

RIVERSIDE NEWS



Message from the President

2nd Quarter 2025

It's that beautiful, busy time of year again! Car-covering pollen has subsided and the neighborhood is teeming with life

(bullfrogs croaking, deer everywhere including inside our fully shrubbed-lined fence in the backyard, and occasional possum, racoon, fox and owl sightings). In a classic case of correlation vs. causation, either the good weather or porta-potty placement increases the use of the beach property. We have noticed an increased interest in the beach by CNU students and

other non-residents and we are monitoring the situation. NNPd made a few late-night visits to the property last summer and we can ask for increased patrol (to go along with speed enforcement on Country Club). We will also mention it to our friends at the neighborhood relations office at CNU.

Last quarter I warned of a potential big-ticket project at the beach (please see an update from our Improvements Committee). As part of that, we explored establishing a sister 501(c)(3) corporation to our current civic association which is a 501(c)(7). The process is expensive, takes at least six months and isn't guaranteed to be approved by the IRS. Ultimately, we chose to pause since we are pursuing a much more frugal solution to repair and replace the Bulkhead Retaining Wall. We will still need your generous support to replenish our operating and reserve funds and apologize that those donations

are not tax deductible (and if you are an attorney who would like to assist us with that in the future, please let us know).

Our three traditional Spring events went well. Thank you to the usual suspects who assisted during the clean-up, along with some new helping hands. The Easter Egg Hunt had slightly less participation than the past few years but still enough to gather up over a thousand eggs in just a few minutes (take note not to arrive

late!). The multi-house yard sale had 16 participants and there seemed to be a lot of interest.

Mark your calendars for the Family Picnic on Saturday the 21st of June at 5pm. I failed to de-conflict this with my brother-in-law's wedding so I will miss seeing everyone and helping with the grill. There will be music, standard cook-out fare of hamburgers and hot dogs (vegetarian options too) and beverages.

Volunteers to set up, cook and clean up are always appreciated. Look for the Riverside Event signs, our website and social media for updates.

Some miscellaneous thoughts from an old, retired (forked by the government I served for 39 years) curmudgeon: I shouldn't encourage signs soliciting business around the neighborhood, but house washing really does make a house look better.

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RCCA Events

Riverside Family Picnic

June 21

5:00 - 9:00 at the Beach

National Night Out

Aug 5th

5:00 - 7:00 at the Beach

Local Happenings

Mariners' Museum

Sips and Trips

Saturday, June 28 6:30

Lil' Mariners' Wonder Wednesdays

Early childhood program

June 25 to Aug 27

Wednesday mornings 9:30

Lionsbridge FC Soccer

Town Bank Stadium

6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/3, 7/12

Port Warwick Concerts

May 21—Aug 27

Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00

See lineup on Page 5

Hilton Farmers Market

Saturdays 9:00-12:00

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About the RCCA

The Riverside Community Civic Association (RCCA) is the community association for the Riverside neighborhood, located between the Mariners' Museum, James River Country Club, and Christopher Newport University.

Mission

Our goal is to keep the residents of Riverside informed and engaged in order to strengthen our community. The RCCA is involved in several areas including: the Neighborhood Watch program, management of the common area property, beach improvements, road safety, and neighborhood relations (City, CNU, and Police).

Activities

The Board is active in planning and hosting several community events throughout the year, like the Easter Egg Hunt, Riverside Day, and the annual Family Cookout.

Membership

Our 2025 RCCA membership 104. Membership in the RCCA is voluntary



with a minimum \$10 donation per year. We will publish the current list of members in each newsletter to recognize our contributors and help our residents keep track of their membership status.

Support from our residents pays for community events, upkeep of the beach and common areas and neighborhood improvements. Your membership also allows you a vote at the annual meeting. The RCCA provides a community forum to discuss neighborhood issues and

addresses concerns with the City, University, and other organizations.

We thank you for your support, and ask that you please help the RCCA by initiating or renewing your membership each year. Our fiscal year runs from Jan 1 thru Dec 31.

To Join

Use the preaddressed envelope found in the 1st Quarter newsletter, or mail it with your own envelope to:

Tracy Johnson
322 Central Pkwy
Newport News VA 23606.

You can also join by using Venmo on our website with the QR code here. Make sure you enter your name as you want it to appear in the Newsletter, as well as your address in the note box so that we can credit you with your donation.



