org to purchase a table or volunteer.

LPCA picnic will be on Sunday June 8th, 5pm-7pm in the Latrobe Park. LPCA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, toppings for the burgers and hot dogs and drinks (sodas, water, juice boxes). Neighbors are

encouraged to bring a dish to share -- any type of salad, side dish or sweet treat that can show off your culinary skills!! Please try to make enough to serve 8-12 people. Bring a game along to play with new and old neighbors and don't forget a blanket or chair to sit on!

Cookie Making a LPCA tradition....we need a strong showing of volunteers to keep this important tradition going. August 23rd 8:30-1

FESTIVAL, FESTIVAL, FESTIVAL!! New date, mark your calendars now : Saturday, September 20th in the park. COME ONE, COME ALL! Many vendors and food options. We'll have Kid Games and Adult Games as well. We need your help to make this year's festival a success!

We always need Volunteers to make these events successful! Please contact social@mylocustpoint.com

Details for Events can be found on Locust Point Civic Association Facebook Page or by emailing social@mylocustpoint.org

Locust Point COP Walk


Thursday May 15 @ 7pm (Note: future planned walks planned for 2014 are July 17th and Sept. 18th)

Gather in front of The Himalayan House (1522 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230)

Come walk with and get to know your neighbors during our 1-hour walk around the Locust Point neighborhood. Led by one of Baltimore's finest police officers, we will explore streets and look for signs of crime and vandalism. You can be sure to make a new friend while easily help-

ing to improve your community.

Please RSVP that you will be coming by emailing Nick Maly @ ntmaly@gmail.com. We need 5 total walkers to conduct the walk with a police officer guide; and a police officer is required for the walk. If we need to cancel we will notify those that have RSVP'd by email on the morning of the event. As a general rule we don't walk in temperatures below 40 or above 90 degrees.



WHERE YA FROM HON?

May 18th - 1308 Beason Street (2:00 - 4:00)

Tour your Immigrant House and get the latest information on the progress of the museum. We want to tell *your* story, so bring any pictures, stories, documents, letters, furniture, trunks, clothing and any other memorabilia that you can donate or loan. Oh, and free beer & pretzels!

Must be 21 yrs old with valid drivers license.



In Brief

Rec Center

Adult Exercise Classes

Zumba

Tues and Thurs 6:30pm till 7:00pm

Boot Camp

Wed & Fri 5:30am till 6:30am

Children's Activities

Soccer Camp - Clinic for Children

9:00am to 11:00am age 10 & under

11:30am till 1:30pm ages 10 thru 12

* Starting date to be announced due to Field Renovation

Register now! Only 40 children per session

Come in or call 410- 837-4423 daily 1:00pm till 6:00pm

Children's Summer Dance Classes

To be announced later; for more information call 410-837-4423

A big thank you to Laura Kennedy for her work over the last two years as editor of 'To the Point'

John Basiago

Information on Street Sweeping

Residents can help make street sweeping as effective as possible by making sure their vehicles and other potential obstructions are out of the way on designated sweeping days. The sweepers are in operation from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., though residents may return their cars to their spaces as soon as the sweeper has made its pass. Parking restrictions will not be posted in the quadrant sections of the city. The Newsletter has confirmed with DPW that towing will not be enforced; the program relies on residents doing their part by keeping their streets clear on sweeping days

Mechanical Street Sweeping is part of the City's ongoing, comprehensive efforts to Clean Up Baltimore!

Mechanical Street Sweeping removes not just the visible trash and litter, but also dirt, animal waste, automobile fluid, pesticide runoff and

other hazardous materials that can be washed into our waterways. Larger pieces of debris can lead to clogged storm drains and flooded streets.

Locust Point is in the Southwest Quadrant, our scheduled sweepings will be the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month (odd sides on the 3rd Wednesday, even sides on the 4th). Please do your part and move your vehicle so the sweepers can do their job.

