

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – April 22, 2026, 7:00 PM

2026 Officers:

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

Main Street Manager:

Crystal Micriotti

2026 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. 7:06pm - RIA President David Binette calls the meeting to order.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. In attendance were: Mary Molinaro, Pat Gordon, Ernie Schmidhauser, Lisa Badart, David Binette, Sarah Surber, Alonza Williams, Tina Asher, Kathy Gambrill, Pat McCusker, Herb Weiss, John Dotson, Angela Dotson, Robin Harvey, Kim Shiloh, Tracie and Clifton Spriggs, Michael Brown, Susan Rose, James Campbell, Bill Robinson, Pat Brooks, Stephanie Boston, Joe Heathcock, Cindy Perlow, Angela Gustus, Bob Reynolds, Tori Thorne Stokes, Emory Young, Tim and Shela Herbert, Kenny Brown, Angelique Miller, Cricket Goodall, Michael Gedraitis, Erin Meye, AJ Micriotti, Crystal Micriotti, David Bishop, Ben Brooks, Diane Gunther, Naomi Brown, Lineta Duren, Charlie Hoppa, Linda Percey, Chonda Young, Ryan Nash, Cpl Clements, Ofc Willis, Ofc Meyers, Officer Thomas, Lt. Mercer, and Brianna Chamberlain.
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - a. Mary Molinaro makes a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting as written, seconded by Cindy Perlow. The motion passes unanimously at 7:12pm.
4. President’s Comments
 - a. 7:12pm - RIA President David Binette requests attendees sign in.
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:12 – Corporal Clements notes that Captain Grantham is currently attending the graduation of 50 county officers. The Corporal provides the precinct report, noting that: the Franklin Precinct is now a part of the NextDoor app, free helmet

distribution for youth will take place on May 2nd, and crime statistics remain relatively stable but thefts from vehicles continue to be an issue.

6. **The Main Street Manager's Report - Crystal Micriotti**
 - a. 7:15 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti provides her Main Street Manager report (see below for full report). Upon request of RIA President David Binette, Crystal Micriotti also briefly shares an overview of a Main Street conference she recently attended in Tulsa. Her report concludes at 7:24pm.
7. **Tonight's Speaker(s)**
 - a. **District 10 Unity Team Announcement!!**
 - i. 7:47 –Senator Benjamin Brooks requests Scott Phillips, Jennifer White-Holland, and Robin Harvey join him at the microphone, where they announce that RIA will be granted \$400,000 to purchase the building at 234 Main Street, which is currently being rented and serves as the Welcome Center, historical museum, and art residency spaces. Combined with the additional \$100,000 being granted to the Glyndon State Park Playground, \$500,000 of the total District 10 budget of \$1,125,000 is invested in our community, representing significant investment in Reisterstown.
 - b. **BGE Senior Community Relations Specialist Naomi Brown**
 - i. 7:30p – Naomi Brown and Lineta Duren (one of her team members focused on projects and contracts) take the mic.
 - ii. Q&A begins:
 1. Mary Molinaro draws attention to the rough state of Bond Avenue and asks when they will finish the work. Naomi Brown states she will look into the condition of Bond Avenue and its plans for completion, noting that paving activities are generally finished by the end of summer.
 2. Paving should be finished by end of summer, since they don't pave in fall generally.
 3. Community Member Tracie Spriggs expresses her frustration as a resident living on Bond Ave, feeling as though the community has been blindsided, and that workers have dug up her and her neighbors' yards multiple times. Naomi Brown makes a commitment that BGE will do a better job communicating where they are in the project moving forward.
 4. RIA Vice President Charlie Hoppa asks what work is being done to improve the power lines along 795. Naomi and Lineta are unfamiliar with that project, but after being given the description of workers hanging out of helicopters and drones around the area, she suspects it is probably workers checking the status of transmission lines and offers to look into it.
 5. Community Member Cindy Perlow asks if BGE lists their current projects on their website, to which Naomi acknowledges they don't yet, and they have received feedback about that fact.
 6. RIA Board Member Mary Molinaro asks about the time frame of removing replaced telephone poles, noting the old telephone pole

near Reisterstown's Wawa was replaced something like five years ago, but the old pole was never removed. Naomi and Lineta share that ownership of telephone poles is complicated, because BGE does not necessarily own the pole and therefore may not have control over it. Senator Ben Brooks expresses his surprise, having believed they were all owned by BGE, and Naomi and Lineta commit to sharing more information on the ownership process with his office to clarify.

