



RIVERSIDE NEWS

Message from the President

Riverside is again awash in the beautiful colors of Autumn! But those leaves will be in full drop mode by the time you read this, so it is again time to be thankful for the scoop and vacuum leaf service provided by the city. We are Area 2 which begins pickup on Monday Dec 5th and technically we aren't supposed to put them to the curb more than a week before, so you don't have to do anything until after Thanksgiving weekend! Our website has a link to the schedule and an interactive tracker of exactly what streets have already been serviced.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Riverside Day! It was the largest in recent history and the weather was perfect. Special thanks to the volunteers who put it all together. The balloon person was so talented that she may have been more popular than the free ice cream truck! For those curious, the excellent BBQ was from Smoke and the music was by Marie-Claire. We still need volunteers to keep our social events going so please use the Contact Us form on the website or message us on Facebook if you would like to contribute some of your talent and energy to help make a better Riverside.

Now for the boring stuff: The Annual Meeting of Members will be at 7pm on Thursday, January 5th at City Life Church. In addition to the public informational forum, which is open to anyone, there are only two official requirements for the meeting: One is to hear annual summaries from the committees (to include our finances) and the other

is to elect board members. This can only be done if we have a quorum of 50% of our members. Membership is established by a household donating a minimum of \$10 for the year and doing so at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you can't attend, please take the time to fill out the Proxy that is an insert in the newsletter and give it to your designated representative or email a picture of it to us. There will be a Zoom option, but it will be subject to the same registration process as if you attended in person so please join early prior to the 7pm start. The Zoom information is published on the website. Between proxies, in-person attendance and Zoom attendance, if a quorum is not established, the rights of members to elect board members will be assumed by the current board. While this may appear to be a side-stepping of the democratic process, please be assured that the Board takes this responsibility seriously. Also, as a reminder, Officers are elected by the Board and not directly elected by the membership.

Two of our dedicated board members moved out of Riverside this year creating two vacancies. Please let a board member know if you would like to appear on the January ballot. Or you could attend the December 15th board meeting to learn about the duties and commitment of a board member. The RCCA meets quarterly, usually with a Zoom option.

Hope to see everyone interested in a better Riverside at the Annual Meeting!

John Scott, RCCA President

4th Quarter 2022

**1st leaf pickup starts
Monday Dec 5**

**2nd leaf pickup starts
Tuesday Jan 3**

Have leaves to curb no earlier than one week before pickup.

Local Events

Mariners' Museum

Wreathing of Lions
Dec 3, 1:30-3:30
Story Time with Santa
Dec 10 9:00-11:30

CNU Home Games

Men's Basketball
CNU Invitational Nov.26-27
Marymount Dec. 11
Hampton Sidney Dec. 13
Capt.'s Shootout Dec. 29-30
Brandeis Jan. 2
Women's Basketball
Lynchburg Nov. 27
NC Wesleyan Dec. 11
Rowen Dec. 30
Salisbury Jan. 14
C2C Classic Feb. 4-5
Men's and Women's Tennis
Feb 11

Port Warwick

Tree Lighting Nov. 26 5 - 8

Hilton Village

Gingerbread Celebration and
Parade Dec. 10 4:00-9:00

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Black Friday Bonfire

Nov 25 6 - 10

Skip the holiday rush and enjoy one last beautiful night on the beach.



RCCA Notice of Annual Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 5th, 7:00

(registration begins at 6:30)

City Life Church

311 Selden Rd.

Zoom meeting option available

Connection details at

Rcca-newportnews.com

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 RCCA membership is 222 thru Nov 10. 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

You can join the RCCA by using the preaddressed envelope found in the newsletter and mail it to our Membership Coordinator, Tracy Johnson. 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 information found on the back of the newsletter.



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Block Party

Dogwood Drive south held another one of its growingly popular block parties Nov. 5th. The **Dogwood Drive(way) Dinnerfest** was fun and easy and came with lots of good food. This time there was even a bounce house for the kids! Those who wanted to participate pulled chairs, grills and fire pits to the curb and shared their favorite fall foods with neighbors who strolled the street.

Do you have ways you gather with your neighbors? Let us know what you do for fun. And if you if you ever stumble across a Dogwood party, they encourage you to join them!



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Wolf Creek, which is named after the late Wolf Elber, needs a bit of maintenance. Wolf was greatly responsible for channeling the creek and creating the sandy beach area. However, recent storms have silted the mouth of the creek and the backup of water could potentially undermine the cement channel. Additionally,



the wood slats running along the creek edge have reached their effective lifespan. We certainly don't want to run afoul of any watershed regulations or permitting rules and, of course, we must be mindful of the costs. If you have experience in such matters and have suggestions, please contact a member of the board. Your

help would be greatly appreciated. See the article on Edyth Lichtenstein to learn more on how our beach came to be.