Residents are reminded that street sweeping is not a substitute for bagging leaves and other yard waste, or for properly disposing of trash. Please do not blow, rake, or pile leaves in the street. The sweeper cannot pick up large loads of debris and those will be left for residents to remove. Residents should also keep the street in front of their house free of vehicles and other obstructions.



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Latrobe Park Improvements and Design Committee updates

By Will Jovel and Cheryl Duffey

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Over the course of the winter months, the LPCA worked in collaboration with the City of Baltimore's Department of Recreation and Parks to renovate the men's and women's bathrooms at the Locust Point Recreation Center. The renovations were completed over two phases featuring new fixtures and finishes, including new lighting, paint partitions, plumbing and resin flooring. The bathrooms are now also ADA compliant. Many thanks go to Schaefer Construction for their patience in working with the LPCA and the City on this special project.

PARK BENCHES

If you have walked through the park recently, you probably noticed that the wood slats on all of the park benches have been removed. In an effort to reduce construction waste and reuse the existing bench frames, the City Department of Recreation and Parks has proposed re-cladding the benches with new composite slats, similar to the color and material of the benches on Fort Avenue, along the park edge. The LPCA is also working with the City to propose sites for relocating some of the benches to improve the physical layout, increase

use and enhance vistas across the various park spaces. Once the benches have been re-clad, the City and LPCA will re-attach the plaques commemorating those who sponsored the initial bench replacement installation from several years ago. We are hoping to have our "new" benches completed in time for the LPCA Festival and Sailabration.

NEW TRASH / RECYCLING RECEPTACLES

The LPCA recently purchased nine (9) new trash and recycling receptacles to place around the park at convenient locations to encourage sustainability and promote a clean park. The new receptacles are consistent with City Department of Recreation and Parks' standards and will be black to match the existing bench frames. There will also be two (2) new "Big Belly" solar compactor trash/recycling receptacles. One will be located at the bus/circulator stop at the corner of Fort and Andre and the other will be situated between the basketball courts and the dog park.

The LPCA would like to extend a special thanks to Under Armour for their financial contributions and community stewardship, which have allowed us to implement many of the improvements listed above.

GE SITE

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Updates on Latrobe Park Improvements and Design Committee

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The proposed design for the redevelopment of the former General Electric Site at 900 East Fort Avenue (corner of Lawrence Street and Fort Avenue) has completed the Urban Design & Architectural Review Panel process and is scheduled for the City Planning Commission's Final Design Approval in mid to late April. Per the Key Highway South Urban Renewal Plan (URP), The City Planning office recently reached out to the Key Highway Taskforce seeking additional community feedback for the proposed redevelopment. The current proposal consists of parking and retail at the ground level and 6 levels of residential units above to a building height of approximately 100 feet, which conforms to the bulk and massing requirements listed in the URP. The LPCA submitted the same feedback it submitted to the development team and the UDARP panel, citing traffic, parking and building scale among the community's primary concerns. The Riverside Park Community Association submitted similar concerns in response to the proposed redevelopment, in support of the LPCA.

UNDER ARMOUR CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Under Armour is preparing to undertake several renovations and exterior modifications to the Cascade and Joy Build-

ings on their campus. These are the two buildings on the western side of the campus facing the harbor. The phased renovations will accommodate Under Armour's new executive offices on the top floor of the Cascade Building and simplify the roof lines of both buildings by eliminating some of the underutilized spaces that currently sit on the top floors. The renovations will include the demolition of the existing pedestrian bridge that connects the Cascade and Joy buildings at the north end in order to install a new pedestrian bridge that creates a better connection between all of the buildings. The proposed design aesthetic of the new bridge is also more in line with the industrial context of the existing architecture and the campus. All of the proposed modifications are consistent with the PUD guidelines, as outlined and negotiated with the LPCA. The City Planning department recently approved these proposed renovations with the LPCA's support following the March community meeting.

Construction staging is expected to occur in Under Armour's parking lots with full time security on site to ensure safety and minimize disruptions on campus and in the community. Construction is anticipated to start in late April/early May and be completed by late January/early February 2015.

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