

Get To Know Your Neighbors!

By Whitney Treseder

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

Melissa Archer and Pete Morrill live on the 200 block of West 27th Street.

What would you like us to know about you?

Melissa: I'm from Ohio, and Pete is from Delaware. We work in historic preservation.

Pete: We're both history professionals and history hobbyists! We love rummaging for cheap antiques and vintage clothing. Occasionally we dress up for reenactments. Earlier this month we went to the WWII Reading Air Show and last month I was in the 150th anniversary of the Grand Review Parade in Washington. **Melissa:** Our main hobby is restoring our rowhouse. We are trying to put it back to how it was at the time it was built in 1917 by dumpster diving for salvaged parts from around the neighborhood and from Second Chance. That occupies a great deal of our time.

How long have you lived in Remington?
Three years.

What brought you to the neighborhood?

Pete: I had friends nearby and there was an affordable house for rent here. We were happy here, so we bought a home 2 blocks away in 2014.

What would you like to see change around here?

Pete: We'd like to see the corner stores put back into use. For instance, there's a vacant plumber's store across the street. **Melissa:** Yes, I wish there were more stores nearby, including restaurants. **Pete:** I'd like a bakery, and a real corner grocery.

Anything else to share?

Melissa: My pride and joy is Moses, my big, white, fluffy



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dog. We think he is a Great Pyrenees Sheepdog mix. He is a rescue and is unfortunately afraid of most strangers, but we're working on acclimating him to city life.

What is your favorite thing about Remington?

Pete: The people here, and that it's close to several parks. I think that's a real advantage.

Melissa: Definitely the neighbors. We've met so many awesome people that have become good friends. There is a great sense of community here—we hardly leave the neighborhood! ■

Local Sunday Church Services

New Liberty Church of God 11:15am, 2600 Hampden
Guardian Angel (Episcopal) 8am, 10am, 2631 Huntingdon
Fellowship Spiritual 10:30am, 2629 Huntingdon
Greater Faith Baptist 10:45am, 3000 Huntingdon



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Distillery To Open on Sisson Street

By Craig Bettenhausen

Rye whiskey is a Maryland tradition, one that will be alive again just across Sisson street in the coming weeks. The Baltimore Whiskey Company (BWC) is setting up its distillery now on the lower level of the old Broom Machine Factory building on Sisson Street, underneath Mill Valley General Store.

“The original plan was hatched 18 months ago maybe,” says co-owner Max Lents. Lents grew up in Houston, and has been working in the service and retail industries in Baltimore for 8 years. He considered opening a bar, but that morphed into a distillery in conversations with now-business-partner Ian Newton, a childhood friend. The idea “just took,” Lents says. “It went from dream to reality very quickly.” They brought in Jake Holshue from Montana, where he was head distiller for Trailhead Spirits. All three now live in Baltimore City.

As soon as the final permits and approvals come through, the team will be milling, mashing, fermenting, distilling, aging, blending, and bottling their products from scratch right on-site. They already have federal approval, and Lents expects that they will “be ready to hit the button when the city says it's okay.”

“Rye is gonna be our thing,” Lents says, but the youngest whiskey they plan to put out will be aged two years in 53 gal oak barrels. Rye, a grain related to barley and wheat, will dominate BWC's main recipe. A spirit must be made from at least 51% rye to be called a rye whiskey, but “ours will be significantly higher than that,” Lents says. “Maryland has not forgotten how to enjoy a good rye whiskey, so we intend to see that she does not forget how to manufacture it either.”

In the meantime, BWC will produce another traditional Maryland spirit, apple brandy, along with a ginger-apple liqueur based on that brandy, regular and barrel-aged gins, and a young rye cream liqueur.

The 4,200-sq-ft space, in addition to the whiskey-making equipment, will be decorated with work from local artists, and the owners hope for a gallery vibe. But it will not



Lents, Newton, and Holshue talk business in their new space on Sisson street.

feature a public hangout space. “It's not a bar,” Lents says. However, BWC will be open to visitors at certain hours offering factory tours, limited tastings, and limited on-site bottle sales.

“We're excited about bringing rye whiskey back into Baltimore City,” Lents says. “I can count the weeks on my hands, I just don't know how many fingers to use.” ■

VOTE HERE Every year, politicians are voted into office with incredibly few votes. And few candidates come to Remington to ask our opinions. What would get their attention?

How about: a BIG voter registration drive, followed up with 100% turnout at the next election—even if write-in votes are cast for Mickey Mouse! If you think this is an interesting idea, help out with a Remington-wide voter registration drive, July 1–4.

Stand up, Remington, and let your voices be heard!!

Go to <https://goo.gl/otSn1n> for more details.

Should Remington Be a National Register District?