Neighborhood Watch

Riverside remains a relatively crime-free neighborhood. In fact, while crime rates are on the rise in several categories both City-wide and within each of the three precincts, ours have been steadily low. Through early October, the overall crime rate City-wide has risen roughly 10% (down in violent crimes, but up in property crimes). The crime rate in the Central district is up roughly 24% (down slightly in violent crimes, but up significantly in property crimes). Here in Riverside though, our crime rate has remained steadily low with no violent crimes and only a few larcenies. Those included one domestic larceny and the theft of recycling bins. A likely factor is that our neighbors continue to take the precautions necessary to prevent crime, like keeping an eye out for their neighbors, locking cars, leaving lights on, etc. Thank you Riverside, keep it up!



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Beach Native Planting Update

The leaves are falling and our flowers are slipping into slumber for the winter. Much of the work accomplished over the summer months was the weeding necessary to assure our native plants do not get overwhelmed before they get well established and dominate the area. We did plant a few new species in late September that hopefully have taken hold and will wake up in the spring to prosper. Added to our mix are New York Ironweed (aka *Vernonia noveboracensis*), Spotted Joe Pye Weed (aka *Eutrochium maculatum*), Common Boneset (aka *Eupatorium perfoliatum*) and Swamp Milkweed (aka *Asclepias incarnata*). These perennial purple and white flowering bushes will grow tall and propagate among the grasses and sedges already established while providing major support for pollinators and their caterpillars that are so important for feeding the birds during the brooding season.



Throughout the winter we will wait to remove the tops of the dead plants until they have had the chance to support some of the friendly insects that use them for shelter during the cold months. Then we will look forward to another beautiful spring, summer and fall enjoying our various bushes, flowers, grasses and sedges.

As always, if you would like to learn more about the process and perhaps even participate in this ongoing labor of the love of nature, come see us at the beach or contact me at 757-871-0356. Mac Collins

IN OUR BACKYARD

In the corner lot across from our beach an exhibition garden of native plants is growing. A collection of eye-catching plants that benefit the birds and bees can be found by searching the following topics on the internet. For example, we are using "Keystone" plants suggested by the Audubon's "Plants for birds" and the National Wildlife Federation's "Keystone plants by ecoregion". These plants focus on food sources for wildlife and show pretty options for planting in our own yards.

Additions planted this fall are:

- Butterflyweed; *Asclepias tuberosa*
- Sweet goldenrod; *Solidago odora*
- Wreath Bluestem goldenrod; *Solidago caesia*
- Showy goldenrod; *Solidago speciosa*
- Blue vervain; *Verbena hastata*
- Marsh blazing star; *Liatris spicata*
- Winterberry; *Ilex verticillata*
- Shadblow serviceberry; *Amelanchier canadensis*
- Southern wax myrtle/Bayberry; *Morella cerifera*

Thank You, Neighbor



RCCA would like to give a big shout out to neighbors Cliff and Connie Temple for helping to keep Riverside a place in which to be proud to live.

They have been seen multiple times cleaning up trash around the neighborhood. Because we all benefit their giving spirit, we want to say thank you, Cliff and Connie, for your labors and for agreeing to stop long enough to smile for the camera!

HELP WANTED

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Edythe Lichtenstein—A Riverside Treasure

You meet some amazing people at our RCCA events. Thanks to Board member Debi Warren, who met Edythe Lichtenstein at Riverside Day, and realized she was talking to the resident who has lived in Riverside the longest! Edythe and her husband Jack were among the first buyers of a lot on the old D.S. Jones property.



Jack and Edythe met after the war in 1945. He had moved to the area to work for NACA, which was to become part of NASA, as an engineer. Soon their family began to outgrow their two bedroom house in Stuart Gar-



dens near downtown Newport News. Their search came down to choosing between two neighborhoods, Christopher Shores just down the street, or a new development way out in Warwick Virginia,

known as Riverside.

Because it was a big decision for them, they turned to friends and family for advice. Jim was making \$5,000/yr, which was considered good pay at the time, but they only had one car, and there was no city bus service north of 62nd street. Another consideration? They were Jewish, and most of the Jewish community was settling in Christopher Shores. Friends worried about the kind of community support they would have. Would they be able to find needed car pools?



In the end, in 1954, they listened to Jack's father Gabe's advise (who kicked in \$1,000 to help make the deal work), and bought a lot in Riverside. They picked one in the middle of the block on Woodland. It had a hill, ravines, and 250 trees - they counted! Theirs was about the 6th house built, basically in a forest on a dirt road. They did not know at the time that they had moved into

what would become known as the "Gold Coast of Newport News". Looking back, it was one of the best decisions they ever made.

Edythe and Jack raised 3 children and many dogs, mostly Collies, who thrived playing in the woods of Riverside. Ronnie is a retired teacher, Gary a retired radiologist, and Robert a lawyer. They in turn had 4 children, Brian, Erin, David, and Johnathon. Edythe's 8 great grand kids are Caroline, Emma, Zelda, Jacob (named after his great grandpa Jack), Golda, Stuart, and Bennett.



Jack passed away in 2005, but Edythe still lives in her house of 69 years. She enjoys reading, water aerobics, dancing and going to Riverside events.



