

To The Point

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A Slower, Prettier Key Highway

By now you've noticed the stretch of Key Highway that leads in and out of South Baltimore is under construction. It has been re-striped and reduced from four lanes to two. It's the beginning of what the city's Department of Transportation calls a "beautification" project that will add a landscaped median and a trail on the shoulder for cyclists and pedestrians in addition to new lighting.

"Traffic will slow down," says Jamie McDonald, project engineer with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation. "But that's intentional. Right now, trucks fly down there. It's a safety issue. We also want to beautify this gateway into downtown" McDonald told residents at the April LPCA meeting.

The project will unfold in two stages. The first is what we see now: roadway repairs, and only two lanes of traffic. It will be this way for a few months until mid to late July when the roadway repairs will be complete. The second phase will restore the four lanes of traffic. Each lane will shrink from 15 feet wide to 12 feet, to make room for the landscape median. When complete, the stretch will have a similar look and feel to what's in place between the American Visionary Art Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

McDonald admitted timing for the project is not ideal, given that the Fort Avenue Bridge closure/reconstruction work starts this summer. He reiterates that Key Highway will return to two lanes in each direction before the bridge project begins (likely in August). The second phase of the Key Highway project should be finished in the fall of 2012.



Key Highway is down to one lane of traffic in each direction.



When complete, the roadway will will have a median similar to this stretch along Federal Hill.

May 11: Cast Your Vote.

Elections for five Board of Directors positions will be held at the next LPCA General Meeting to be held on May 11, 2011. A position on the Board is not only fun, but you'll get the opportunity to give back to our wonderful Locust Point community. You will make new friends and meet interesting people, including developers and local politicians. You will also have the opportunity to learn the details of news and developments in our neighborhood while also having the ability to help guide our neighborhood's course into the future.

Please email contacts@mylocustpoint.org if you are interested in running for a position. You can also come to the meeting, which will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Redemption, 1401 Towson Street. We hope to see you there!

Next General Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Church of the Redemption (1401 Towson St)

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus(1338 Hull St)

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

President's Message

Hello everyone,

I hope you're getting ready for the Spring after a cold and snowy winter and that you're enjoying the Orioles' recent success.

I want to lead off with the fact that Locust Point Community Association Board Elections are scheduled for May. Please contact the board at board@mylocustpoint.org or the contacts e-mail list contacts@mylocustpoint.org to get involved. As someone who has been actively involved in the community for the past four years, I can say that it really is a great cause. You learn about the community, your neighbors and the city you live in. I look forward to having some new members on the board.

Locust Point has been busy as usual, starting with the possibility that a new Councilman may represent us. The Baltimore City Law Department declared as of April 5th is that a special vote will be held in the November 2011 election to determine whether the new redistricting plan for the city will go into effect. This could mean that Locust Point would have to say goodbye to our long time ally Edward Reisinger and say hello to former Locust Point resident William (Bill) Cole. I have spoken with both Councilmen and I feel that we will be in good hands however this plays out.

Some LPCA board members took a stroll around the new McHenry Row recently with developer Mark Sapperstein. The project seems to be going very

well. This is going to be a great asset to Locust Point and I am looking forward to the day when it is open to serve the community.

The community has continued to work with the Department of Transportation regarding the Fort Avenue Bridge. DOT has been very proactive in providing us information. It looks like the project will start in early summer 2011. CSX has also been responsive to requests/complaints regarding train issues on Hull and Andre Street. If anyone has any issues or questions about the project, please contact the Board at the e-mail addresses above.

The community was able to work together with our Silo Point neighbors to allow them to transfer a single liquor license into Silo Point as requested by developer Pat Turner. I want to thank everyone involved for getting this request sorted out and implemented in a way that allows the community to continue to feel protected and not overrun with bars in our neighborhood.

Finally, if you don't want to be a member of the board, please feel free to volunteer for the many task forces/groups that help the community grow. We are still looking for a COP Walk organizer (a position I held for 18 months and really enjoyed). We also need volunteers on several neighborhood committees, particularly the Social Committee to help with the events we have going this summer.

Take care everyone and enjoy the improving weather. Head on out to Fort McHenry, which has reopened to bicycle riders. Latrobe Park is also a great neighborhood treasure.

Chris Ritsch, president

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.

Mother of All Yard Sales May 14th



Scenes from last year's neighborhood yard sale. Space on the grass can be reserved for free; tables can be reserved for \$10.

