

**Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**234 Main Street, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136**  
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**Founded 1758**

**Meeting Agenda – July 23, 2025, 7:00 PM**

**2025 Officers:**

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

**Main Street Manager:**

Crystal Micriotti

**2025 Board Members:**

Bob Reynolds  
Dan Carey  
Emory Young  
Jessica Barron  
Kathy Gambrell  
Leslie Webster  
Mary Molinaro  
Pat Gordon  
Pat McCusker  
Yolanda Gregory

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

1. Call to order
  - a. 7:03p – RIA President Charlie Hoppa called the meeting to order
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
  - a. In attendance were: Charlie Hoppa, Alonza Williams, Tom Hope, Yolanda Gregory, Brianna Dorsey, Brad Reter, Susan Rose, Robert Mason, Ernie Schmidhauser, Angela Joshi, Pat Gordon, Mary Molinaro, Kathy Gambrell, Brianna Chamberlain, Thomas Gambrell, Cricket Goodall, Gloria Murrill, Crystal Micriotti, Emory Young, Tina Asher, Sen. Ben Brooks, Kenny Brown, Elmer Rodriguez, Alejandra Marroguin, Monica Herber, Mike Ruby, Officer Willis, Alessa Keener, and Jay Jalisi.
3. Review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting
  - a. Mary Molinaro made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kathy Gambrell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:06p.
4. President’s Comments:
  - a. We are looking for a new Treasurer. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know.
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Captain Joseph Jamerson and team.
  - a. 7:07 – Ofc Willis notes that Captain Jamerson’s time as our precinct’s captain has closed, and he has begun his rotation leading a different local precinct (Ofc Willis noted that captains usually rotate among precincts every 2 years or so, and Captain Jamerson had been here for nearly 3). Reisterstown’s precinct will be getting a new captain tomorrow, and attendees will be able to meet them at the next General Meeting.
6. The Main Street Manager’s Report - Crystal Micriotti
  - a. 7:09 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti presents her Main Street Manager report (included below).
7. Tonight’s Speaker - Brad Reter – Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co.
  - a. 7:24 – Brad Reter presents his and his family’s extensive background of work in firefighting, with his own tenure as volunteer firefighter beginning at age 16, following in his grandparent’s, dad’s, cousins’, and other family’s footsteps. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 47 years.

- b. Brad Reter provided attendees with a copy of the Life Member Installation Document and shared the history of the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department (beginning after 3 disastrous fires in 1912). He shared some data about the department (60 active riding members, around 1,600 calls for fire apparatus and 2,500 calls for EMS in 2025 to date, EMS calls have increased about 100% in the past 10 years, and fire apparatus calls have increased about 50%, \$200,000 - \$225,000 annual budget, 2 fire engines). He shared brief history of the department's relationship with Milwaukee Tools. They are in the process of replacing their fire truck that was built in 1998, which will cost \$1.4M and take 3 years to be made. A town resident asks how young volunteers are protected, noting an issue about a decade ago where young female volunteers were endangered. Brad Reter shares how anyone under 18 must be supervised. Mike Ruby asks if he feels they need more personnel, or if they feel fully-staffed to deal with all the calls, and Brad Reter shares that he does not believe they have enough staff.
- 8. New Business/Announcements:
  - a. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
    - i. 7:12 - Alonza Williams shares his hope that a county executive will be able to attend National Night Out on Thursday, Aug 7, 6-8p at Reisterstown Community Center.
    - ii. 7:14 – Tom Hope mentions that drones will be demonstrated at Public Safety Day
    - iii. 7:15 - Alessa Keener updates that the Community Fridge at 303 Shirley Manor Road had a soft launch to great success, and they have already given out over 100 meals over around 3 weeks. They are always seeking donations of food or funding, as well as volunteers, and they do accept milk (noted in response to attendee question).
    - iv. Tom Hope notes that the Police & Community Relations Council is on a break from their monthly meetings, but he is planning to reach out to politicians in the hopes of getting legislation to limit or ban the use of the new entity "Swimply," an AirBnB-style pool-rental service that is commonly abused and causing issues for neighbors of those who use it. Some other towns and counties have already banned it.
  - b. 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. Close formal meeting
  - a. 8:22: The District 10 team notes they are still trying to mitigate some of the increases in utility costs, which is a major issue for them this year. Power Hour in the Randallstown Community Center will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5p.
  - b. Mary Molinaro makes a motion to end the meeting. Pat Gordon seconds, and the meeting adjourns at 8:23.
  - c. Attendees are invited across the street for a tour of the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department with Brad Reter and his team.

### **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**

## Main Street Manager Report- July 2025

- **Music On Main-** This Friday **July 25th**, we have Rich & The Roadrunners. Enjoy food from **410BBQ**, popcorn from **Troop 143**, and frozen treats from **The Cow**. Outside Franklin Middle School from **6:30-9:30pm**.
- **Farmers Market Season** is running every Sunday from till **September 28th**, 9:00am–1:00pm. With lots of produce and goodies coming in from vendors old and new! We are still accepting vendor applications.
- **Main Street Clean Up** will take place on **August 2nd**. Come help us keep Main Street looking good. Meet in the parking lot outside Reter's CrabHouse at 9am.
- **Franklin Woodland Trails Workday-** Help revitalize our green spaces during the Franklin Woodland Trails Workday on **August 9th** at 9am. Meet at the trailhead in the back of RUMC to clean and enhance this natural trail system—volunteers of all ages welcome!
- **Community Business Meeting** will be on August 12th, with guest speaker: Shela Hurlburt, the new owner of The Elephant's Trunk. 11am-12pm, inside Reter's Crab House.
- **"Betcha Didn't Know!"**- The newest episode number 12 will be available on Monday so make sure you check it out! These videos are on our YouTube, blog, socials and mailers. @reisterstownmainstreet
- **National Night Out** will be held on Tuesday, **August 5th** in the lower parking lot of the Chartley Shopping Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and provides information, displays and demonstrations on safety, health, emergency preparedness and community programs in the area.

## 2025 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>2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annual Business Meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Feb 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pastor Kenneth Powell of Trinity Lutheran Church speaking about their community outreach</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mar 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yolanda Gregory District 4 Community Planner for Baltimore County Department of Planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Apr 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michelle Schiffer and Tara Field from Greenburg Gibbons – Reisterstown Shopping Center update</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RIA Open House</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jun 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Giuliana Valencia-Banks – Baltimore County Immigrant Affairs Coordinator</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jul 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brad Reter – Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aug 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The District 10 Unity Team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sep 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Councilman Julian Jones</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Oct 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nov 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baltimore County Police - Franklin Precinct</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 8</li> <li>• Mar 5</li> <li>• May 7</li> <li>• Jul 9</li> <li>• Sep 3</li> <li>• Nov 5</li> <li>• Dec 3 (If needed)</li> </ul>