Contact Us by visiting <https://rcca-newportnews.com> or use the board member contact info on the back of the newsletter.

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Beach Bulkhead/ Retaining Wall Plan Made

The RCCA Improvements Committee has thoroughly investigated the potential designs and associated costs of repairing or replacing the failing beach bulkhead retaining wall. After much research on the part of Mac Collins and the board, an affordable approach has been determined.

As has been the tradition established by Wolf Elber since the creation of the RCCA, a volunteer team is emerging to accomplish this task originally considered beyond our capabilities. The first step of phase one will be the rental of equipment to test the approach of our team, which includes retirees who have construction experience. This phase addresses the existing failed structure that extended the painted wall at the south end of the beach to protect the shoreline by preventing erosion of the embankment during storms. The goal is to have phase one substantially complete prior to the peak storm season in late summer/early fall.

By doing this maintenance "in-house," it is expected we will have enough in our current reserve fund to complete the first phase. Of course, our reserve will then need replenishing to cover the potential cost associated with a future major storm. Please consider making an additional donation to re-

establish RCCA's reserve as we move forward with several more phases to complete the project. Additional phases will continue based on having the needed funds.

Thanks to Mac Collins, Chris Ponce, Chris Collins, and Dave Johnson for volunteering their skills for this important project. Rumor has it that they are "crushing" it, but additional volunteers are needed and always welcome. Please contact Mac Collins if you can help.

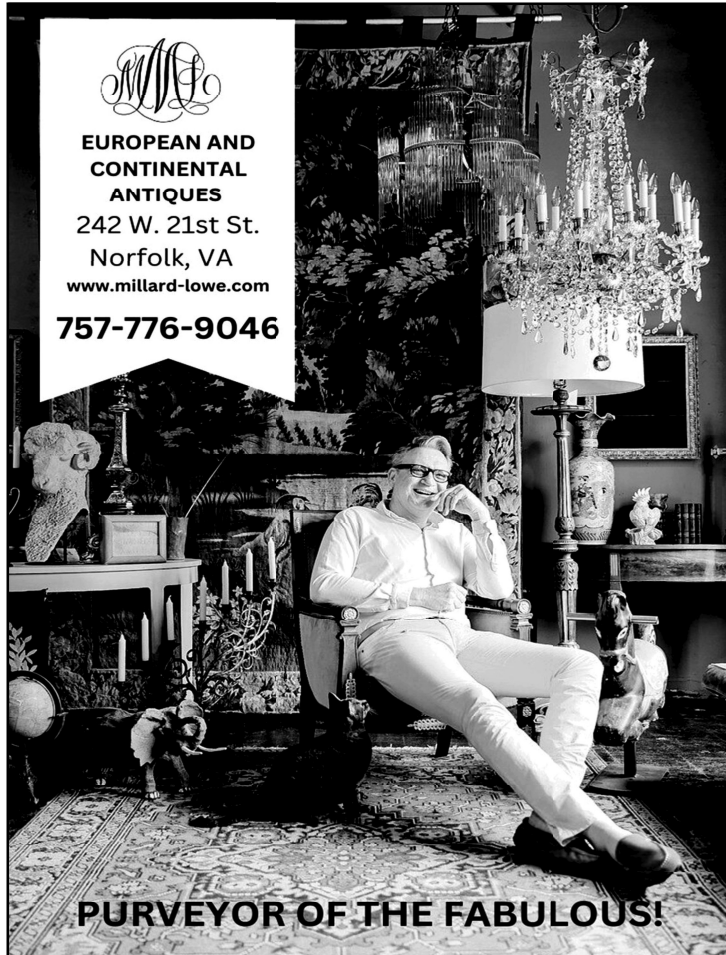


Chris Ponce demonstrates the backhoe to Chris Collins.





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Neighborhood Watch

Want a chance to talk to the NNPD officers who patrol our neighborhood streets? If so, please join our Neighborhood Watch captain Kevin Hoffman and the RCCA board for **National Night Out** on Aug. 5 from 5:00-7:00 at Riverside beach. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from our police officers about the current trends they see, and to share with them any concerns you may have.



Children who would like to meet and interact with our servants in blue are welcome! There are often a handful of police there, and together they make quite an impression. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Check our website at **rcca-newportnews.com** for more details as we get closer to the date.

