

To The Point

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The Streets of Locust Point, Part III

by **Damian O'Connor**

Most of the streets in Locust Point were named after War of 1812 figures. Several more streets were named to honor other heroes but the streets no longer exist. These include Porter Street (Naval Commander); Jones Street (Secretary of the Navy); and Claggett and Clemm Streets, named for the two Baltimore merchants who died at Ft. McHenry.

Locust Point also includes Cuba Street, named for the Baltimore and Cuba Mining and Smelting Co. which built some of the earliest brick houses for its workers on Cuba and Andre Streets in 1851. Latrobe Park Terrace is named after the park, which is named after Benjamin Latrobe, a prominent architect in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Woodall Street honors the William E. Woodall Ship Builders who made and repaired ships in the last half of the 19th century on the waterfront.

Key Highway, of course, honors Francis Scott Key but was only so named in 1913. There were three LP streets whose origin remains a puzzle: Clement and Benjamin Streets and David Lane. They existed in early maps but do not appear to be connected with the War of 1812.

Finally, a short drive up Fort Avenue into Riverside adds several 1812 heroes who were honored with street names: Cmdr. Joshua Barney, Major Richard Heath, Lt. John Adams Webster, Aquila Randall, General and President Andrew Jackson, Captain Thomas Boyle, Governor Levin Winder, General Leonard Covington and Daniel Wells. McComas Street, in Locust Point, and Wells Street, in Riverside, once ran parallel to Fort Avenue. Harry

McComas and Daniel Wells were the teenage soldiers reported to have shot and mortally wounded British General Ross in the fighting at North Point. Both were killed by the British in the skirmish. They have their own obelisk on Monument and Aisquith Streets.



President's Message

Greetings,
It appears the long, cold winter is finally over! Neighbors are once again socializing on doorsteps; families are playing on the Latrobe Park playground; sports teams are battling on Banner field, and more dogs are enjoying the dog park. Spring is here.

As many of you know, the LPCA offers many opportunities for residents to get involved in our community. Whether it's attending one of the various social events, volunteering to beautify our park, or attending the Citizens on Patrol Walk, there are always opportunities to meet neighbors and contribute to our community here in Locust Point.

Throughout the past year, there was interest from within the community to give new life to the memorial honoring the Doda family in Latrobe Park. Under the leadership of Hap Duffey, contributions were gathered from residents, local businesses, and friends of the

Doda family, which to-date, total \$11,493.20. A beautiful new memorial has been designed and the groundbreaking will likely occur in May.

We should never underestimate the impact that the residents of this community can have when we work together. This is why the LPCA recently introduced the Community Improvement Grant Program to encourage residents to take on projects to beautify or otherwise enhance Locust Point. The next round of applications is due on June 1st. I hope that residents will take this great opportunity to work with your neighbors to do something that has a lasting impact on our community.

If you are interested in learning about the LPCA, or how to get more involved, send a note to contacts@mylocustpoint.org for information.

Greg Sileo
President

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, May 13th, 7:30pm, Francis Scott Key School

Wednesday June 10th, 7:30pm, FSK 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 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: 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 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: 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

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.

Important Contact Information

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Southern District Police Neighborhood Service Unit, 10 Cherry Hill Rd.
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
410-396-4170

Department of Transportation

Tia Waddy, Transportation Community Relations Coordinator
tia.waddy@baltimorecitycity.gov

Liquor License Board

Tom Ward, Charman
231 E. Baltimore St. 6th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 396-4380 • Fax: (410) 396-4382
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.

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.

LPCA Board of Directors

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New LPCA Business Partnership Program Announced

First Partner is Southside Diner!

For many years, local business owners have asked how they can support the community through the LPCA – now there is a way to help!

During the April general meeting, LPCA board member Caroline Baker announced a new business engagement strategy. Through this program, businesses can purchase partnership packages of \$200, \$500 or \$1,000 and receive various forms of recognition from the LPCA.

It was also announced that Nick Karvounis, owner of Southside Diner (www.eatatsouthsidediner.com), has already signed up for the highest level partnership. Thank you, Nick!

Business supporters at all levels receive a table at the annual Locust Point Festival, recognition on the LPCA website, as well as a window decal to display at their place of business. Higher level partners receive additional benefits.

The Business Partnership Program will help the LPCA continue to host community-building events, fund community improvement projects, and support local charitable organizations.

According to Nick Karvounis, "The LPCA does so much good in this community. I am proud to give back to the organization and invest in Locust Point."

We encourage neighbors to patronize all of our local businesses and give a special "Thank You!" to any business owner who is displaying the official LPCA window decal.

It is important to note that participating business are not eligible to vote or enter motions – only community residents who are LPCA members may vote at LPCA meetings.

Information about the Business Partnership Program will be available soon on the LPCA website, www.mylocustpoint.org. In the interim, if you have questions, please send them to: Contacts@mylocustpoint.org.



Decal designed by Roy Keeny



Francis Scott Key School



THANK YOU PRINCIPAL McCOMAS!

Sadly, April 24th was Principal McComas's last day at FSK. Her tenure was full of progress and success. The turnaround to date has been amazing. We know that we still have plenty of work in front of us, but the momentum is there. FSK will continue to trend in a positive direction. Our focus has never been sharper. We wish Mary well as she moves into a new position in Baltimore County which will enable her to spend more time with her family. From

her extended family at Francis Scott Key we say THANK YOU and wish you and yours the very best.

Remember to please exit the school parking lot by 7:00 AM to allow for staff parking.

