



RIVERSIDE NEWS

Message from the President

Snow! After a few years without a significant covering of the frozen white chaos inducer, we got a good reminder that Virginia weather is capable of a full four-season display. Snow days off school were the best growing up, not sure what to think about “asynchronous” days that the NNPS kids just had.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting of Members and Community Forum on Thursday January 9th was improved over the year prior, most likely motivated by a scheduled discussion of the Traffic Calming review process underway currently for a portion of Country Club. The City tried to make it understandable, as they also did a few weeks later at a meeting a Riverside Elementary, but it is challenging since they don't seem overly compelled to follow their own guidelines. What we do know is that when a resident expresses a concern, the City tries to balance the safety issues with all other considerations.

Nothing is set yet, and we are a long way from the second-to-last step, if it gets that far, for citizens to call in with their opinions after signs are posted. Having two City Councilmen in attendance may have helped convince the dedicated NNPD representatives to immediately increase law enforcement presence and ticketing. Officers issued 9 speeding citations the week after the annual meeting (vs. the 38 reported at the 2nd meeting which included areas outside of Riverside)

and traffic seems to have slowed. But please remember, traffic calming solutions like speed bumps wouldn't need to exist if we had unlimited law enforcement resources, and we know that isn't possible. Please be patient and let the process work. It is designed to let the citizens on Country Club who are most impacted start the process with a 75% majority. And for the rest of us, please share your opinion. It is representative government in action!

Thank you to all the officials from City Hall, CNU, NNPD who addressed questions and concerns from the residents and to City Life Church for hosting us. We are truly grateful for the support you provide for the citizens of our special neighborhood.

We again failed to have a quorum required to conduct elections during the Annual Meeting of Members. The Board assumed responsibility to elect membership for 2025, but we look forward to having enough in-person attendance and proxies to conduct a proper election next year.

Please note inside, a featured article by Treasurer and Improvements Committee chair Mac Collins. He details the need for a capital improvements project at the beach involving the damaged and deteriorating wall. We need to hire professionals for this one and potentially raise money beyond your normal generous donations. We welcome your expertise and advice, as we want to do this properly but economically.

John Scott, RCCA President



A rare site at
Riverside Beach

1st Quarter 2025

RCCA Events

Spring Cleanup

April 5, 9 -12 at the Beach

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10 -10:30 Beach

Riverside Yard Sale

April 26, 8:00 - 1:00

Local Events

Mariners' Museum

Milkids Festival

April 6, 12 - 4

Sips and Trips

June 26, 6:30 - 9:30

CNU Graduation May 17, 8-4

Ferguson Center

Book of Mormon,

March 19, 20 7:30

Addams Family,

April 6, 7:00

Newport News Park

Outdoor Enthusiast Event

April 19, 10 - 5

Children's Festival of Friends

May 3, 10 - 3

Port Warwick

Summer Concert Series

May 21—Aug 27

Wednesdays 6 - 9

Hilton Village

Spring Festival, April 27, 11- 5

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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 2024 RCCA membership was 184. 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.

Hello!
from your neighbor at 100 Riverside Drive.

The market is still HOT because of the low inventory.

As the #1 agent at our Peninsula Liz Moore and Associates office in 2024,

I help sellers prepare their home for the market to help maximize their bottom line and help in the transition to their next location.

Who am I?



In elementary school my parents asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" With their advice, a "career in real estate" became my focus.

My family moved to Virginia in 2000. Having lived all over the world, as a daughter of a career Air Force chaplain, I am familiar with moving. In April 2001, I obtained my Realtor license.



My mom, Barbara Braswell, a schoolteacher for more than 20 years, left the classroom and became a Realtor. *Thanks Mom!* We were known as a "dynamic duo!" as we served our clients until she retired in January 2004.

Married in 2003, my husband, Jon, and I love to travel, attend church, hike, and spend time with family and friends. We moved to Riverside in 2017. I joined the Riverside Board and created the Welcome Committee in 2018. Several neighbors and I have been delivering *It's a Wonderful Life* welcome baskets to many new neighbors.

We love neighborhood beach events. The photo at left was taken at the Easter egg hunt. If you see us, please say, "hi!"



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Beach Bulkhead/ Retaining Wall Compromised

A Major Capital Expense

The bulkhead/retaining wall that runs in front of the deck was designed and constructed in 1989 and repaired after hurricane Isabel in 2003. We are fortunate to have the original builder, local resident Jim Hopkins, as a consultant to teach us the lessons learned from observing the eroding effects of major storms over the years.

The missing section next to the neighbor's painted concrete wall was destroyed by a northeaster storm some years ago. The steep slope above it is beginning to collapse along with the supporting shrubs and trees. In addition, the section in front of the deck and benches has rotted and failed.

