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Actor Paul Diem leads a crowd down Howard Street in *The Therapist*, one of 10 short plays recently staged in Remington.

A Short Reunion

By Ben Kleymeyer, season 10 fellow

Hi! I'm Ben, one of the Tour Guides from Single Carrot Theatre's *A Short Reunion*.

You may have seen me in a bright orange shirt with a cartoon sign leading groups of people around in the last two weekends of April. Here's what that was all about. From April 20th–30th, Single Carrot Theatre (SCT), based at 2600 N Howard Street, brought 10 new short plays to locations around the neighborhood. To create a wholly original theatrical experience, to showcase how much we love Remington, and show people how walkable it is, we took patrons into local business, homes, and community centers.

Locations included Charmington's, Sweet 27, Brick & Board, Church of the Guardian Angel, Ryan Flanigan's house, Old Market Barbers, Miller's Court, Parts & Labor, Young Audiences of Maryland, B. Willow, and Allouev.

One of the plays, Ben Hoover's *Walking and Talking*, took place all around the neighborhood. This piece was what you witnessed, as it consisted of "Tour Guides" leading the groups from location to location. They told stories—both real and fabricated—about SCT and Remington to keep the audience engaged throughout their journey and more than a mile of walking over the course of the performance.

We Guides embodied the charisma of Willy Wonka with stories, which evoked a childhood playfulness, culminating

in a parade up Howard from Brick & Board to the theatre. This parade encouraged the audience to let their inner child loose, jump around, and sing along with their Tour Guide.

We had a great time exploring our neighborhood, sharing our favorite stories and places with our audience, and meeting people around Remington. It was a meaningful experience for us to bring our work right to the figurative—and sometimes literal—doorsteps of our neighbors.

Thank you, Remington, and all of our local partners for allowing us to bring this crazy show to town. We hope Single Carrot Theatre and Remington can continue working and playing together in the future.

Next up in our season is *Promenade: Baltimore*, a collaboration with Hungarian theatre company STEREO Akt. The show will bring audiences aboard a bus that traverses the city, passing through neighborhoods familiar and unknown. Audiences watch through the windows as actors on the street present poetic expressions of everyday life in Baltimore, complimented by a live-mixed soundscape of music, narration, and the stories of neighborhood residents. As the scenes outside weave together, mystery seeps into what seemed simple, the foreign becomes familiar, and every corner of the city teems with potential for the unexpected.

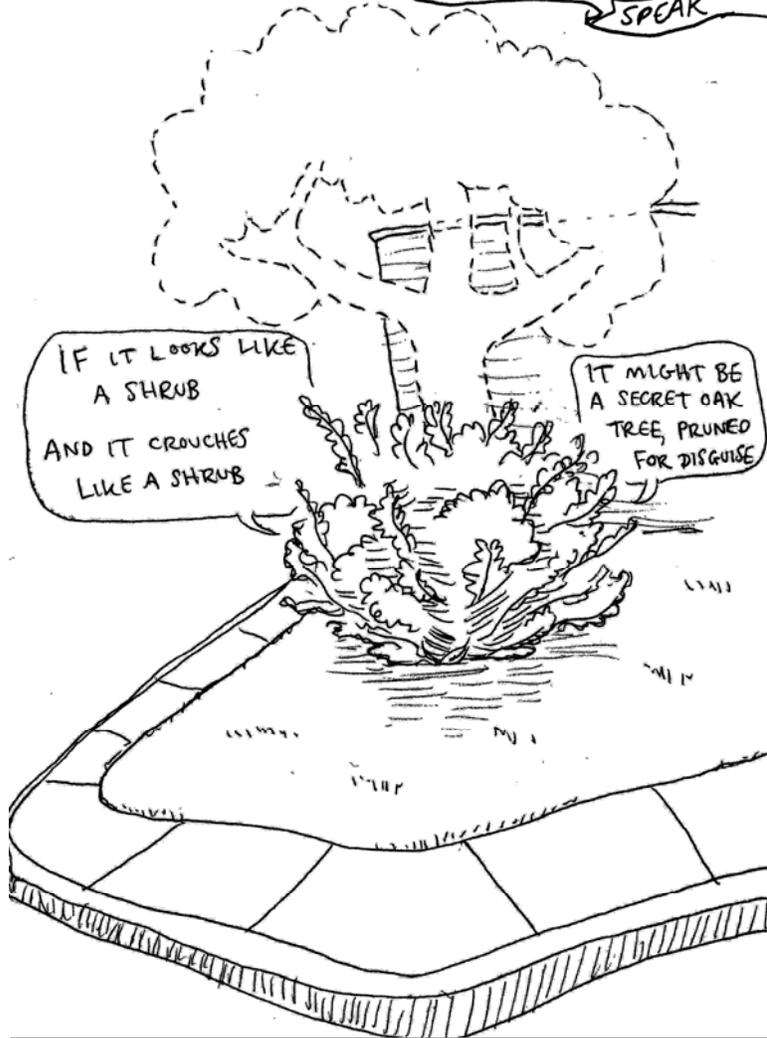
Promenade: Baltimore will run June 2–June 25, Thursdays & Fridays at 6:30pm; Saturdays & Sundays at 2:00pm & 6:30pm. For more information, go to singlecarrot.com, e-mail boxoffice@singlecarrot.com, or call 443-844-9253. Community and Rush Tickets are available. **R**



Kleymeyer in Brick & Board as part of *The Therapist*.