FSK PTO

Thank you to the PTO for their 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

As of 4.15.15

Cards linked – 324

\$\$ earned - \$4864.00

PLEASE LINK YOUR HARRIS TEETER VIC CARDS TO FSK – Email John Shea (jjrs10132007@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

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Community Improvement Grants

submitted by Matt Farcosky

Round 1 is complete and funded; Round 2 is underway. The LPCA Community Improvement Grant committee will use this space in each newsletter to spotlight funded grants and provide updates on future opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who submitted Community Improvement Grant Applications for our first round of funding. Round 2 closes on June 1, 2015, and we are looking forward to seeing all of your submissions for future projects.

FSK parking reminder

submitted by Hap Duffey

The Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School parking lot has approximately 35 parking spaces for its employees. The school is generous enough to allow Locust Point residents to use the lot on weekends and school holidays, as well as on school days between the hours of 4:00PM and 7:00AM the following day. These rules will also apply during the summer months because of FSK's summer programs. Residents not complying with these restrictions may find that their cars have been towed.

The Church of the Redemption Sunday School was the proud recipient of one of our first Locust Point Civic Association Community Grants. On Saturday, March 28th, twenty students from St. Timothy's Episcopal School in Stevenson, MD descended upon our Sunday school room to help refresh and renew this classic space. Members of the congregation and Sunday school students worked along side the St. Timothy's students to prepare the room for 100 more years of service to its parishioners and the Locust Point Community.

The Sunday school students chose bright colors for the walls: red, purple, yellow, and green. The high school girls loved the colors and had a wonderful time...even managing to get some paint on the walls! The new room welcomed over 20 children for an Easter egg hunt the following week. The students and their teachers have a few finishing touches to complete the project, but hope to have things up and running soon. The community is welcome to visit and see the results of the Community Improvement Grant.

Remember, the goal of the Improvement Grant program is for neighborhood residents to get involved, generate applications, and improve the community. We look forward to your submissions for Round 2, due June 1st, 2015. Please visit the LPCA website to find the rules and download your copy of the Application, and good luck to all applicants!

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Then and Now

Fire Company Number 17

Fort Ave. and Haubert Street

By Damian O'Connor

The photo on the left shows the firehouse about 1915-20. Horses pulled the hose wagons. The company moved on to mechanical engines and fought fires in the community until 1991. The City closed the station (built in 1895) then, but a new fire house was built four blocks down Fort Avenue in 2002. The tower at the rear of the original building was used as a lookout. The cotton hoses were dried on the roof in the sun to prevent mildew.



The building at 1426 Fort Ave. is still in use. The front engine bays were sealed and painted. The building is now occupied by the Marine Corps League #565. Behind the fire doors is a large room for dining or parties; one of a very few such rooms that contains two intact fire poles, extending down from the second floor. The top floor is an extensive Marine Corps museum with many artifacts, uniforms, weapons, toys, and items from the Marines' service to the country. Tours of the museum and bookings for the downstairs room can be arranged through Diamond Kimos (443-627-3487).



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Checks should be made payable to Locust Point Civic Association. Send payments to: LPCA, P.O. Box 27097, Baltimore, MD 21230. Advertising deadlines are the 15th of each month. PDF formats are preferred but JPEGs and TIFFs are acceptable.

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Activities

LP SOCIAL COMMITTEE

NEW EVENT!! Community Meet and Greet:

3rd Thursday, every other month on the odd months. Highlighting a new business each time. May 21st - Thursday, the first "Community Meet and Greet" at JR's HH

June 14th, Sunday 5-7pm, Locust Point Community Picnic in Latrobe Park.

August 22nd, Saturday, Cookie Making, 8:30-2

September 12th, Saturday, Locust Point FESTIVAL, 11-6

FORT MCHENRY

Experience FORT! FLAG! FREEDOM! June 27 - August 23 at Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine
Fort McHenry offers "hands on history" seven days a week. Help hoist the grand Star-Spangled Banner flag over the ramparts, be a member of a cannon crew or take part in Ranger-led programs.

See the garrison "on duty" Wednesdays - Sundays! Dressed in uniforms of the soldiers, sailors and civilians who defended Baltimore in 1814, this living history program offers a touchstone to the past

SAVE THE DATE - 2nd Annual Crab Feast fundraiser on August 1st. Ticket prices are not set at this time, but should be purchased in advance.

For schedule and ticket information visit www.friendsoffortmchenry.org.

Locust Point Soccer Camp at Banner Field Partnership with UMBC
June 29th - August 7th

Ages- 5-6 and 7-8 - 9:00am-11:00am

Ages 9-10 and 11-13 - 11:30pm - 1:30pm

For more information contact the Recreation Center 410-837-4423

Thomas Johnson Elem/Middle School (TJEMS) is having its annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on June 5, 2015 from 7-11pm at Knights of Columbus on 1338 Hull St.

BMI

BMI Farmers' Market Opening Day - Saturday, May 30 - from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food Truck Rally - Friday, June 26 - from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration - Saturday, July 4 - from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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1422 Harper St SOLD, \$459,000

1449 Hull St Built by Dorian Keydash and SOLD, \$400,000

1129 Hull St UNDER CONTRACT in 6 Days \$350,000

1241 Haubert St SOLD in 4 Days, \$305,000

1336 E. Fort Ave SOLD, \$250,000

1417 Cooksie St SOLD in 12 Days, \$250,000

1316 Haubert St SOLD, \$236,000

1436 Haubert St SOLD in 2 Days, \$229,000

1434 Towson St SOLD, \$186,500

1410 Benjamin St SOLD, \$484,000

As of 09/29/2014 I have personally (not a team) SOLD 10 out of the 64 homes that have sold in Locust Point since 01/01/2014. This is more than any other agent. I am driven to get the results you want!

*Data verified through MRIS as of 09/29/2014. Results are for townhomes in Locust Point only and does not include condos.

