



RIVERSIDE NEWS

Message from the President

2nd Quarter 2024

Hello Riversidians (Riversiders? People of Riverside?)! After the beautiful blooms of spring, we are in the full green lushness that makes our neighborhood so nice (right up until I start worrying all hurricane season).

We've had lots of happenings since last quarter. The neighborhood yard sale was moved from the blazing heat of July to the showers of April. We had at least 15 households participate and by all accounts, it was a success.

We had a productive clean-up day at the beach in preparation for our Easter festivities. After postponing the Easter Egg Hunt for a week due to rain, we had a fantastic turn out. The grass and



beach areas were basically saturated with 1036 candy filled eggs, yet the little grubbers snatched them up in minutes. Apparently like mall Santas, there must be some arrangement the Easter Bunny makes to deputize proxy bunnies because this one was much skinner than last year (and I assume not due to Ozempic).

Thanks to all the volunteers who cleaned up the beach, and help stuff and lay eggs. And special thanks to the teenage Bunny who volunteered to fill in, even at the risk of being exposed on social media.

At the annual meeting, the City presented a few options to address safety concerns at the intersection at Moores and Shoe Ln. The quickest and cheapest option was to add crosswalks and to hash out the extra pavement that was inviting to people in a hurry to get around turning traffic. The City felt the

limited sightlines when overtaking a stopped car created a hazard to pedestrians and other oncoming turning vehicles. Hopefully people will obey the painted restricted area and the city won't have to implement plans for physical bump outs or a traffic circle.

For several years, residents have expressed concerns about insufficient cell phone coverage in the neighborhood, while some others have been concerned about possible health effects from 5G radiation. Because 5G range is much shorter than 3/4G, the large, tall cell towers (that require public hearings) are becoming obsolete. State law allows cell companies to install "small cell" 5G antennas on existing structures and utility poles, after going through local permitting processes, which are limited in what grounds rejections can be made. Permits have been granted and at least three antennae have been installed near CNU (two on Shoe, one on Moores N.).

Congratulations go out to our neighborhood high school and college graduating seniors, including board members' children Chloe Cone from HRA and Katherine Scott from UMW. Good luck to all in your future endeavors!

Finally, please consider volunteering to serve on the board or as a member of one of the RCCA committees! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and help make Riverside such a wonderful place to live. Hope to see you at the Family Picnic!

John Scott, RCCA President



Riverside waits for Lions Bridge to reopen August 9th.

RCCA Events

Riverside Family Picnic

June 22

5:00 - 9:00 at the Beach

National Night Out

Aug 6th

6:00 - 7:30 at the Beach

Local Summer Fun

Mariners' Museum Sips and Trips

Saturday, June 22 6:30

Lil' Mariners' Wonder Wednesdays

New early childhood program

June 26 to Aug 28

Wednesday mornings 9:30

Lionsbridge FC Soccer

Todd Stadium 7:00

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/3, 7/6 7/13

Port Warwick Concerts

Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00

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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 RCCA membership was 127 thru May 14 2024. 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>

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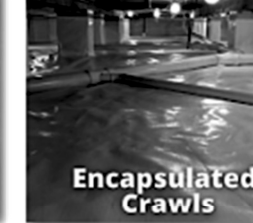
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Neighborhood Watch

While the occasional “nearby” crime notices pop up on our phones regularly, the overall year over year crime rate for both Newport News and our Central Precinct is down. City-wide, the year-to-date overall crime rate is down 9% compared to last year. The Central precinct numbers are even better - - down 16%.

Improvements in policing are part of the reason, but some of the credit should go to heightened awareness and vigilance among the residents in various neighborhoods. If we continue to make sure our vehicles are locked and we don't leave valuables in them, they become less attractive targets. Likewise, locking our house doors and windows and keeping lights on helps make our homes safer. Keep up the good work Riverside!



On Aug. 6 from 6:00—7:30 at Riverside Beach, please join our Neighborhood Watch and the RCCA for the annual National Night Out event. You will have the chance to meet and speak with our NNPD officers and local officials. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with the officers that patrol our streets. They are scheduled to arrive at 6:30 p.m., but as they visit so many groups, the time could vary slightly. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

Riverside Family Picnic

Come celebrate the start of summer and enjoy our beautiful beach with fun for the whole family at RCCA's Family Picnic, June 22nd from 5:00—9:00 at the beach.

We'll have music by Slack Dog Po and food and beverages for the whole family. This is a free event for Riverside residents, but donations are welcome. Extra parking will be available on Central Parkway. This is a weather dependent event so check our social media pages in the case of inclement weather. Hope to see you there!



No Dumping

The RCCA board has been asked to remind Riverside residents that there is no place in our neighborhood authorized for dumping. All Riverside property is owned by a neighbor, the RCCA, or is a city easement and is not available for your trash disposal.

Instead, please take advantage of the bulk pick-up service supplied by Newport News every two weeks. You can put household items on the curb 24 hours before our bulk pickup every other Monday, or leaves and yard debris (less than 6 feet in length) can go out starting the Saturday before a scheduled pickup. Thank you!

Envelopes and Dues

In the past, with every newsletter, the RCCA has sent out envelopes addressed to our Membership Coordinator to facilitate payment of membership dues. The vast majority of these envelopes end up in the trash.

The last newsletter contained an envelope to use when paying your 2024 neighborhood association dues. This newsletter does not, but we encourage you to not let that stop you! We still accept dues in envelopes provided by you. And you can always use Venmo for a totally paperless transaction. Please note your address on your Venmo payment.