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Get to Know Your Neighbors: Andrew Townson and David Forster

By Craig Bettenhausen

This is the sixth in a series of interviews with Remingtonians. If you would like to be featured, please contact the editor.

Andrew Townson (left) and David Forster live in Remington Row along with Forster's fiancée. Forster and Townson are the manager and chef/owner of **PekoPeko Ramen**, a new restaurant at 7 E 33rd St in Charles Village, across from Barnes & Noble, open for lunch and dinner.

What brought you to Remington?

Townson: We wanted the shop to embody the characteristics we like about Baltimore and wanted to feed off that community feel, and I think we saw a lot of those aspects already present in Remington. And that was attractive to us.

What makes your ramen different than Cup of Noodles?

Forster: I grew in Tokyo and there, ramen is largely a food you eat out for. Cup Noodles isn't nearly as good as real ramen. It's not even really comparable. It's deep fried noodles and sodium; you add hot water and you get something that resembles a meal. Ramen is an entirely different thing when you make it from scratch.

Our style focuses on a chicken bone broth, which is lighter and softer than other restaurant ramen. We have also vegan and vegetarian options where the broth is based on tea and miso. We use fresh, locally sourced ingredients when possible and we make all of our dishes from scratch every single day. Fun fact: this style of ramen is consistently ranked the number one or two children's food in Japan.

ATTN Remingtonians! Grand Remington Reunion Sat August 12, 2017 6pm-10pm | \$30 Saints Philip & James Catholic Church (basement), 2801 N. Charles

For anybody that hasn't already heard, we're having a Grand Reunion for everyone that grew up in Remington. All of us that grew up around here know who you are, so we're counting on all of you that are interested to please get in touch, and get your tickets early!

The Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 12th, 2017, at Saints Philip & James Catholic Church Basement from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person. This ticket includes food, beer, music, door prizes, and raffles. We also plan to video the event and will offer pre-sale orders for DVD's to be shipped out soon after. The hall holds 300 and we would love to FILL IT.

If you still need tickets, please get in touch. I can meet you somewhere or you can stop by at the corner of 27th & Hampden Ave.

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We're truly looking forward to bringing everyone together for this Grand Remington Reunion. Our prayers and blessings go out to all of you.

Your friend and brother,
Joe Mooney

Townson: Ramen is a comfort food in Japan. We wanted to create a relaxed atmosphere where you can eat out, spend some time with your friends. We wanted to translate that comfort food feeling into an experience.

What are your most and least favorite things about living here?

Townson: There's an energy in Remington. Things are happening. I get my hair cut right here at Old Market Barbers. I just wish it would happen faster; what Remington is doing is really cool, and I want more of it.

Forster: It's an exciting time to live in Remington. In NYC, which is already so established, it's hard to see change happening. This city is smaller and it's easier to see it. It will be interesting to see how Baltimore adapts to the challenges of a fast-growing city. **R**

GRIA Elects New President, Molly McCullagh

In April, GRIA's membership voted in a new slate of board members and officers. Miles Avenue resident Molly McCullagh was elected GRIA president. She has been the community association's vice president for the past year.



Tell us a little about yourself.

This time of year, most mornings you might see me wandering to check on the flowers and veggies I've planted in garden plots and tree pits around the neighborhood. I've been a Remington resident since 2012, when I moved to Baltimore after finishing my master's degrees in urban planning and food policy. I was introduced to neighborhood politics when I got involved with the corner store commercial rezoning

and was recruited to join GRIA one day when I was out picking up trash with kids from my block.

Over the past two years almost all of my free time has been spent renovating my house, room by room. I'm super thankful for my neighbors, who have lent me tools, taught me how to skim-coat plaster, and let me use their showers.

What's your favorite thing about Remington?

I've lived in many places, but never felt rooted the way I do in Remington. This neighborhood truly feels like a community—in all of the best, and sometimes most complicated, ways.

What are your top priorities for GRIA?

GRIA has an active board, so my role is to direct their energy towards the goals of the Neighborhood Master Plan and GRIA's three-year strategic plan. I'm personally dedicated to GRIA's goal of maintaining Remington as an economically and culturally diverse neighborhood. I'll be working closely with the Housing Workgroup to address housing affordability. **R**



Street Sweepers Visit Remington Twice a Month. You Should Move Your Car.

By DPW

Street sweeping is an essential public works activity. It not only plays an important role in keeping Baltimore neighborhoods clean, but also assists in preventing trash from blocking storm drains and causing flooding during heavy rains. Regular sweeping prevents tons of trash, grime, and other pollutants and hazardous waste products from entering storm drains, the Inner Harbor and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. Sweeping the city streets also ensures safe modes of transportation. Parked cars prevent a clean sweep, so to assist the city in its efforts, citizens are asked to remove their vehicles from their streets so that street sweeping services can provide more effective sweeping. **Remington is in the Northwest Quadrant, which is swept on the first (odd sides) and second (even sides) Wednesday of every month.** Reminders are on the DPW calendar. The quadrant sweeping requires voluntary compliance with the Wednesday sweeping. **R**



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