Because the beach is at the center of RCCA's mission to maintain its property and encourage community engagement for our members, it must be preserved. We have initiated the process to design and build the best long-term solution to protect it from future flooding and storms. It's needed for the very survival of our community's most valuable asset.

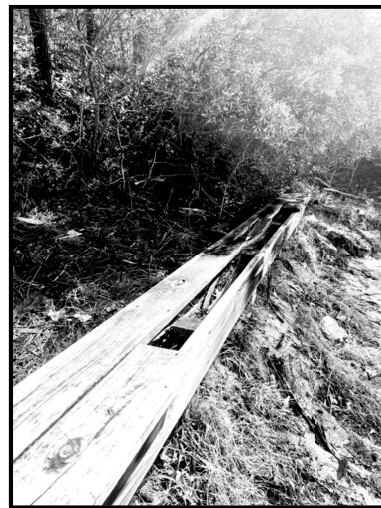
Financing The Project

The RCCA has accumulated a contingency fund by keeping annual expenses less than the generous do-

nations of our members, combined with the net advertising revenue from our quarterly newsletter. We have been fortunate in past years not to have incurred major expenses, such as tree removal, and other damage from storms.

Additionally, most of our past infrastructure projects have been accomplished with volunteer labor and materials purchased directly from suppliers, or directly hiring inexpensive labor with oversight by the RCCA.

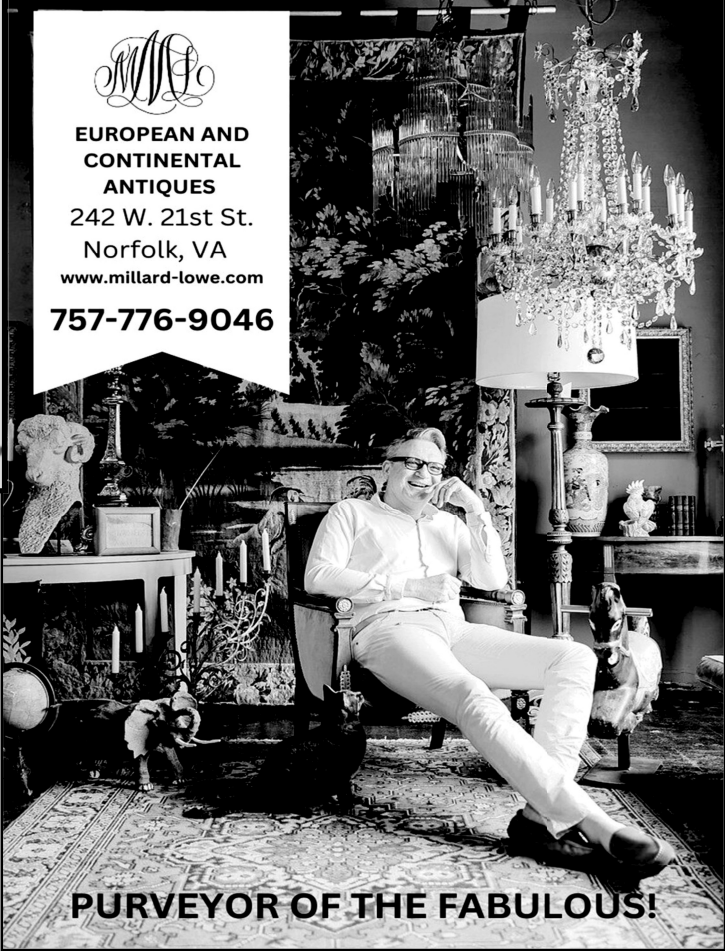
For this major capital improvement, that low-cost approach is not feasible due to the complexity, skill level and stringent design requirements. We are not yet certain of the cost of this critical project and hope to have budget estimates available soon to determine if we need to solicit additional funding from our membership.



Start going thru your closets, it's time for the RCCA community yard sale! Planned for the spring again on **Saturday, April 26**, the RCCA will coordinate advertising, but permits must be purchased by each participant at the Dresden police office. You can also fill out the form on the RCCA website, and mail it in with your \$5 fee. Please let us know if you plan to participate by using the website contact form on **RCCA-newport news.com**. We will then add you to the neighborhood map of participating households.



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Spring Cleanup

The RCCA is organizing a cleanup effort on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00-12:00. Please help take care of our beautiful beach property and other areas of Riverside by bringing garden tools (rakes, loppers etc.) to clear brush and tidy up mulch beds after our winter storms. We'll meet at the beach property at 9:00. Lunch will be provided for volunteers at 12:00. All are welcome, so feel to bring the family!



