

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – July 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 Gambrell
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. 7:04 pm – RIA president David Binette calls the meeting to order
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. 7:04 – In attendance are: Charlie Hoppa, Bob Reynolds, David Bishop, Kathy Gambrell, James Dooley, Lisa Badart, Randy Kiefer, Tim & Shela Hurlburt, David Binette, Brianna Chamberlain, January Mallory, Naomi Brown, Herb Weiss, Pat Gordon, Emory Young, Ernie Schmidhauser, Crystal Micriotti, Lt. Mertz, Ofc. Thomas, and Ofc. Myers.
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 7:07 – RIA Vice President Charlie Hoppa makes a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. The motion was seconded by RIA Past President Herb Weiss, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:07 pm.
4. President’s Comments
 - a. 7:07 – RIA President David Binette requests attendees sign in.
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:07 – The Franklin Precinct reports Reisterstown experienced 16 thefts *of* autos and 21 thefts *from* autos in the past month, with 17 of the latter including unlocked cars, and the other 5 including windows being broken to reach visible valuables. They suspect it is a group of kids going door to door. In response to questions about geographic targets, the team reports the targets are largely spread out, but Chartley and Lakeside have been noticeably affected. There are no significant crimes to report.
6. The Main Street Manager’s Report - Crystal Micriotti
 - a. 7:10 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti begins her Main Street Manager Report. See below for a copy of her full report. Ernie Schmidhauser additionally notes that more than 60 different groups will be in attendance and providing information at the National Night Out, and there will be many entertainment options for children, including a large slide, games, and toys. The Main Street Manager’s report concludes at 7:19.
7. Tonight’s Speaker(s)
 - a. BGE Project Outreach – Naomi Brown
 - i. 7:20 – Naomi Brown introduces herself as the Senior External Affairs Specialist for BGE, and introduces her colleague January Mallory as now leading the community engagement space for Baltimore County.
 - ii. Naomi Brown updates that the work affecting Reisterstown’s streets was completed as of July 15 (last week), and they are now in the final phase of the project, with paving scheduled for the next 2-3 weeks. RIA Vice President

Charlie Hoppa asks if they will pave the whole road or only the spots that were recently done, to which she responds she assumed it would be all paved, but she will confirm. Charlie Hoppa also notes resident concerns that only one side of New Ave was paved, and the other side will need to be done to match.

- iii. Tim Hurlburt expresses disappointment that the brick look of the crosswalk near the Elephant Trunk was not included in the repainting and hopes it will return.
- iv. Naomi Brown encourages any residents with questions or concerns to reach out to her.

8. New Business/Announcements:

- a. Local Legislators' announcements/comments:
 - i. (None in attendance)
- b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
 - i. 7:28 – David Bishop shares that the Northwest Chamber of Commerce Crab Feast is next weekend at the VFW.
- 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. 7:29 – Pat Gordon makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Kiefer seconds, the motion passes unanimously, and the meeting adjourns at 7:29pm.

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
2026 • Jan 28 ○ Annual Business Meeting • Feb 25 ○ MDOT - Claudine Myers • Mar 25 ○ • Apr 22 ○ • May 27 ○ RIA Open House • Jun 24 ○ • Jul 22 ○ BGE Project Outreach – Naomi Brown • Aug 26 ○ The District 10 Unity Team • Sep 23 ○ • Oct 28 ○ • Nov 18 (3rd week) ○	2026 • Jan 7 • Mar 4 • May 6 • Jul 8 (2nd Wednesday) • Sep 2 • Nov 4 • Dec 2 (If needed)

Main Street Manager Report- General Meeting JULY 2026

- **Music on Main-** THIS Friday's band will be CRUSH. The weather looks wonderful for our free concert, food vendors, and family fun on Main Street. 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Franklin Middle School. For an updated weekly schedule of music/food or announcements check online.

Make sure you participate in our **Main Street Raffle** where only \$25 a ticket could win you a \$500 Reter's Crab House Gift Card. The winner will be selected through a random drawing on August 7, 2026 during our Music On Main concert. If you are not in attendance you will be notified by email and announced by Reisterstown Main Street.

- The **Farmers Market** takes place Sundays, 9am-1pm outside FMS. We have over 130 vendors signed up throughout the season. **Aug 2nd** is the ***World Food Championship Cooking Competition***- where talented chefs will go head-to-head, creating innovative dishes that showcase fresh, local ingredients sourced directly from the farmers market. The Grand Prize is a *Golden Ticket* to compete at the World Food Championships in Indianapolis, October 15-18!

The **Flea Market** returns **August 9th, Family Day August 16th, and Youth Entrepreneur Day on Aug 23rd**. All information and vendor forms can be found online.

Studios at 234 Updates

- **Hobby Hangout** - Bring your favorite hobby, creative project, or craft and spend time making alongside others and SNACKS! Drop in and hang out. Hannah Perlow will be the lead and help with any projects. At the Studios at 234 the second Wednesdays of each month.
- **Kids Corner at Studio 234**, One of our studio artists hosts a series of kid's workshops offering **free and fun** opportunities for children to explore their creativity and create their own unique projects to take home. Coming up tomorrow on **July 23- Paint A Bird House (Supplies Provided)** 6-8pm. Located at The Studios at 234, Reisterstown Main Street.

- **Make a Soft Cover Journal- Saturday, August 8 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Discover the art of handmade bookbinding with studio artist Alicia Bembenek. In this three-hour, beginner-friendly workshop, you'll create your own soft cover journal from start to finish using professional bookbinding tools and materials. Whether you're interested in journaling, sketching, or simply making something by hand, you'll leave with a beautiful handcrafted journal and the skills to make

more. All materials are included. No experience is necessary. **Space is limited to just 8 participants.** You can register online through our webpage or calendar.

- **Main Street Cleanup-** August 1st, 9am- Please join us the first Saturday of each month to help us walk Main Street and keep it clean! Meet in the parking lot of Landmark Shopping Center(in front of Reter's Crab House)
- **Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Workday-** Held on **August 8th**, 9am. Meet at the trail head behind RUMC, and help out with keeping this natural place looking its best.
- The next **Community Business Meeting** will be on **August 11th**, with guest speakers: Courtney Culler, Alzheimer's Association and Joe Heathcock, Edward Jones. 10-11 am at Reter's Crabhouse.
- **Betcha Didn't Know?! Episode 28 is now available.** This episode explores Reisterstown's 1976 Bicentennial Time Capsule, created by our community to preserve a snapshot of life for future generations. We also launched a new Time Capsule webpage where you can watch the video, read the blog, explore historic photos, and learn how you can share your own memories. If you remember the time capsule or have photos or stories, we'd love to hear from you. Check it out on our website, in our latest mailer, on YouTube, or through the blog.
- **ouR-TOWN, Big Stories from a Small Street-** is a new podcast produced by Reisterstown Main Street and hosted by Bill Robinson with new co-host Reid Conley. Its focus is on sharing local conversations, interviews, events, memories, and the people behind the stories of Reisterstown. You can listen to it on most streaming platforms, or on our webpage.
- **National Night Out is coming up!** Hosted by the Chartley Neighborhood Association. **Tuesday, August 4, 6:00–8:30 PM** at the Chartley Shopping Center. Come for an evening of free family fun. Meet local first responders, enjoy free food and activities, explore emergency vehicles, enter giveaways, and connect with neighbors and community organizations. It's a great opportunity to celebrate our community and strengthen relationships with those who help keep Reisterstown safe. We hope to see you there!

Stay Cool.

Crystal Micriotti/Main Street Manager