

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – September 24, 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 Gambrill
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. Meeting called to order by RIA Vice President David Binette at 7:04p.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. Mary Molinaro, Cpl Clements, Ofc Myers, Ofc Daum, Ofc K Stewart, Ofc Willis, Ofc Jennifer Leppert, Cindy Perlow, Jeff Perlow, Ofc. Kaufman, Mike Ruby, Ernie Schmidhauser, Stephen Morgan, David Binette, Bruce Leibowitz, Yolanda Gregory, Pat Gordon, Crystal Micriotti, Kathy Gambrill, Cricket Goodall, Kylie Taylor, Sarah Serber, Ange Joshi, Anthony Jones, Sabrina Jones, Charlie Hoppa, and Brianna Chamberlain.
3. Just a reminder. RIA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. RIA appreciates the dedication and involvement of our local and state legislators in supporting the success of our organization and community. As a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and with this being an election year, I wanted to mention RIA cannot and does not endorse political candidates running for office.
 - a. 7:07 – David Binette recites this note to the assembled.
4. Review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting
 - a. 7:08 – David Binette makes a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mary Molinaro. The motion passes unanimously at 7:08p.
5. President’s Comments:
 - a. We have a candidate for Treasurer and will share more information as available.
 - i. 7:08 – David Binette shares the above note.
6. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Captain Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:09 – Corporal Jen Clements offers Captain Grantham’s apologies for being unable to attend and shares a brief safety update. There is still an uptick in shoplifters and theft from autos by kids stealing from unlocked cars in the early hours of the morning. They will generally only break a window when they are able to see something worth stealing inside.
 - b. The precinct has rolled out their new shoplifter program, allowing storeowners to complete reports online for shoplifters’ reports to be automatically run to determine whether to release them. This new system frees up officer time, and reduces waiting time for stores.

- c. Mike Ruby asks if the precinct is looking into AI systems that can create instant reports from body cameras. Cpl Clements is not aware.
 - d. Cpl Clements shares that 17 Trunk or Treats are planned, including one at Bootacular.
 - e. 2025 Community Conversations is coming up, with 6 Thursday classes at their headquarters. Attendees must register ahead of time.
- 7. The Main Street Manager's Report - Crystal Micriotti
 - a. 7:14 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti gives her report (see below for full report)
 - b. Cricket Goodall asks about the construction on Main Street, and Mary Molinaro clarifies that BGE is putting in new gas lines. Mary Molinaro and Yolanda Gregory briefly discuss responsibility for repaving and resurfacing once BGE's work is complete.
- 8. Tonight's Speaker – Councilman Julian Jones to provide an update on this year's Council Sessions.
 - a. 7:22 – In the councilman's short-term absence, Mary Molinaro provides an update on redistricting, sharing that Reisterstown will be all in one district (District 2).
 - b. 7:26 – Julian Jones takes the microphone and shares updates on various topics:
 - i. 7:28 - Tractor-trailers
 - 1. He shares a brief history of how fines were raised years ago.
 - 2. They recently changed the law so now drivers can have 3 strikes per calendar year for a \$250 fine each. The 4th one increases to \$500, the 5th is \$750, and the 6th and any subsequent are \$1,000 each.
 - 3. He clarifies the law: They're not allowed to park on *any* road in Baltimore County, not just residential areas.
 - 4. Mary Molinaro asks if they have considered a Welcome Center rest stop. Councilman Jones states it is not a function at the government level, but private landowners can.
 - ii. 7:35 – Camera registry bill passed this year
 - 1. Residents with security or doorbell cameras can register their device with the police so they are aware of those who may have helpful footage in the future. They are currently working on how people can easily upload that footage. In response to audience questions, he confirms they will not have access to the camera itself, and that whether the person with the footage would need to appear in court may depend on the case and the importance of the footage.
 - iii. 7:42 – Redistricting
 - 1. Councilman Jones notes, for full disclosure, that he is running for County Executive, along with Izzy Patoka and two others.
 - 2. He provides an overview of the history of redistricting, and this particular year's efforts.
 - 3. 7:51 – In response to Mike Ruby's question regarding the way forward, Councilman Jones reminds that redistricting is done every 10 years and tied to the census, but gerrymandering is a severe danger. This round, there are likely to be 7 open seats out of 9, but people sitting in those seats aren't going to want to do anything that would harm them.
 - 4. In response to various attendee questions, Councilman Jones clarifies that this process took place now (unattached to the census) because of the increase in council seats, which was a decision made and put on the ballot by 5 council members and passed because the public has a propensity to vote yes 75% of the time.

