



# RIVERSIDE NEWS

## Message from the President

4th Quarter 2023

Even though we have had some summer-like temperatures, the leaves have figured out it is time to fall but not before giving us some beautiful colors to enjoy while sipping your pumpkin spice latte! Our curb scoop and vacuum service isn't slated until December 11th and the city asks to not put them out more than a week early so you will have lots of time to do your Christmas shopping after Thanksgiving and before leaf pickup. As I type this, there are already leaf piles building on the side of the road. Not sure if the city will issue citations but I do know it isn't the best look and makes the streets somewhat less safe to navigate. Please consider bagging them and setting them out for bulk pick up. 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! We estimate that it was larger than last year and with a decidedly more youthful crowd, which is great to see! Special thanks to the volunteers who put it all together. The incredibly talented and popular balloon artist Susan was back as was the free ice cream truck. The BBQ was from Smoke and the music was by Slack Dog Po. The band was so happy to play for such an appreciative crowd in such a beautiful setting.

Please note the budget update from our Treasurer. Year to date membership contributions are down 13%, so please don't forget to send in your dues. Venmo is a very efficient option also: @RCCA-NNVA.

The Annual Meeting of Members will be at 7pm on Thursday, January 4th 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 sum-

maries 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.

Please let a board member know or use the "Contact Us" form on the website if you would like to appear on the January ballot. Or contact us if you would like to attend the December 14th board meeting to learn about the duties and commitment of a board member.

Hope to see everyone interested in a better Riverside at the Annual Meeting! Every year we seem to have more city representatives attending than fellow neighbors. Don't miss this great opportunity to ask questions and make your concerns heard.

John Scott, RCCA President

**1st leaf pickup starts  
Monday Dec 11**

**2nd leaf pickup starts  
Monday Jan 8**

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

## Local Events

### Mariners' Museum

Story Time with Santa  
Dec 2 and 9 9:00-11:30

### CNU Home Games

Men's Basketball  
CNU Invitational Nov.25-26  
Averett Dec. 11  
Virginia Wesleyan Dec. 14  
Capt.'s Shootout Dec. 28-29  
Rosemont Jan.13  
Warren Wilson Jan. 20  
UC Santa Cruz Jan. 25  
Pfeiffer Jan. 29  
Salisbury Feb. 3  
Mary Washington Feb. 10

### Women's Basketball

Greensboro Nov. 26  
Cheyney Jan. 5  
Marymount. Jan 10  
Meredith Jan. 17  
Warren Wilson Jan. 20  
Salisbury Jan. 27  
Mary Washington Jan. 31  
Southern VA Feb. 14

### Port Warwick

Tree Lighting Nov. 25 5 - 8

### Hilton Village

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

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## RCCA Notice of Annual Meeting

**Thursday, Jan. 4th, 7:00**

(registration begins at 6:30)

**City Life Church**

**311 Selden Rd.**

Zoom meeting option available

Connection details at

**Rcca-newportnews.com**



**The Wine and  
Cheese party  
enjoyed great  
music, awe-  
some food and  
good company  
around the  
bonfire.**

## 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 was 178



thru Nov 2023. 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.



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## Safety Issues at Moores and Shoe

The City has completed gathering traffic data for the Moore/Shoe lane intersection. From that, they have put together three preliminary plans for the neighborhood to consider. The drawings are drafts and subject to change.

### Painted Bump Outs:

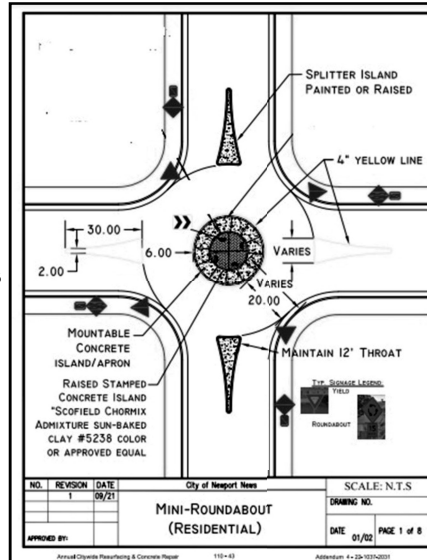
This options uses painted hatching to decrease the travel area of the intersection. Advantages include minimal change to curb side parking, since the hatching extends 20' from the crosswalk, and code does not allow parking 20' from an intersection. The 15' striped radius gives the illusion of a tighter corner which is intended to reduce turning speeds. Pedestrian crossing time in travel lanes will be reduced, and, in theory, motorists should act like there is one lane in each direction,



eliminating the issue of vehicles going around a turning vehicle. The disadvantage of this option is that it is just paint, so motorists could ignore it and go around turning traffic anyway.

