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Market Center Announces First Trash Bash;

Local Stakeholders Hosting Cleanup Day in Area Surrounding Lexington Market

BALTIMORE, September 23, 2019 -- The Market Center Merchants Association, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, City Center Residents Association, Everyman Theatre, Faidley's Seafood, Lexington Market, and Seawall, will hold **the inaugural Market Center Trash Bash on Sunday, October 20th**.

The event will bring together community partners and volunteers to do a large scale cleanup from 2PM to 5PM of the blocks surrounding Lexington Market, culminating with a neighborhood Block Party from 5PM to 6:30PM in the Lexington Market South Parking Lot, with food from Faidley's Seafood and other Lexington Market vendors.

All participants in the cleanup will have the opportunity to purchase \$25 tickets to Everyman Theatre's Sunday evening performance of *Radio Golf* — the story of a black real estate developer running for mayor of Pittsburgh in the mid-1990's who struggles with his role in gentrifying his childhood neighborhood.

"We specifically chose to bring *Radio Golf* to Baltimore at this moment because of the mirror it holds up to our neighborhood and how it reflects some of the greatest challenges that Baltimore faces today," said Everyman Founding Artistic Director Vincent M. Lancisi.

The project to [Transform Lexington Market](#) is underway and is led by Seawall, who was selected to complete the redevelopment by Lexington Market, Inc. and the City of Baltimore in October 2018. Seawall expects to break ground on a new Market building in early 2020, and is holding the next of its [quarterly community meetings on October 9th](#) from 6-7:30PM at Lexington Market.

"The Market Center Merchants Association is enthusiastic about the Lexington Market redevelopment, but we also know that we need to improve the function and appearance of public spaces – including streets, sidewalks, and alleys – near Lexington Market for the benefit of existing and future business owners, customers, and residents. We welcome all Baltimoreans to join us as we work, socialize, and support our local businesses together," said Kristen Mitchell, executive director of the Market Center Merchants Association.

Volunteers can signup at bit.ly/CLEANUPBMORE.

Market Center Trash Bash - Event Details



When: Sunday, October 20th
2pm - 5pm: Cleanup (see attached map for cleanup area)
5pm - 6:30pm: Block Party in the Lexington Market South Parking Lot (see attached map)
7pm: Everman Theatre's performance of August Wilson's RADIO GOLF (\$25 tickets - normally \$55 - available to volunteers)

Where: The cleanup begins and ends at Lexington Market. Free parking for volunteers is available on the Lexington Market surface parking lot (entrance on Eutaw). The Block Party will be held in the South Lexington Market lot. The cleanup area is focused on the area bound by Fayette, Franklin, Park, and Paca Streets.

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