So far this year, Riverside has continued its characteristically low crime rate with only 9 reported offenses. The 'burglary / breaking & entering' involved a stolen bike, with the owner choosing not to prosecute. Many of the other incidents were domestic in nature. A simple assault is defined as an assault with no weapon or serious injury.

Country Club / Riverside YTD Offenses (All)	
January 1, 2025 - May 5, 2025	
Offenses	Count
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1
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BURGLARY/B & E	1
DECEASED PERSON	1
IDENTITY THEFT	1
INDECENT EXPOSURE	1
JUVENILE - RUNAWAY	1
OBSCENE MATERIAL	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT, FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	1
Grand Total	9



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- 5/21 Brasswind** Motown, R&B, Classic Horn Band Sound
- 5/28 Roberta Lea** Soulful Mix of Country and Pop. Named in CMT's Next Women of Country class of 2023, a member of the Black Opry and Veer Music Award winner
- 6/4 Soundscapes Performance Ensemble and TRADOC Rock** Jazz and Pop songs performed by talented young musicians followed by Classic and Modern Rock n' Roll
- 6/11 Anthony Rosano & the Conqueroos** National Touring Artist, #1 on the iTunes blues chart - Funk, Rock and Roll
- 6/18 BJ Griffin Band** As seen on America's Got Talent - Mix of Classical, Funk, Jazz, Pop, R&B/ Soul, Rock
- 6/25 Bobby BlackHat Band** Award winning recording artist - Blues Showcase. "You never know what's going to happen at a Bobby BlackHat show!"
- 7/2 Good Shot Judy** Swing and Swagger with Classic Vocal Jazz/Swing Entertainment
- 7/9 Down River** Southern Rock and Traditional Country
- 7/16 Midnight Rain** Live band Tribute to music icon Taylor Swift
- 7/23 The Deloreans** Electrifying 80's Cover Band
- 7/30 Phazz II** Smooth and Funky Jazz; a crowd favorite
- 8/6 Celeste Kellogg** CMA, Nashville charting recording artist - Country, Rock, Pop
- 8/13 Patrick Ryan Band** Creative blend of Rock, Jazz, Funk, Blues and Country
- 8/20 Revelation** Versatile, High-Octane Band
- 8/27 Wonderland** High-energy Band with no musical boundaries

Food available at one of the many Port Warwick restaurants in addition to a variety of food trucks.
Chairs, blankets, coolers welcome.
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PORTWARWICK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

President's Comments, cont.

Golf carts still aren't allowed because we are not "designated" by the city. Vehicles must be operable and parked on pavement. And junk accumulating around your house is never good. I am all for property owner rights and free will, but society does come together to make rules to preserve health, safety and property values so please consider your part of the effort.

I would like to thank the neighborhood businesses that contribute their time and talents to the RCCA. City Life church lets us use their beautiful facility for our annual meeting. Grace United Methodist provides us meeting space for our board meetings through out the year. Realtor Debi Warren heads up our Welcoming Committee, putting together baskets to greet our new neighbors, and Phoenix Painting takes care of the our beach's gazebo and deck paint. Together they make Riverside a better place to live.

Finally, once again it is graduation season. I hope all of you can look back with pride for a godchild, child, grandchild or friend that you were able to love, nurture, advise or support on their way to that milestone.

John Scott,
RCCA President

Spring Cleanup Thank You

As special thanks goes out to those neighbors who graciously volunteered their time to clean up the beach in preparation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. RCCA appreciates you!

Lorna Loughran
Judy Gounley
George Gounley
Julie Fiedler
Dave Johnson
Chris Ponce
John Scott
Mac Collins



Welcome Wednesdays

Come join the Welcome Committee for Welcome Wednesdays held on the second Wednesday of each month. They meet at RCCA committee chair Debi Warren's house at 100 Riverside Drive at 5:00 to put together "It's a Wonderful Life" Christmas movie themed baskets to welcome our newest neighbors to Riverside.

Partnering in our welcome effort is Rachel Mizell, who comes to us from our neighbor James River Country Club. Included with our basket's bread, wine and salt is an invitation to get to know more about the JRCC at an upcoming event.