7. BGE's portion of the agenda concludes at 7:47.

8. New Business/Announcements:

a. Local Legislators' announcements/comments:

b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:

i. 7:25 – RIA member Cricket Goodall provides updates on Maryland Horse's upcoming activities in light of Mother's Day and Preakness both approaching.

ii. 7:26 – Mary Molinaro thanks those who attended the April Reisterstown / Owings Mills / Glyndon (ROG) meeting and updates attendees on candidates who presented. In May, currently-serving senators and house delegates will report on what happened during session.

iii. 7:28 – Alonza Williams shares that the Randallstown YMCA will discontinue swimming as an offering at the end of July, due to budget issues.

iv. 7:29 – An additional community member notes that the NorthWest Chamber of Commerce and additional Chambers will soon be conducting a round table for county executive candidates.

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.

9. 7:56pm – Bill Robinson motions to adjourn the meeting. Pat Gordon seconds, the motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:56pm.

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 April 2026

- **Bloomin' ArtFest** will return for the 18th year on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm outside Franklin Middle School. There will be juried arts and crafts vendors, live music, food, plants, children's activities, and plenty to explore. It's the perfect way to spend the Saturday before Mother's Day.
- **Main Street Clean Up** will take place on Saturday, May 2. Volunteers of all ages are invited to lend a hand with light clean up along the corridor, Meet in the Reter's Crab House parking lot at 9:00 am.
- June 6 is coming fast, which means we are getting ready for the return of the **Annual Reisterstown Beer & Wine Festival**. If you like sampling flavors from a variety of breweries and wineries, food trucks, amazing live music, and seeing all your favorite volunteers pouring your drinks grab your tickets- (on sale now) and let us get excited to see you!
- **The Studios at 234** have a workshop on Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00am for a fun, hands on puppet workshop for children ages 3 and up with Melissa Ohl, one of our newest resident artists, who will guide participants in creating colorful paperbag puppets using provided supplies and plenty of creativity! Once the puppets are finished, master puppeteer Adam Ohl will lead a short lesson on puppeteering techniques and show how to bring the characters to life.

Afterwards, stay and visit the **Reisterstown Welcome Center & Museum**, which is open Thurs-Sat 11-2pm.

- **The Junior Main Street Program is expanding.** As our previous Franklin Highschool Students that produced the **Frank-ly Speaking** Podcast this last school year graduate, they are mentoring a new group of kids to take on the project while working on their last episode. The Junior Main Street program will also start working with the **Franklin Middle School** art department to involve the students with Main Street programming- like drawing illustrated street maps and interactive art elements along Main St. As we continue to grow this program I am so excited for all the possibilities. In fact, we were asked to host a workshop about the program at the Main Street Maryland conference in October, to inspire other Main Streets to build their own.
- The **Reisterstown Farmers Market** returns this season on **June 7, 9am-1pm**. We have a new market manager and an exciting and growing lineup of vendors including several new participants joining this year. We're still looking for farmers, food producers, makers, and creative entrepreneurs who want to participate. So spread the word and come check us out this summer!

- **Music On Main**, our 10 week summer concert series with live music, food and free family fun returns to Main Street every Friday night starting **June 19**. The newly announced line up is on our webpage, and we have schedule magnets- donated by Stacey Abbott- for you to take home so you don't miss a show! (weather permitting) 6:30-9pm on the Franklin Middle school lawn.
- The latest episode of **Betcha Didn't Know?! – Uncovering Reisterstown's Hidden Gems** is now available on youtube or on the webpage. In this episode, Stacey Abbott of Corner House Realty and Reisterstown Main Street join Ken Camper of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for a conversation about the history and legacy of this important Bond Avenue landmark. St. Luke's is a stop on our Heritage Walking Trail so make sure you find out more on our webpage and check out the walk for yourself.
- As Maryland 250 (and America 250) approaches, Baltimore County has released a **passport of places** to visit to uncover historic sites, museums, landmarks, and local favorites honoring the 250th birthday of America. Happy to say that Reisterstown is included in that passport and you can get your very own at the library, the Welcome Center & Museum, or download it online. Explore and learn something new!
- The **Community Business Meeting** will be on May 12th with guest speakers from 2 local Reisterstown businesses- *Grand Ash Cigar Lounge* and *Pink Dog Digital*. 11am-12pm at Reter's Crabhouse.
- Our next **General Meeting** will be the Annual Reisterstown Main Street Townhall Style Open House. We will have all the committees present, with our upcoming news, updates, plans, projects and transformation strategies to share with the community. Come see us and take a peek at what happens behind the scenes...because I promise you it is a lot. See you **May 27th**.