### Mini-Roundabout:

Raised concrete splitter islands would be installed on Shoe and painted on Moores, due to less width. It's anticipated that no residential property would be affected. Traffic circles are designed to increase safety by slowing traffic and decreasing angle collisions, which are more injurious. Given the roundabout at CNU, Riverside residents should be more comfortable with the roundabout concept than most. While the likelihood of being T-boned decreases with a (see page 10)



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## Improvements Committee Report

**Fall Native Plants:** The native landscape at the beach is now going to sleep for the winter. Our purple asters, swamp sunflowers, blue mist flowers and goldenrod have put on a good show for late summer and fall, but are fading to brown and, along with our other plants, becoming the winter homes and food for native insects and birds. We leave the dead plant matter in place until later in the spring for this purpose.

On the corner by the brick pumping station, you may notice the beautiful winterberry bushes showing off their red berries for several months before the birds decide they are just ripe enough for a winter snack.

**Split rail Fence:** The car-damaged corner post and three rails have now been replaced. We also improved the wheel mechanism on the gate.

**Creek Rock Wall:** Our volunteers mixed another 1,200 pounds of concrete to assist our neighborhood mason, Kevin Jordan, in adding the next section to the wall. Each twenty-bag section takes about 4 to 5 hours of physical labor. Many thanks to Kenny Stump and David Singletary who rose to the occasion on a recent Saturday morning.

**Enhanced Security Camera System:** A mini-grant application for funds to pay for enhancing our beach security system has been submitted to the Neighborhood Watch Coalition Board. If the grant is approved, the purchase will be made by the Police Department.

## CNU Neighborhood Relations

No CNU Neighbor Relations meeting has been scheduled for this year. If you have problems or concerns, you are encouraged to attend the annual meeting on Jan 4th. A CNU official will be there to answer your questions. You are encouraged to attend!

CNU invited Riverside to participate in a "community walk" with the new CNU President, William Kelly on Monday Nov. 13. Newport News leaders, faculty members and students gathered at the Alumni House and walked down Shoe Lane to Riverside Elementary. They were met by the Booming Bears drum line who performed at this great community event.



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## Treasurer's Report Q4 2023

Of the 864 homes that are within the official boundaries of the Riverside, approximately 25% decide to become members by donating at least \$10.

The attached year-to-date budget summary shows where our donations are applied. Most of our expenses are reoccurring and predictable and related to supporting our community beach utilities, maintenance, special projects such as the creek wall, fencing and landscaping as well the several RCCA social events.

The newsletter essentially pays for itself via advertising contributions. The balance of our revenue comes from the generous contributions of our members.

We try to keep our yearly expenses in line with that year's contributions, so our reserve remains somewhat constant or grows over time. We have kept overall 2023 expenses well below our budget, yet our reserve balance has de-

clined over \$5,000 since 2022. Our reserve is important since our greatest uncontrollable expense is tree removal and other maintenance due to storms and decay.

This year, without a storm, tree removal costs so far are \$5,400. With less than two months to go, our projected contributions are short by about \$4,400, but we are hopeful our members will come through as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray A. Collins, III aka Mac

| 2023 RCCA Budget                    |                  |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11/15/23                            |                  |                   |                   |
|                                     | 2022             | 2023              | 2023              |
| Revenue                             | Actual           | Proposed          | YTD Actual        |
| Newsletter Advertising              | 4,225            | 4,225             | 4,125             |
| Dues/Donations                      | 20,670           | 20,000            | 15,599            |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                | <b>\$ 24,895</b> | <b>\$ 24,225</b>  | <b>\$ 19,724</b>  |
| Expense                             |                  |                   |                   |
| Beach upkeep/repairs                | 4,123            | 4,000             | 475               |
| Beach projects                      | 2,762            | 5,000             | 4,044             |
| Common Area Work                    | 374              | 3,300             | 5,550             |
| Easter Egg hunt                     | 83               | 150               | 88                |
| Family Cookout                      | 1,186            | 1,200             | 1,456             |
| Utilities                           | 3,134            | 3,500             | 3,452             |
| Wine & Cheese                       | 785              | 1,000             | 800               |
| Riverside Day                       | 3,443            | 3,500             | 3,395             |
| D & O Insurance                     | 812              | 812               | 812               |
| Social Media                        | 174              | 150               | 171               |
| Newsletter                          | 3,903            | 4,200             | 3,003             |
| Welcome Program                     | 1,405            | 1,500             | 850               |
| Office Expenses/Taxes               | 263              | 350               | 124               |
| National Night Out                  | 115              | 200               | 155               |
| <b>TOTAL Expense</b>                | <b>\$ 22,561</b> | <b>\$ 28,862</b>  | <b>\$ 24,374</b>  |
| <b>Contribution to General Fund</b> | <b>\$ 2,334</b>  | <b>\$ (4,637)</b> | <b>\$ (4,650)</b> |
| <b>Balances</b>                     | <b>\$ 27,636</b> | <b>\$ 24,225</b>  | <b>\$ 22,986</b>  |



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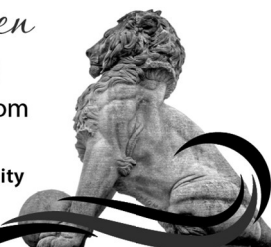
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roundabout, there is potential for increases in minor property damage collisions.

