

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

**Meeting Agenda – January 28, 2026, 7:00 PM**

**2025 Officers:**

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

**Main Street Manager:**

Crystal Micriotti

**2024 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. 7:08 – RIA Vice President David Binette calls the meeting to order.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
  - a. 7:08: In attendance were: Stephen Morgan, Kathy Gambrill, Cpl. Jenn Clements, Ofc. Matt Myers, Lt. M.T. Mertz, Ofc Rob Thomas, Patrick McCusker, Pat Gordon, Wendy Berlinrood, Ofc. Willis, Sgt. Iman, Charlie Hoppa, Crystal Micriotti, Joe Heathcock, Monica Hariri, Bob Reynolds, Bryan Maynard, Randy Kiefer, Daryl Thorpe, Vanessa Brooks, Mary Molinaro, Ernie Schmidhauser, David Binette, Brianna Chamberlain, Leslie Webster, and Christine Czapla
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
  - a. 7:10 – Pat Gordon motions to accept the minutes from last meeting as written, seconded by Monica Hariri. The motion passed unanimously at 7:11 pm.
4. President’s Comments
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Mal Grantham Jamerson and team.
  - a. 7:12 – Lt. Mertz reports that crime is generally down, but encourages residents to lock vehicles and hide valuables from sight through car windows. The Reisterstown wine and spirit shop fell victim to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary, with \$8,000 worth of alcohol stolen, and warns that Reisterstown Road could be a good target for “smash and grabs.”
6. The Main Street Manager’s Report - Crystal Micriotti
  - a. 7:15 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti provides her report (see below for full report). 7:18 – Pat McCusker notes details about the upcoming Beer & Wine Festival on June 6, noting it is the only fundraising event RIA holds each year.
7. Annual meeting Items -
  - a. Approval of 2026 Budget
    - i. 7:20 – Discussion regarding approval of the 2026 budget opens. Mary Molinaro makes a motion to approve the listed 2026 budget, seconded by Pat Gordon. The motion passes unanimously at 7:20p.
  - b. Election of slate of Board members

- i. 7:21 – Mary Molinaro leads discussion regarding elections:
  - 1. David Binette has been nominated to the position of President of RIA. With no objections and no additional voices wishing to add their name in consideration for the position, the position is closed at 7:21p, naming David Binette as the new President of RIA.
  - 2. Charlie Hoppa has been nominated to the position of Vice President of RIA. With no objections and no additional voices wishing to add their name in consideration for the position, the position is closed at 7:22p, naming Charlie Hoppa as the new Vice President of RIA.
  - 3. Brianna Chamberlain has been nominated to the position of Secretary of RIA. With no objections and no additional voices wishing to add their name in consideration for the position, the position is closed at 7:22p, naming Brianna Chamberlain as the continuing Secretary of RIA.
  - 4. Stephen Morgan began as RIA Treasurer a few months ago, and this coming year will be his first full year as RIA Treasurer.
  - 5. Past President Herb Weiss will continue on in his earned position as Past President (7:23p).
  - 6. Chairs of the committees are appointed, rather than elected, so Mary Molinaro proceeds to read the 6 names of the members at large (Bob Reynolds, Emory Young, Bill Robinson, Pat Gordon, Yolanda Gregory, and Kathy Gambrill). Mary Molinaro makes a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Joe Heathcock seconds, and the motion passes unanimously at 7:24p.
- 8. New Business/Announcements:
  - a. Local Legislators' announcements/comments:
    - i. 7:25 - Daryl Thorpe (Legislative Aide representing Councilman Julian Jones) introduces himself as having started in this position in November 2025, briefly gives his background, and notes that Councilman Jones is currently at a NAACP candidate forum.
    - ii. 7:27 – Vanessa Clark Brooks (on behalf of Delegate N Scott Phillips) notes that legislators are wrapped up in session in Annapolis, and the Speaker will not allow them to leave out of fear they may be unable to return. She provides an overview and entertains questions regarding one of Delegate Phillips' bills, the Transfer on Death Deed, allowing property owners to designate a beneficiary to real property. She then outlines the County's views on ICE cooperation (they believe the County's money should not be used for federal activities), and shares that previous meetings are available on YouTube for residents to view. Finally, she shares that Delegate Philips is now chairman of the subcommittee on criminal law and was recently elected to be chair of the legislative black caucus of MD.
  - b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
    - i. 7:41 – Monica Hariri introduces herself as the new local franchise owner for the national brand Visiting Angels, briefly gives her background, encourages attendees to volunteer at the upcoming Alzheimer's walk at Baltimore Zoo, and invites attendees to take a hand-out bag from the back table as they are leaving.
    - ii. 7:44 – RIA Secretary Brianna Chamberlain shares that Gilchrist (a non-profit geriatric, palliative, hospice, and grief care organization) is seeking volunteers from Reisterstown to help Gilchrist patients in Reisterstown with daily needs,



## Main Street Manager Report- January 2026- General Meeting

- The **Studios at 234** are officially open. Our first cohort of artists moved in on Jan 5th.

Stop by on a Saturday from 11-3pm (NOT THIS WEEKEND) to visit the studios and meet our talented creatives, also check out the new installed sign!

- Our FHS students are still working on their student podcast “**Frankly Speaking**”. The newest episode is dropping any day, so give it a listen, available on every streaming platform.
- “**Betcha Didn’t Know!**”- Our video blog will be back in Feb, with new filming currently in production.
- **Bloomin’ ArtFest**- Vendor applications for 2026 will open in early Feb with the focus on bringing in new vendors and artists, arts collectives, non-profits, etc. Please share the application with anyone you may think would be interested.
- **Music On Main**- We are set to start the Season June 19th and will run for 10 consecutive Fridays through Aug 21st. Stay Tuned for the concert lineup.
- The **Reisterstown Farmers Market is looking for a Market Manager** this upcoming season to help keep our weekly market This behind-the-scenes role focuses on booking vendors and managing weekly schedules. This mostly remote, flexible schedule is perfect for someone who loves farmers markets, doesn’t mind a little email coordination, and enjoys supporting local businesses and community events. If interested, we’d love to hear from you! **Contact us.**
- **Main Street Clean Up Day** is happening on Saturday, **February 7th**, from 9:00–11:00am. As always, meet outside in the Reter’s Parking lot. The **FWT Revitalization workday** is on Feb 14th at 9am. Meet at the RUMC parking lot trail head.
- This month's **Community Business Meeting** will be on Feb 10th, 11-12am at Reters. The featured guest speakers will be Kieran O’Connell-Principal of FHS & Candace Brinkley-Principal of Reisterstown Elementary School.
- **The ANNUAL Reisterstown Beer and Wine Festival** planning is underway- and I will now let Pat McCusker say a few words about this fundraising event.