By Pete Morrill

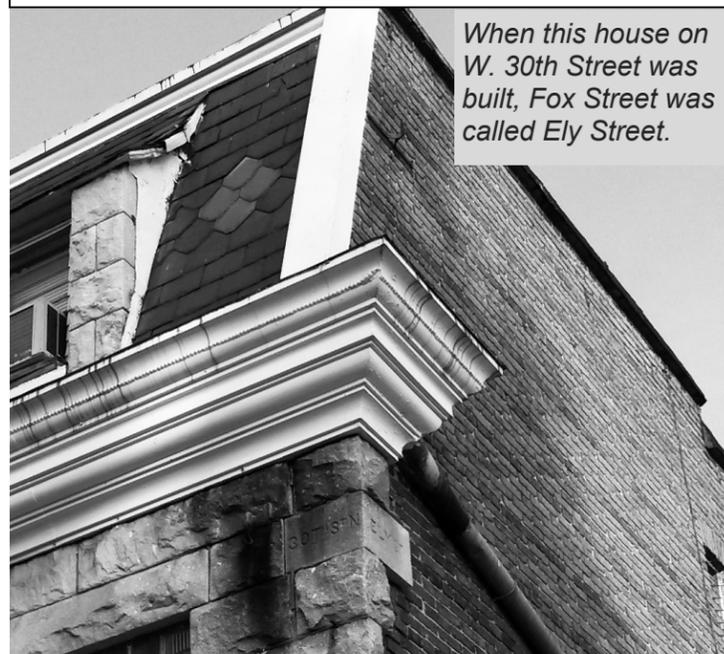
The National Register of Historic Places was created as a part of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Since its inception, the National Register has grown to include more than 80,000 properties and more than 1.4 million individual listings.

Baltimore has played an important role in American history; the city boasts more than 84 National Register and local historic districts within its boundaries. But Remington is not among them. This is not because our neighborhood lacks significance. To the contrary, Remington is closely tied to some of the most emblematic and significant movements in the city in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Mills situated along the Falls were part of the first wave of industrialization in Baltimore; stone quarried from our neighborhood went into the construction of numerous structures throughout the city; in 1885, the first commercial electric street car in the United States made its first run from its power station at the corner of W. 25th Street and Howard Avenue up to Hampden; and the numerous garages, tire shops, and auto dealers heralded the beginning of the age of the automobile in Baltimore. To put it plainly, Remington hasn't been included in the National Register simply because no one has nominated it.

Listing in the National Register opens opportunities for federal, state, and local tax incentives and grants to

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incentivize projects that would benefit the community while preserving its historic character.

Otherwise, unless state or federal funding is involved, the designation does not come with any restrictions or require special permitting such as a local historical designation might. Private property owners are free to do as they wish with their buildings without any additional oversight but are eligible to receive the benefits that nearby neighborhoods have enjoyed for some time. As our neighborhood continues to grow and change over the coming years, I hope that Remingtonians will take an interest in the neighborhood's past and strive to keep Remington's history alive. If you'd like to get involved in designating Remington as a National Register District, contact info.gria@gmail.com. ■

C. Bettenhausen

Food Aid For Remington Residents

By Pastor Alice

Summer time, when everything is growing and there should be lots of food around. But seasons of scarcity come for everyone. Food aid is available for Remington residents in several forms.

Every Wednesday of the year, pretty much: FREE food at Guardian Angel's food pantry*. Staple foods. Come to the green door (Kromer hall) at 335 W. 27th St. between 9 and 9:45am on Wednesday mornings. Bring photo ID. You must live in zone 21211.

Fresh vegetables: Just \$6 (cash only) will get you a prepacked IKEA bag full of various vegetables, provided by Gather Baltimore*. Bring your cash to Mill Valley General store at the corner of W. 28th and Sisson Street. Only on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, 1 to 5pm or until supply runs out.

During the school year only: FREE food at the ACCE school (old Robert Poole) on W. 36th Street, just west of Falls Road. Check again in September. Big variety, large quantity includes meat. Bring ID, prepare to stand in line. Get there by 10. Line starts earlier, food distribution begins at noon.

Community Meals: The Franciscan Center* (101 W. 23rd St.) serves a hot, healthy evening meal at the Center every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7pm, and lunch Monday through Friday, 10am to 1pm. These community meals are free and open to the public.

Guardian Angel holds Thursday night community dinners*. Come to Kromer hall at 5pm to break bread with your neighbors, free and open to all. Beyond feeding the hungry, this meal aims to build community, so please feel welcome no matter how full your fridge may be.

A-a-a-and it is NOT too late to grow your own: Contact GRIA board member Bill Cunningham about a raised garden bed at the lot at W. 27th and Sisson Street.

— Alice Bassett-Jellema is the rector at Guardian Angel

*Volunteers and/or donations welcome



St. Mary's Outreach Center for Seniors

410-366-3106

Food Stamps

If you are age 55 or older come to St. Mary's to see if you qualify for Food Stamps. Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 11am. Contact St. Mary's for requirements and details.

Ice Cream Social & Magic Show — July 21, 1pm
Come join us for a "cool" summer treat and Magic Show put on by sleight-of-hand maestro and illusionist, Michael Cantor. If you are a grandparent, please bring your grandchildren to this event!!

Senior Citizen Water Bill Discount – 35%

Principal Resident must be 65 or older with a combined household income of not more than \$25,000 per year.

Call the office to set up an appointment.

St. Mary's Outreach Center

3900 Roland Avenue
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Ask for Sandy or Carol



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