

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – October 22, 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. The meeting was called to order by RIA Vice President David Binette at 7:04pm.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. In attendance were:
 - i. Brianna Chamberlain, Lakecia Hines, Kathy Gambrill, Ernie Schmidhauser, Alonza Williams, David Binette, Angela Joshi, Kasey Curuthers, Stephen Morgan, Crystal Micriotti, Officer Thomas, Charlie Hoppa, Ruben Amaya, Charley Reed, Vanessa Brooks, Mary Molinaro, Delegate Jay Jalisi, and Mike Ruby.
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. 7:06 -- RIA Vice President David Binette relays this information to the assembled.
4. Review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting
 - a. David Binette makes a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written, seconded by Mary Molinaro. The motion passes unanimously at 7:06 pm.
5. President’s Comments:
 - a. We have a candidate for Treasurer and will share more information as available.
 - i. 7:07 – David Binette shares that the RIA intends to review and approve the new Treasurer’s candidacy at the November RIA Board meeting, and that January will see the official election of all officers.
6. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Captain Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:07 -- Captain Mal Grantham was unable to attend, and although Officer Thomas was in attendance his tenure does not begin until November 8th so he is not equipped with the statistics to provide a report. This section was postponed until the next meeting.
7. The Main Street Manager’s Report - Crystal Micriotti
 - a. 7:08 -- Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti provides the MSM report (see below for full report).

- b. Mary Molinaro makes an announcement on behalf of the Organization Committee regarding Giving Tuesday, noting that the campaign will provide a brief overview of everything the RIA has done and is about to do to encourage donations during Giving Tuesday. Crystal Micriotti will also add information regarding matching gifts to Monday's emails.
 - c. 7:15 - Vanessa Brooks announces that her office has arranged for the new Secretary of Juvenile Justice to facilitate a Town Hall on November 4th, during which she will address concerns about new juvenile justice practices.
- 8. Tonight's Speaker – Lakecia Hines – Community School Facilitator, Glyndon Elementary School to talk about the community school program.
 - a. 7:17 –RIA Vice President David Binette introduces tonight's speaker Lakecia Hines to share information about the Community School Initiative:
 - i. She does not see the Community School Initiative as a "program" because it is flexible, grows, and looks different in each community. Maryland is one of the top states doing this initiative. Year 1 consisted of conducting Listening Sessions with parents, students, teachers, community members, etc. Year 2 featured the Design Implementation Plan, in which the learnings from the listening sessions were implemented. Learnings of note were the desire for health and wellness activities, particularly regarding food, living activities, and mental health quality and access. They have since partnered with various community organizations to address these needs. Community members can support students in a variety of ways, such as through volunteering, sponsoring field trips, leading extracurricular activities, and more.
 - ii. 7:29 – Attendees request information about sending support, and Lakecia Hines notes that more information can be found at BCPS.org by searching "community schools" for the Glyndon community school.
 - iii. Mike Ruby questions whether they participate in the student support network, to which Lakecia Hines responds that they would love to participate but the desire for participation outweighs the availability of supports. Mike Ruby follows up asking how they integrate with Parent-Teacher Associations and how they work with the large local Latino/a community. Lakecia Hines shares that they work with the Latino/a community just like any other community, but that they also make sure to translate their written materials into Spanish and ensure access to live translators via "Talking Points" to automatically translate conversations into parents' native languages.
 - iv. Lakecia Hines' conversation concludes at 7:34p.
- 9. New Business/Announcements:
 - a. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
 - i. RIA Vice President David Binette notes some of the informational materials attendees can find on the table in the back of the room, and additionally shares:
 - 1. In response to questions regarding the gas line construction, BGE says it is on track to complete the installation by the end of this year. The trunk line is expected to be finished by the end of this week, then BGE will begin working on the connecting lines.
 - 2. The new Jersey Mike's restaurant has opened in the Reisterstown shopping center. Today through Sunday, if attendees mention RIA and request a promotional coupon, they can take advantage of their grand opening deal.

3. Baltimore County's Local Emergency Planning Commission will be hosting an informational meeting on November 18th.
 - ii. 7:38 – Ange Joshi shares that Love Thy Neighbor hosted two “No Kings” events, with about 500 attendees, and all remaining entirely peaceful. Love Thy Neighbor continues to hold weekly “Tesla Takedown” events on Saturdays at the Owings Mills Tesla dealership, as well as weekly Marlin Mondays. They work with the community fridge, determine clean-up scheduling for their recently-adopted highway, and encourage community members to reach out to them with any ideas for new ways to support Reisterstown's community and neighbors.
 - iii. 7:40 – Alonza Williams thanks those who attended the recent data summit and notes the Baltimore County Department of Aging is having their Aging Expo at the end of October. The budget is being impacted by the federal shutdown, which will affect all agencies, so residents should unfortunately expect that there will be some budget pains this year and in the next budget cycle.
 - 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.
10. Close formal meeting
- a. Mary Molinaro motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Charley Reed. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42p.

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	2025 • Jan 8 • Mar 5 • May 7 • Jul 9 • Sep 3 • Nov 5 • Dec 3 (If needed)

○ 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	
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Main Street Manager Report: General Meeting- October 2025

- **“BOOtacular!”** is almost here! Our free, family-friendly celebration brings the community together for a morning full of fun. Join us this Saturday, **October 25th**, from 10:30am-12:30pm on the front lawn of Franklin Middle School for games, crafts, an inflatable selfie walk, a costume contest with prizes, and plenty of treats for all ages. Meet a whole bunch of participating local businesses and organizations from Main Street, the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department and Baltimore County Police Department trunk or treat. In case of rain, the event will move indoors across the street at Trinity Lutheran's community room.
- **Main Street Clean Up Day** will be held on **November 1st**, at 9am. Meet outside Reter's Crab House and help out! **Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Workday** will be on **November 8th** at 9am.
- The next **Community Business Meeting** will be on **November 11th**, with guest speakers: Megan Rudolph from Farmers & Merchants Bank and Kasey Caruthers with Sheepie Book Company, our newest business addition to Main Street. 11am-12pm at Reter's Crab House and Grille.
- **The Reisterstown Welcome Center and Museum** at 234 Main Street is now open! Visit us **Thursday through Saturday, 11am–2 pm** to say hello to our friendly volunteers, explore the little museum space, and see the brand new Welcome Center!
- **Small Business Saturday** is on **November 29th**, 11am–4 pm. Stop in at the Reisterstown Welcome Center for snacks, raffles and more to be announced soon, and find out what's happening that day at multiple stores along Main Street!
- **Holidays On Main** will be on **December 6th**, 11am-2pm at The Reisterstown Welcome Center. There will be photos & a visit with Santa, crafts, music, & more! Mark your calendar so you don't miss it!
- **“Betcha Didn't Know!”**- We are on our 18th episode of our video blog series in which we highlight local gems in Reisterstown! Check them out and follow on YouTube @reisterstownmainstreet.

- Funding for local nonprofits is tighter than ever, but Reisterstown Main Street keeps growing, creating, and connecting our community. This year, we launched the Junior Main Street Program, completed Design Guidelines for future improvements, and enhanced our Franklin Woodland Trails. We also hosted favorite events like Bloomin' ArtFest, Music on Main Street, and the Farmers Market—We opened our new home at 234 Main Street, featuring the Welcome Center & Museum Room. Soon, we'll open *The Studios at 234*, a creative space for artists and entrepreneurs.

So as Giving Tuesday approaches on **December 2nd**, please consider supporting our mission by giving our **Nationally and State accredited Main Street program** a donation to keep our Main Street vibrant and thriving. We truly can't do it without you.