**Eastbound Turn Lane/Westbound centerline hatching with no turn lane:**

This option provides traffic storage for the heavier eastbound traffic turning left. It legitimizes through vehicles passing on the right of a turning car, while clearly defining westbound as one lane. The intersection is skewed so it is challenging to providing left turn lanes in both directions as far as sight lines are concerned. This option has a higher likelihood of compliance compared to a bump-out. It would also require losing a significant amount of on-street parking.

Thanks to the Newport News Traffic Division for providing Riverside with three viable options to consider. As their planning firms up, the drawings will be updated.

At this point, we are looking for resident input. Posts on Nextdoor and Facebook will be open for comment. Comments can also be made on our website.







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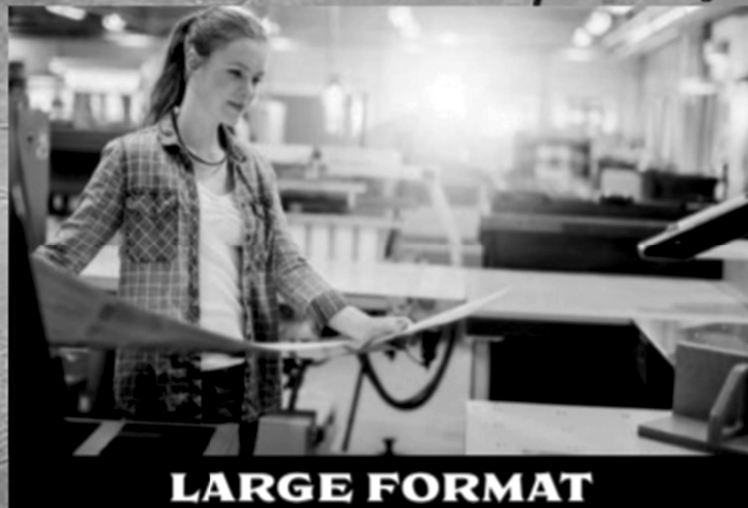
### What's Happening at Grace?

- Brown Bag Thanks Giving Donation 11/11/23
- Grace Serving PORT 12/8/23
- Candle light Christmas Eve Service  
12/24/23 at 3.30 PM

Contact the church office for more information

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| * Pastor Pop-in hours 4:00-5:30pm<br>(Every Thursday) | * "Points of Grace"<br>Knitting club |
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| Vice President (5 years) | Scott Cone          | 604 Riverside Drive        | (646) 853-0261. |
| Secretary (7 years)      | Kevin Hoffman       | 327 Parkway Drive          | (757) 596-0553  |
| Treasurer (8 years)      | Mac Collins         | 121 Tipton Road            | (757) 871-0356  |
| Board Member (31 years)  | Christine Doberneck | 324 Central Parkway        | (757) 596-5227  |
| Board Member (14 years)  | Tracy Johnson       | 322 Central Parkway        | (757) 303-1100  |
| Board Member (1 years)   | Wolfgang Leesch     | 504 Riverside Drive        | (646) 512-0448  |
| Board Member (7 years)   | Sue Peters          | 115 Dogwood Drive          | (757) 867-7520  |
| Board Member (0 years)   | Phil Tofts          | 25 Sir Francis Wyatt Place | (757) 651-3407  |
| Board Member (0 years)   | Tara Helmick        | 7 Sir Francis Wyatt Place  | (757) 618-0540  |
| Board Member (0 years)   | Liz Fitzpatrick     | Mistletoe Drive            | (626) 478-6260  |

## Community Contact Information

| <b>RCCA</b>                    | <b>Contact Information</b>             |                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RCCA Board                     | RCCA-newportnews.com                   | General questions, comments                                                      |
| Neighborhood Watch             | riversideNNneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com | Kevin Hoffman                                                                    |
| Newsletter                     |                                        | Sue Peters, Editor                                                               |
| RCCA Email Information/Updates |                                        | Carl Brakman maintains email notification list                                   |
| Neighborhood Events Committee  |                                        | Open                                                                             |
| Neighborhood Improvements      |                                        | Mac Collins                                                                      |
| Neighborhood Communications    |                                        | Sue Peters                                                                       |
| Welcome Committee              |                                        | Phil Tofts                                                                       |
| 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           |
| <b>Community</b>               |                                        |                                                                                  |
| 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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