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Rite Aid Coming to Remington

By Craig Bettenhausen

Remington Row, the mixed-use building nearing completion on Remington Avenue between W. 27th and W. 28th street will be anchored by a 8,000 sq. ft., full-service Rite Aid. The drugstore will be located on the W. 28th street corner.

Rumors had been circulating that the development would feature a pharmacy ever since it was announced last year that the Johns Hopkins Community Physicians (JHCP) will lease the entire second floor of the building. The multispecialty medical practice is currently located in the Wyman Park Medical Center on W. 31st Street along with a pharmacy-only Rite Aid. Seawall Development, which owns Remington Row and nearby R. House, confirmed that Rite Aid is the tenant in mid-May.

Remington Row, which sits across Remington Avenue from the 7-11, will have retail on the bottom floor. Mend Acupuncture is also confirmed as a tenant, and the other slots are under negotiation now.

One hundred and eight apartments will take up the rest of the building above the retail and medical practice levels. Below ground, a garage holds around 260 parking spots for residents. Prices for the units range from \$1,175 for a 1 bed 1 bath 606 sq. ft. unit to \$2,100 for a 2 bed 2 bath 1,200 sq. ft. model. Around half of the apartments are already leased out, according to Seawall employees. Residents will begin moving in in July; the retail and JHCP tenants will start moving in this fall.



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A view inside the 606-sq.-ft. Lorraine model, which rents for \$1,175 to \$1,400.

A block north, on the 2800 block of Remington Avenue, the renovation of the old Anderson Auto Body into a food hall named R. House is to open in late 2016. Seawall describes R. House as “an incubator for innovative food concepts.”

The main floor of R. House will have a large common seating area ringed by 10 stalls where a variety of chefs will ply their trade. Seawall will operate a bar in that same space. Three food concepts have been announced so far:

Stall 11, by chef Melanie Molinaro, will serve up locally sourced vegetarian cuisine styled after street food along with fresh juices and small-batch goods.

Ground & Griddled, by chef Dave Sherman, will focus on eggs sandwiches and coffee as well as lunch and weekend brunch.

ARBA, by chef Farid Salloum, will have classic Mediterranean street food such as falafel and shawarma alongside adventurous meals like grilled octopus salad.

Above the food hall area, R. House will also contain offices and Movement Lab, a fitness studio that will offer a range of classes and activities for all ages, body types, and ability levels.

Outside of Parts & Labor, workers are reconfiguring the intersection of W. 26th street and Howard Avenue to install a public patio and firepit. The firepit will be managed and maintained by P&L staff and diners will have use of the seating, but the patio and firepit are public amenities that anyone can use at will.

Hampden’s Old Bank Barbers will open a second location in a corner store building owned by Seawall at the intersection of Lorraine Avenue and Howard Street. A basic men’s haircut at the current location is \$17.

In non-Seawall news, a new unisex hair salon signed a lease at 2801 Huntingdon ave. on May 11.

And finally, a STEM-focused (science, technology, engineering, and math) daycare center is slated to open its doors in June at Guardian Angel. Leap-a-Level learning center is a separate entity from the church and will be located on the lower level, where Headstart used to be. Basic tuition for a three-year-old is \$160/week. Applications are open now. For more information, visit www.leapalevellearningcenter.com or call (443) 961-4446. **R**

Election Results

Baltimore held its primary election on April 26. For most city offices, the Democratic nominee generally wins.

The city office results are reported below as certified by the city board of elections. However, the state Board of Elections decertified the results and is conducting a precinct-by-precinct review. The overall results will likely stay the same in most races, but the very tight race for the 12th city council district could be up in the air.

State Senator Catherine Pugh won the mayoral race by a 3% margin over former mayor Shelia Dixon.



Robert Stokes Jr. (shown at left) won the open 12th District seat on the Baltimore City Council with just 325 votes separating him from second-place finisher Kelly Cross of nearby Old Goucher. Stokes is currently a staffer for outgoing Councilman Carl Stokes (no relation), who gave up his seat to run for mayor.

Mary Pat Clarke won reelection to her seat easily, taking home almost 90% of the vote in the 14th district.