This is a great group effort perfect for someone looking to make new connections in the neighborhood. The whole effort takes about an hour and a half depending on the number of houses visited. Please RSVP to RCCA board member Debi Warren at 757-291-3324 or James River



Country Club Membership Sales Director Rachel Mizelle at 757-508-3157.

Thank you!



2025 Members

\$500 and above - 4 Households

\$250 to \$499 - 3 Households

\$100 to \$249 - 34 Households

\$50 to \$99 - 27 Households

2025 Members continued

\$50 to \$99

Dues \$10 to \$49—36 Households



The poster features a night scene of The Mariners' Museum with its iconic ship sculpture on a pedestal to the left. The sky is dark with stars. In the foreground, two wine bottles are visible. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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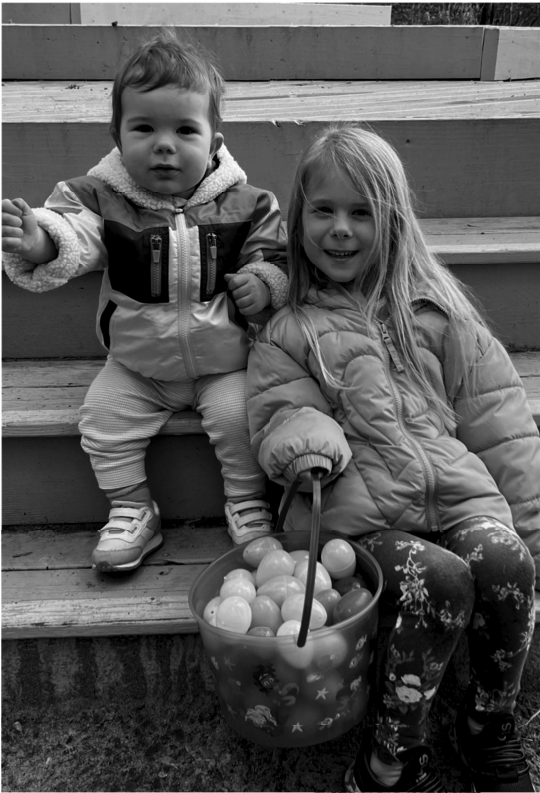


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scan for our Facebook page
and more details



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Memorial Day Community Ice Cream Social

Saturday May 31st 1-2:00 pm

Outside at Grace (inside if it rains). Enjoy the free ice-cream bar and connect with your neighbors. Bring lawn chairs if able (metal folding chairs also provided.)

05-31 Community Ice Cream Social

**06-22 Farewell Worship and reception
with Pastor Hank**

**07-06 Welcome Worship with our new Pastor
Rev. Paulette Almond**

Summer Community Family Activities dates and info
coming soon!

[Check our Facebook Page for more info](#)

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RCCA Board Contact Information (Years as Board Member)

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Board Member (9 years)	Sue Peters	115 Dogwood Drive	(757) 303-2864
Board Member (7 years)	Debi Warren	100 Riverside Dr	(757) 291-3324
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Board Member (2 year)	Tara Helmick	7 Sir Francis Wyatt Place	(757) 618-0540

Community Contact Information

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Newsletter	suelspeters@gmail.com	Sue Peters, Editor
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RCCA Email	nnvarcca@gmail.com	
Neighborhood Events Committee	RCCAeventscommittee@gmail.com	Open
Neighborhood Improvements	757-871-0356	Mac Collins
Neighborhood Communications	suelspeters@gmail.com	Sue Peters
Welcome Committee	757-291-3324	Debi Warren
Nextdoor Social Media Network	riversidenewportnews.nextdoor.com	Forum for sharing news with Riverside neighbors
Facebook Social Media Network	Riverside Community Civic Association	Open Forum available to general public for sharing news with Riverside neighbors
Facebook Social Media Network	Residents of Riverside NNVA	Closed Forum for residents only to share news with Riverside neighbors
Community		
CNU Community Relations	(757) 594-7190	Issues with CNU students
Police Non-Emergency	(757) 247-2500	Riverside is located in the Central Precinct
Central Precinct	(757) 591-4978	Use to file a report
Animal Control	(757) 595-7387	Strays, injured or dead animals
City Service Contact Center	311 or (757) 933-2311	Codes, Stormwater, Road Maint., Sewer
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Dominion Virginia Power	1-866-366-4357	Dominion Power also maintains street lights
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