

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – February 25, 2026, 7:00 PM

2025 Officers:

President - David Binette
Vice President - Charlie Hoppa
Secretary - Brianna Chamberlain
Treasurer – Stephen Morgan
Past President - Herb Weiss

Main Street Manager:

Crystal Micriotti

2024 Board Members:

Dan Carey
Emory Young
Joe Heathcock
Kathy Gambrill
Leslie Webster
Mary Molinaro
Pat Gordon
Pat McCusker
Robert Reynolds
William Robinson
Yolanda Gregory

“Build a Better Main Street with the Reisterstown Improvement Association”

1. Call to order
 - a. RIA President David Binette called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. In attendance were: Charlie Hoppa, Monica Hariri, David Binette, Bernie Icore, Cpl. Clements, Sgt. Iman, Ofc. Myers, Ofc. Willis, Wendy Berlinrood, Mary Molinaro, Joe Heathcock, Tim Robert, Shela Robert, Pat Gordon, Herb Weiss, Peter Campanides, Fathy Elgendi, Claudine Myers, Cricket Goodall, Bob Reynolds, Kenny Brown, Kathy Gambrill, Crystal Micriotti, Brianna Chamberlain, Alonza Williams, Ernie Schmidhauser, Diane Gunther, Kashey Caruthers, Lt. Mike Mertz, and Emory Young.
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 7:08 – RIA Vice President Charlie Hoppa made a motion to accept the minutes from last minute as written, seconded by Herb Weiss. The motion passed unanimously at 7:09pm.
4. President’s Comments
 - a. 7:09pm – RIA President David Binette simply thanks attendee for coming.
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:09pm – Cpl. Clements briefly reviews crime statistics, noting last week saw many thefts of vehicles, nearly all of which because the vehicles were unlocked. She implores the community to lock their vehicles. She cites the coming Community Partnership Academy (what was once Citizen’s Academy), a free, 9-session program. Finally, she notes that 4 officers at the station are now registered to do residential and commercial security audits and encourages the community to take advantage of this service.
6. The Main Street Manager’s Report - Crystal Micriotti
 - a. 7:13 – RIA Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti provides her report (see below for report text).
 - b. 7:16 – Mary Molinaro notes that information about a \$2,000 sponsorship will be in a coming RIA email and posted on Reisterstown’s website.
7. Tonight’s Speaker(s) – Claudine Myers from Maryland State Highway Administration.

- a. 7:18 – RIA President David Binette introduces Claudine Myers. She and her associates Fathy Elgendi and Peter Campanides then discuss various initiatives in process to improve safe access, speed compliance, and pedestrian safety. A public meeting will take place on March 24th to further discuss safe access. Discussion includes conversations on increasing wayfinding signs, evaluating pedestrian and peak traffic patterns, the logistics of reducing tractor trailer traffic on local roads, reducing Main Street’s speed limit (recognizing that 30 MPH is the statutory limit and traffic slowing treatments may be more promising), potential new legislation for speed cameras in residential areas, adding curb bumpouts to sidewalks where pedestrians are initially hidden by close-by cars, and car accidents on Main Street. Many attendees expressed gratitude to the speakers for listening and working on actionable steps forward with these longstanding issues. This discussion concludes at 7:46pm.
8. New Business/Announcements:
- a. Local Legislators’ announcements/comments:
 - i. 7:47 – Ben Brooks announces that District 10 Unity Night will take place on March 9th, encouraging residents to attend and converse with their legislators. Last year saw close to 100 people at the event that provides a meal and transportation to and from Annapolis.
 - ii. 7:51 – Alonza Williams briefly notes that their upcoming meeting in mid-March will take place in the Hearing Room rather than in their usual room, since their usual room is under renovation.
 - b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
 - i. 7:51 – Wendy Berlinrod provides updates on ROG (Reisterstown, Owings Mills, Glyndon), including Izzy Patoka’s upcoming attendance at their March meeting, Candidates Month the following meeting, and Delegates Month the meeting after. Meetings take place on the second Monday of each month.
 - ii. 7:52 – Monica Hariri shares information on Visiting Angels’ provision of the GUIDE Model, including how they help with billing (not all Visiting Angels do that). She is always seeking job candidates.
 - iii. 7:56 – Mary Molinaro shares that volunteers are always welcome at the Chartley Neighborhood Association’s Clean Stream event, which will take place this year on the first Saturday in April.
 - c. We are always looking for people or groups that would like to address the community at one of our meetings on topics that are related to the development of our Main Street.
 - i. 7:57 – RIA President David Binette asks whether the RIA should continue to prioritize finding speakers for each meeting, or only include them when truly fitting. There were no objections to changing the format so speakers aren’t necessary for every meeting, but no strong opinions either way were shared.
 - ii. 7:58 – Mary Molinaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Gordon. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight’s meeting

2026 Meeting Dates

General Meetings with any Scheduled Speakers – Trinity Lutheran Church Life Center 7:00 PM	Board Meetings – RIA Visitor Center 6:00 PM
<p>2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Business Meeting • Feb 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MDOT - Claudine Myers • Mar 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Apr 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • May 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RIA Open House • Jun 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Jul 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Aug 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The District 10 Unity Team • Sep 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Oct 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Nov 18 (3rd week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	<p>2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 7 • Mar 4 • May 6 • Jul 8 (2nd Wednesday) • Sep 2 • Nov 4 • Dec 2 (If needed)

Main Street Manager Report- General Meeting Feb 2026

- **Bloomin' ArtFest- Vendor** applications for 2026 are open! Go to our webpage to access the form and please share the application with anyone you may think would be interested.
- **Main Street Clean Up Day**-our next cleanup will be on Saturday, March 7th, from 9-11:00am. Meet at the Reter's Parking lot.
- **Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Workday** will be on Saturday, March 14th, 9-11am. Meet at the trail head in the RUMC Parking lot.
- **The ANNUAL Reisterstown Beer and Wine Festival** early bird tickets are on sale! Get them now and mark your calendar for June 6th. 12-5pm. Vendors, live music, food and of course a variety of beer, wine and spirits.
- Our upcoming **Farmers Market** season is taking shape, and we're actively building an exciting and diverse lineup of vendors. You can apply OR share the application with someone- by going to our webpage!
- The upcoming **Community Business Meeting** will feature guest Ryan Mihalic with the Reisterstown Recreation Council. On March 10th, 11am-12pm
- **District 10 Unity Night** -March 9th, 2026, from 5:30-8:00pm. Join Senator Benjamin T. Brooks, Sr., Delegate Jennifer White Holland, Speaker Adrienne Jones, and Delegate N. Scott Phillips for an evening conversation about how they are representing District 10 in Annapolis and advocating for our community's priorities. This is a great opportunity to hear updates directly from your state leaders and share your questions and concerns. At the James Senate Office Building, Room 303, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.
- **2026 Main Street Sponsorship Campaign** - Mary?