5. Mike Ruby asks for three reasons why Councilman Jones is running for County Executive, at which point RIA Board members clarify that the Councilman is not allowed to campaign at the meeting, but that he can answer the question. His response cites 1) his experience (40 years), 2) the critical time in Baltimore County with population decrease and its effect on the economy, and 3) lack of strong current leadership (and his ability to be a leader from his fire department days). He has been on the council for 11 years and can't think of an example of good leadership to move the county forward.
 6. Concludes at 8:12pm, then briefly reminds that people can speak for 3 minutes at council meetings if they sign up in advance, noting that Baltimore County is the only place residents can do that.
9. New Business/Announcements:
 - a. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
 - i. 8:13 – Ernie Schmidhauser announces the annual Crab Feast to support Chartley's scholarship program will take place at American Legion Hall on Oct 11, 5:30-8:30. \$58 in advance.
 - ii. 8:14 – Ange from Love Thy Neighbor shares updates on their Adopt a Highway success and that they will be looking for volunteers to help with streetside cleanup. This Friday, there will be a clothing drive associated with the community fridge at 303 Shirley Manor Road, which is doing very well and has gained support from the Orioles and is currently seeking support from the Ravens. She also reminds those seeking college aid to complete their paperwork by October 1 to receive their aid.
 - iii. 8:16 – RIA Vice President David Binette announces on behalf of Senator Brooks that the 10th annual Financial Literacy Forum will take place on Oct 16, 5:30-8. Interested residents can find more information and a QR code on the back table.
 - 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.
 - i. 8:18 – David Binette shares the above.
10. Close formal meeting
 - a. 8:19p – David Binette makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Molinaro. The motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned at 8:19p.

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

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
2025 • Jan 22 ○ Annual Business Meeting • Feb 26 ○ Pastor Kenneth Powell of Trinity Lutheran Church speaking about their community outreach • Mar 26 ○ Yolanda Gregory District 4 Community Planner for Baltimore County Department of Planning • Apr 23 ○ Michelle Schiffer and Tara Field from Greenburg Gibbons – Reisterstown Shopping Center update • May 28 ○ RIA Open House • Jun 25 ○ Giuliana Valencia-Banks – Baltimore County Immigrant Affairs Coordinator • Jul 23 ○ Brad Reter – Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co. • Aug 27 ○ The District 10 Unity Team • Sep 24 ○ Councilman Julian Jones • Oct 22 ○ Lakecia Hines – Community School Facilitator, Glyndon Elementary School • Nov 19 (3rd week) ○ Baltimore County Police - Franklin Precinct	2025 • Jan 8 • Mar 5 • May 7 • Jul 9 • Sep 3 • Nov 5 • Dec 3 (If needed)

Main Street Manager Report: General Meeting- September 2025

- The **Reisterstown Farmers Market** is wrapping up for the season with just **one Sunday left!** Join us on **September 28th from 9:00am–1:00pm** outside **Franklin Middle School** for one last chance to stock up on fresh fall goodies, local treats, and handmade finds. Come celebrate a wonderful season, support your favorite vendors, and take home a taste of autumn before the market closes until next year!

Last Sunday at the Farmers Market, families and friends joined in to learn something new and create their own prehistoric gardens at our first **ROARsterstown Main Street** event. A huge thank-you to everyone who volunteered to make it happen, and to all who stopped by to help kick off this fun new event. We can't wait to watch it grow even bigger next season!

- **“Betcha Didn't Know!”**- In the latest episode of Betcha Didn't Know?!, Stacey Abbott from Corner House Realty teamed up with Reisterstown Main Street to visit Christian Ty, manager of Ship & Copy. These videos are on our YouTube, blog, socials and mailers. @reisterstownmainstreet
- **Main Street Clean Up Day** is on October 4th, at 9am. Meet outside Reter's Crab House and help out! **Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Workday** is on September 11th, at 9am.
- **BOOtacular** planning is underway and will be held on **Saturday, October 25th**, 10:30am-12:30pm outside Franklin Middle School. Stay tuned for more details!
- **The Reisterstown Welcome Center and Museum** at 234 Main Street is now open! Visit us **Thursday through Sunday, 11am–2 pm** to say hello to our friendly volunteers, explore the little museum space, and see the brand new Welcome Center, created with you in mind. We're still growing and always looking for ways to partner, whether it's through volunteering your time or supporting the new museum with a Reisterstown relic to add to the expanding collection. Stop in and be part of what's next!