Finally, if you want to see your name in the next newsletter, make sure you have your contribution to Tracy Johnson by Aug. 5th. As always, thanks for your support!

RCCA

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| May 22 | Brasswind Motown, R&B, Classic Horn Band Sound |
| May 29 | Bobby Blackhat & Fade to Blue Award winning recording artist - Blues Showcase, You never know what's going to happen |
| June 5 | Girl Can't Help It Hits from the 80s, all female Journey tribute |
| June 12 | Down River Southern Rock, Traditional Country |
| June 19 | BJ Griffin Band As seen on America's Got Talent - Mix of Classical, Funk, Jazz, Pop, R&B/ Soul, Rock |
| June 26 | Soul Intent Funk and Soul Rhythms from the 60s and 70s |
| July 3 | Revelation Versatile, High Energy Band |
| July 10 | Blackout Classic and Modern Rock, Party Band |
| July 17 | Celeste Kellogg CMA, Nashville charting recording artist - Country, Rock, Pop |
| July 24 | Phazz II Smooth and Funky Jazz |
| July 31 | 2nd Wynd Band Contemporary R&B |
| Aug 7 | Wonderland High-energy Party Band |
| Aug 14 | Anthony Rosano & the Conqueroos National Young Artist, #1 on the iTunes blues chart - Funk, Rock and Roll |
| Aug 21 | USAF Rhythm in Blue Patriotic, Dynamic Jazz Ensemble |
| Aug 28 | Good Shot Judy Swing and Swagger with Classic Vocal Jazz Entertainment |

Fridays at 7:00pm...



TRADOC Band
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92nd Season Concert Schedule



- June 7 U.S. Army 249th Birthday Celebration (patriotic music)
- June 21 7 Cities Brass Band (rock, pop, funk)
- July 12 The 208th Army Band Jazz Ensemble (WWII-era big band and patriotic classics)
- July 28 TRADOC Rock (classic and modern rock n' roll)
- August 9 TRADOC Big Band (classics from the swing era)
- August 23 1812 Overture Season Finale (large ensemble favorites)

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Improvement Committee Report

Trash Service at the Beach

The RCCA pays monthly for trash pickup service to the beach. Bay Disposal currently comes every other week to dump our container. Our volunteer labor drags the 95-gallon container up the gravel path to the street and back down again the next day. Volunteer labor also recycles aluminum we collect. The trash volume is growing overall and increases with the warmer weather so will likely exceed our current capacity and require additional funds and effort. To make this process more efficient and less costly we have relocated the trash and aluminum containers to the utility area over by the port-a-potty. This also removes the smelly containers from the deck area. We are encouraging folks to pack out their trash and hopefully get the word out to others to do the same. If the increase in volume continues, we will have to double our monthly cost and required labor to manage trash that could be taken back home as easily as it was brought to the beach. Again, please spread the word to others.

Dog Waste Stations Update

The RCCA, in addition to trash service at the beach, provides 7 dog waste receptacles with pick up bags throughout the neighborhood to improve the quality of the water in the creek as it flows into the James. These of course must be maintained and processed on a regular basis. We are pleased to announce we have a new volunteer. Our long-time neighbor from Sir Francis Wyatt, Ike Barr, has agreed to take on this noble task. Ike, you may know, from seeing him at his family's business, Guaranteed Auto Services, over on Warwick Blvd. His willingness to help is much appreciated.

New Security Cameras

We have received the Wyze cameras provided by the city as

part of a grant to improve security at the beach. The cameras have been installed on the light poles and are fully operational. Thanks goes to our former RCCA president and loyal volunteer, Pat Freeman, for providing (and holding) the ladder to assure a safe and expedient installation.

Creek Wall Project

The rock pile at the beach is gradually getting smaller as our volunteers, led by Kevin Jordan, completed yet another "20 bagger" of concrete mixing to add another segment to the wall. Each "20 bagger" segment takes about 3 to 4 hours to complete and includes about 1,200 pounds of concrete along with the rocks, rebar and screw-anchors necessary to comply with the city approved design. Special thanks to Chris Collins and Austin Freeman for supporting this ongoing effort.

Native Plant Project

It's hard to believe that we are in our fourth year of the RCCA Native Plants Project. This ongoing effort is especially gratifying as spring arrives and the wide variety of species start to reveal their progress from the year before. Currently blooming are:

- ♦ **Golden Ragwort**, now transforming bright yellow flowers into downy seeds ready to spread throughout the garden.
- ♦ **Lynnhaven Carpet**, a dainty daisy look-alike named for the Lynnhaven River in VA Beach also now spreading seeds in the wind
- ♦ **Blue Flag Iris**, is thriving in the wetland habitat, the wetter the better!
- ♦ Flowering shrubs **Henry's Garnet**, **Arrowwood**, **Viburnum** and **Clethra Alnifolia**.



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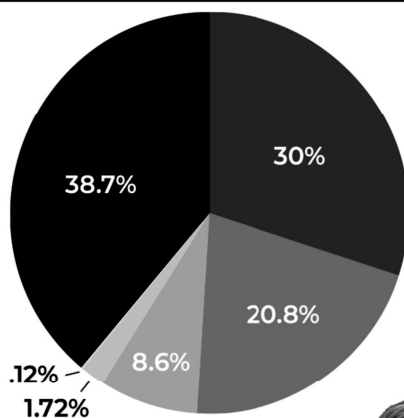
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