For sellers: reserve a space now for FREE. Or, reserve a table for \$10.

To reserve a spot, contact Social@mylocustpoint.org or sarahclarkson33@hotmail.com.

The yard sale hours are 8:00am to 1:00pm

We look forward to having fun with lots of shoppers looking for treasures, children's clothes and fixtures, and many different household items!



Committees

Safety

Chairman: Open

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 Charlie Webster 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 and are also listed in the "In Brief" section of the newsletter on page 3. You can join the LPCA email list by sending a request to contact@mylocustpoint.org.

Membership

Chairman: Lynne Mastervich

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: Colleen Wolfe

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 Colleen Wolfe.

Design Review

Chairman: Brian Mastervich

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: Sarah McMahon

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.

Parks and Beautification

Chairman: Colleen Martin-Lauer

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.

Dog Park

Chairman: Jamie Kelley

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.

Recycling and Trash

Chairman: Vacant

The Recycling and Trash committee is responsible for organizing neighborhood clean ups 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.

LPCA Board of Directors

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LPCA MEETING SCHEDULE

The LPCA meets the second Wednesday
of the month.

The calendar for upcoming meetings is:

May 11 • June 8 (if necessary)

July 13 (if necessary) • August 10

September 14 • October 12

November 9 • December 14 (holiday party)



The History of Locust Point Becomes Official

We've all heard of New York's Ellis Island. The gateway for millions of immigrants opened in 1892 and welcomed generations of people from across the ocean to the United States. Another, though perhaps less famous port of entry, had already been greeting soon-to-be Americans for nearly 25 years by the time the immigration center at Ellis Island was commissioned: our very own Locust Point.



From 1868 to 1914, 1.2 million people made their first steps onto American soil at the end of Hull Street where Tide Point now stands. Before that, Fells Point served as the primary access port for anyone coming to America, but then, the B&O Railroad signed a contract with the North German Lloyd Steamship Company to bring immigrants from Europe's number one port of embarkation, Bremerhaven, to Baltimore. On March 23, 1868, the SS Baltimore docked in Locust Point, and the first of many began



their search for the American Dream. Once processed and documented, they could either stake their claim in Baltimore or board the train to follow their dreams as far as the rails would take them.

This rich history celebrates our city's and our nation's past, and at long last, it is getting closer and closer to being memorialized for generations to come. The Baltimore Immigration Memorial Foundation (BIM) is working to make the entire neighborhood of Locust Point a historical national district, a distinction which could be made official as early as the end of this year, following some standard state and city governmental procedures. BIM has already put in place a memorial remembering those millions of Germans, Irish, Polish, and Russian immigrants who became Americans here in South Baltimore. Historical markers and the Liberty Garden have been in place at Tide Point for several years, but something

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Locust Point History

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new is in the works. The designation requires no additional taxes or revenue from citizens but could lead to increased revenue for bars and restaurants as more people visit Locust Point to discover its historical significance.

BIM President Mary Zimmerman, Vice President Brigitte Fessenden, and Nicholas Fessenden have also been working closely with representatives from the Christ Evangelical & Reformed United Church of Christ (also known as "The Little German Church on Beason Street") to turn part of the original immigrant house next to the chapel into a working museum. The project would entail restoration of the building, which once housed newly arrived European immigrants and sailors, to its original look and condition. It might be possible to complete this in a year. Visitors would get a one of a kind look at what life was like for so many as they embarked on a new path here in the United States. Some rooms would be ren-



vated to reflect the actual living conditions, clothing, and items brought from across the Atlantic. The project is not without its challenges, however. Since the museum would be supported solely by the generosity of donations and volunteers, the BIM board is asking the people of Locust Point to lend a hand in any way they can; for instance, there might be some mementos brought here by a great grandfather before the turn of the century and now collecting dust in your attic. Donations like this as well as personal stories that have been passed down through the years would enhance the exhibits. Anyone interested in volunteering to conduct tours for visitors once the museum opens is encouraged to get in touch with the BIM. The museum's operating hours have not yet been



determined, but it would likely be open only on weekends.

Whether you've lived here a week or a lifetime, Locust Point is a little slice of heaven and the best neighborhood in

a great American city. But for more than a million people, it was also the first taste of America and a world of new opportunity.

If you would like to participate or become involved in The Baltimore Immigration Memorial, please contact Brigitte Fessenden by either phone or email: (443)542-2263; brigittfessenden@comcast.net.