In the US Senate race, Montgomery County congressman Chris Van Hollen won the Democratic primary in a heated race against Prince George's County congresswoman Donna Edwards. Van Hollen is favored in the general election, where he will face Republican Kathy Szeliga, who currently represents parts of Baltimore and Harford Counties in Maryland House of Delegates (the lower house of the state legislature).

Baltimore City supported Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination for President by more than a 2:1 margin and Donald Trump for the Republican nod with a 10% lead on his nearest rival.

On the very-local level, GRIA also held elections in April. The organization elected its board as a slate because there were no contested races.

Ryan Flanigan will serve a second term as president, Molly McCullagh stepped up to vice president, Nellie Power will take over as treasurer, and Julie Dael will continue as secretary. Andrew Black, Craig Bettenhausen, MaryAnne Kondratenko, Bill Cunningham, Jed Weeks, and Blaine Carvalho are joined on the board by new members Raymond DeBarge Jr. and Joshua Greenfeld. DeBarge inaugurates a new position on the board: youth representative. **R**

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Parking Study for Lower Remington

By Jed Weeks, GRIA board member

Parking issues have long existed in Lower Remington, where hard-working industry shares streets with houses on almost every block and where many homeowners own more than one vehicle, each of which is wider than the typical rowhome. The recent additions of Clavel (a restaurant) and WC Harlan (a bar) to Lower Remington are welcomed by GRIA, but we also understand that they may bring further parking challenges to the neighborhood.

As a result of these concerns, GRIA, in partnership with the owners of Clavel and WC Harlan, has asked the Department of Transportation and the Parking Authority of Baltimore City to investigate increasing parking on Huntingdon Avenue south of 23rd Street by either

installing reverse-angle parking or allowing parking on the west side of Huntingdon. GRIA has also asked for an audit of signage and meters on 23rd and Sisson Streets to see if there are additional spaces that could be used by residents.

If you are interested in participating

in these discussions, please attend the GRIA Land Use & Zoning meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 2604 Sisson St. (the Price Modern showroom and office) or the GRIA meeting the third Wednesday of every month at Kromer Hall. **R**



Get Social, Online

Your neighbors are connecting, sharing information, and planning events on social media. The two major platforms right now are Facebook's Friends of Remington page, <https://goo.gl/bPqMp> and Nextdoor Remington, <https://remingtonmd.nextdoor.com>.



Remembering Demetrius Mallisham

By Craig Bettenhausen

Remington has lost a friend. Demetrius Mallisham, 46, was our representative in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods. Mallisham took ill suddenly despite seeming good health and died of multiple organ failure associated with pancreatitis on April 28th.

A frequent sight at events and meetings around Remington, Mallisham had a hand in most of the good things that have happened for Remington in recent years. He was skilled at building direct collaboration between residents and city employees to get things done. He was a cheerful, warm, and calming person who will be sorely missed here and in the other communities he served.

"He followed up, showed up, and obviously loved the people and neighborhoods he so diligently served," said City Council member Mary Pat Clarke. "Demetrius was too young and too joyful to be taken from us, leaving us shocked and grieving at such a tragic loss to family, colleagues, and community alike."

"Demetrius will be sorely missed as an advocate for Remington and as a wonderful and cheerful presence in our meetings," said 27th Street resident Wynn Engle-Pratt.

GRIA president Ryan Flanigan said, "He went to bat for Remington in the face of tremendous opposition

Job Listings

Remington-area employers: List your openings here, for free! If a Remington resident could walk to work, we'll list your opening free of charge. Contact the editor to list your opening.

and did so without ever compromising his loyalty to the mayor he worked for. It is public servants like him that push our city to be the place we dream it can be."

Huntingdon Avenue resident William Hellmann recalls running into Mallisham at a public meeting about slumlords. Hellmann was a tenant of a slumlord and lost around three years of personal documents in the fallout from leaving. Mallisham stepped in and helped him work with city agencies to recover and replace what was possible. "He cared about his work and cared about people." Hellmann said.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said in a statement, "All of us who worked with, and loved, Demetrius knew him as being constantly upbeat, enthusiastic and eager to help," she said. "For someone who was not originally from Baltimore city, he made Charm City his home. I will never forget the number of times I joined a neighborhood event and saw him joyfully interacting with community members and children. What a champion of our city." **R**



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