Easter Egg Hunt



On Saturday April 12, the RCCA will host our annual Easter Egg hunt starting at 10:00 at the beach. Each year, Riverside children attend and quickly recover the eggs carefully hidden by the Easter Bunny (and his helpers). This event is open to all Riverside residents and their guests. There will be a supervised egg hunt for children (age 12 and under), entertainment, and treats. A special area for age 4 and under will be set up. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to the Saturday before Easter, April 19th.

If you could help, please contact any board member or leave a comment on our website, **RCCA-Newport news.com**

Neighborhood Watch

As the charts on the next page reflect, there is negligible crime in our neighborhood. In discussions with the Police Department, our numbers are far below other areas of the Central District and the rest of the City.

The first two charts compare the year over year crime rates in Riverside thru Feb. 20, 2025. Although the year is young, it is good to see a downward trend year-to-date compared to last year at this time.

The last chart details the total offenses and reports taken in 2024, which were also relatively low. Keep up the good work and keep an eye out!





Chuck Worley
President



Chase Worley
Vice President
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Neighborhood Watch

Country Club/ Riverside YTD Offenses	
Jan 1, 2025 - February 20, 2025	
Offenses / Reports Taken	Count
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT, FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	1
DECEASED PERSON	1
Grand Total	3

Country Club/ Riverside YTD Offenses	
Jan 1, 2024 - February 20, 2024	
Offenses / Reports Taken	Count
BURGLARY/B & E	1
BURGLARY/B & E, DAMAGE PROPERTY	1
LARCENY	1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	1
DAMAGE PROPERTY	1
ANNOYING PHONE CALLS	1
DECEASED PERSON	1
Grand Total	7

Country Club/ Riverside 2024 Offenses	
Jan 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024	
Offenses / Reports Taken	Count
SIMPLE ASSAULT	3
INTIMIDATION	2
EXTORT	1
BURGLARY/B & E	1
BURGLARY/B & E, DAMAGE PROPERTY	1
LARCENY	2
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	3
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	1
IDENTITY THEFT	3
DAMAGE PROPERTY	5
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2
JUVENILE - RUNAWAY	3
ANNOYING PHONE CALLS	1
DECEASED PERSON	4
OVERDOSE, DECEASED PERSON	1
LEAVING THE SCENE	2
CPS REFERRAL	1
Grand Total	36

2024 Treasurer's Report

2024 RCCA Financial Statement		12/31/24
	2023	2024
Revenue	Actual	Actual
Newsletter Advertising	6,823	6,025
Dues/Donations	17,451	18,488
Total Revenue	\$24,274	\$24,513
Expense		
Beach upkeep/repairs	475	956
Beach projects	4,171	1,488
Common Area Work	5,400	-
Events	5,601	5,802
National Night Out	155	131
Utilities	4,013	4,529
Website	171	191
Newsletter	4,038	3,479
Welcome Program	386	645
Office Exp/Taxes	249	301
D & O Insurance	812	912
Total Expense	\$25,471	\$18,433
Change to Gen Fund	\$ (1,197)	\$ 6,080
Year End Balance	\$25,074	\$31,154

Lion's Bridge Dam Improvement

Riverside's only active City capital improvement project is coming to a close. On Feb. 24, the Lions Bridge Dam safety project passed its final walk thru with its primary construction contractor, Kokosing. They will be back later in the spring to reseed the slope and to plant wetland vegetation at the new shoreline. Kokosing is currently working on final record drawings. Construction closeout is expected at the end of May.



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Faith Formation Groups -11 AM

Pastor Pop-ins Thurs 4-5:30pm scan for our Facebook page
Choir Thurs 5:30-6:15pm and more details
Troop 27 Monday evenings
Points of Grace Crafting Group
Men's & Women's groups
Ladies Day Out



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March & April Worship Series- Doing Lent Inside Out
Prepare your heart for Easter in ways that impact others

4/13- Palm Sunday Worship

4/18- Good Friday Service at 6:30pm

4/20- EASTER WORSHIP @10am

followed by EGG HUNT, crafts, and story time for
kids and families

May Worship Series- Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs- *noun, plural*

- 1) real or plastic eggs hunted by children at Easter.
- 2) Bonus software features hidden by programmers.
- 3) An Easter worship series revealing how Old Testament "Easter Eggs" written about Jesus impact life and faith of His followers today.

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Board Member (2 year)	Tara Helmick	7 Sir Francis Wyatt Place	(757) 618-0540

Community Contact Information

RCCA	Contact Information	
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Newsletter	suelspeters@gmail.com	Sue Peters, Editor
Membership	Tracy Johnson	Mail dues to 322 Central Parkway
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
City Water	(757) 926-1000	Evenings or weekends, call 234-4800
Dominion Virginia Power	1-866-366-4357	Dominion Power also maintains street lights
Cox Cable	(757) 224-2222	Problems with cable TV service
Virginia Natural Gas	1-877-572-3342	Gas leak or service questions