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McHenry Row Update

With the recession officially in the rear-view mirror, investor money is flowing into the McHenry Row development, the nine and a half acre site that used to be home to the Chesapeake Paperboard plant.

The project is a mix of office space, apartments and retail stores. Abe Rosenthal, with 28 Walker Development says the five-story office building is now 90% leased. The latest tenant to sign is Tidal TV, a media company started by the people behind Locust Point's Advertising.com, which later sold to AOL.

Rosenthal says the new neon-clad water tower has become a beacon for the project. "People have been calling from I-95 and all over downtown asking about it," he says. "The feedback has been completely positive."

Here's what we can expect as far as openings in the coming months:

July: the leasing office for the two apartment buildings opens. There will be 250 one and two bedroom units. Rosenthal expects to attract people who work downtown and along the 295 corridor which is home to a booming defense contract industry.

September: retail stores will start to open on the bottom floor of the apartment buildings. These include, among others, Dunkin Donuts, Massage Envy, Yogi Castle, a dry cleaner, hair salon and a couple of banks.

October: apartments open for tenants to move in.

November: supermarket Harris-Teeter opens. Rosenthal says it'll be the first in the Baltimore area, and among the biggest in the chain, which is headquartered in North Carolina.



The neon-clad water tower at McHenry Row has become part of the neighborhood skyline.

One of the biggest neighborhood concerns is parking. Rosenthal says there will be 900 parking spaces, most in garages, some of which will be reserved for apartment tenants, while others will be for shoppers.

Site plan: <http://mchenryrow.com/pdf/siteMap.pdf>

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In Brief

Call for Volunteers: Locust Point Star Spangled Festival.

The festival is on Saturday September 10. Last year we had a wonderful day and we hope for another this year! The profits from our community festival generate the funds used by LPCA to provide contributions and services for other organizations in South Baltimore such as: SOBO Food Bank, Digital Harbor High School scholarship fund, Police Explorers, local church service organizations, and our own recreation center.

As usual, we need helping hands and many volunteers before and during the festival!

Let us know if you are interested in helping (or have ideas) by sending an email to: social@mylocustpoint.org or sarahclarkson33@hotmail.com.

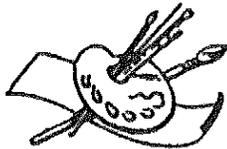
Gardeners Wanted. United Church of Christ on Beason Street is looking for a few green thumbs. Help grow vegetables in the raised beds that were built last year on church grounds with the help of Baltimore's Parks and People Foundation. There's also a beautiful perennial garden in the churchyard for you to enjoy and to help maintain. A passion for growing things and a few hours here and there is all that's required. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Pastor Rex Brown is organizing. Call the church at 410-685-7968 or email Rex at miamirex@gmail.com

Spring Clean Up. Thanks to all of the volunteers that came out on Saturday April 16, ignoring the threat of rain. We had about 12 volunteers and got a solid 90 minutes of cleaning in before the rain ruined the party. We even had a father/daughter team come down all the way from Pennsylvania to give us an hour of their time.

We picked up trash and debris from Woodall Street, Stevenson Street and Fort Avenue around the Little League Field, paying special attention to the storm drains we could access.

Thanks again for your time and efforts, they were greatly appreciated! To learn about future cleanups as they're planned, join the LPCA email distribution list at contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

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Racing Season. Locust Point is on the route for several charity runs this year. Thanks to Mother Annette Chappell with Church of the Redemption for the following list so you can plan ahead:

Saturday May 17: Kinetic Sculpture Race. It includes all kinds of activity all around the Harbor and has more effect in the Key Highway area than in Locust Point itself.

Sunday May 29: MCVET 10K . The race starts at 8:30 a.m. on the other side of the Harbor. The route includes Fort McHenry.

Sunday June 14: Survivor 7. The race starts at 8:00am. The course starts at Tide Point and ends at Canton, so the greatest effect is on Key Highway.

Sunday June 26: Baltimore Women's Classic. The race starts at 8:00am. The course is Rash Field to Lawrence Street to Fort Avenue eastbound. The turnaround point is at Fort and Andre, and return on same route.

Saturday October 15: Under Armour Baltimore Marathon. Race starts at 8:00a.m. Up to 4000 participants. It usually includes Fort McHenry and most of the city as far north as 33rd Street. (the promise about no runs while the Fort Ave. bridge is closed specifically exempted the Baltimore Marathon)



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