The Riverside Community Civic Association was formed in 1986 to help maintain our neighborhood's common land. Jack Lichtenstein became its first president. One of our neighborhood's biggest challenges was to hold on to our beach property. It was donated to the

neighborhood by DS Jones, and was sought after by a nearby neighbor. Jack and several others kicked in to pay for a lawyer to defend the Association's interests. Edythe remembers many court sessions were involved until the RCCA ultimately prevailed. If you see Edythe at another neighborhood beach gathering, be sure to thank her for her help in saving access to thousands of beautiful sunsets for our residents to enjoy over the last 70 years.



Thank you so much Edythe for sharing part of your life story with us. If you know of someone else who would like to reminisce and share about life in Riverside, please reach out to our Welcome Committee Chair, Debi Warren. Thank you!



Cost Vs. Value

Whether you are considering a remodeling project or updating your home for the market, it's always wise to consider the likely return on your investment. This data is compiled in the Remodeling 2022 Cost vs Value Report (www.costvsvalue.com).

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Project	Job Cost	Resale Value	% Recouped	Project	Job Cost	Resale Value	% Recouped
Bathroom Addition Midrange	\$59,490	\$28,807	48.4%	Deck Addition Wood	\$17,038	\$10,986	64.5%
Bathroom Addition Upscale	\$107,557	\$51,947	48.3%	Entry Door Replacement Steel	\$2,139	\$1,321	61.7%
Bath Remodel Midrange	\$25,318	\$13,940	55.1%	Grand Entrance Fiberglass	\$10,297	\$5,701	55.4%
Bath Remodel Upscale	\$78,648	\$40,192	51.1%	Garage Door Replacement	\$3,962	\$3,649	92.1%
Bath Remodel Universal Design	\$39,945	\$21,246	53.2%	Window Replacement Vinyl	\$19,900	\$13,022	65.4%
Minor Kitchen Remodel Midrange	\$26,921	\$18,481	68.6%	Window Replacement Wood	\$23,760	\$14,567	61.3%
Major Kitchen Remodel Midrange	\$77,770	\$41,741	53.7%	Siding Replacement Fiber-Cement	\$20,407	\$13,152	64.4%
Major Kitchen Remodel Upscale	\$152,672	\$77,799	51.0%	Siding Replacement Vinyl	\$17,264	\$11,002	63.7%
Master Suite Addition Midrange	\$163,316	\$82,845	50.7%	Manufactured Stone Veneer	\$10,648	\$9,845	92.5%
Master Suite Addition Upscale	\$333,259	\$146,688	44.0%	Roofing Replacement Asphalt	\$29,186	\$17,091	58.6%
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- 11/17 Ladies Luncheon
- 11/27-12/24 Advent 2022
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5PM (Interactive)

Sunday school has resumed following morning service.

Adult, youth and Children's classes

We are forming a children's choir, bring your babies to take part.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to graceumc1209@gmail.com

Food collection goes to THRIVE

Donate non-expired food that would be useful in providing a nourishing meal to children and adults. The current food needs for THRIVE include canned vegetables, jelly, instant pudding mix, peanut butter, rice, cereal, and crackers.



Sunday Worship @10 AM

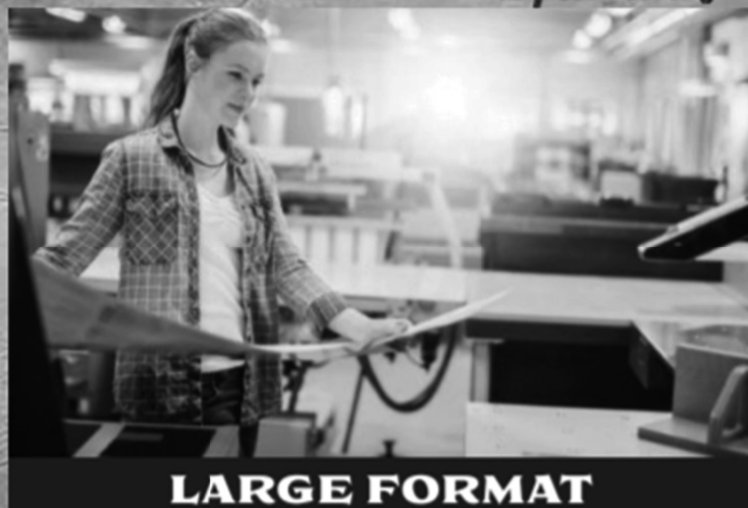
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Neighborhood Improvements		Mac Collins
Neighborhood Communications		Sue Peters, chair
Nextdoor Social Media Network	riversidenewportnews.nextdoor.com	Forum for sharing news with Riverside neighbors
Facebook Social Media Network	Riverside Community Civic Association	Forum 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
Welcome Committee	debiwarren@lizmoore.com	Debi Warren, chair
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CNU Community Relations	(757) 594-7190	Issues with CNU students
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City Service Contact Center	311 or (757) 933-2311	Codes, Stormwater, Road Maint., Sewer
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