



RIVERSIDE NEWS

Message from the President

3rd Quarter 2024

Salutations, residents of Riverside! Summer is basically over by the time this gets delivered and so begins some peoples' favorite time, football season! Or back to school time or crisp autumn days, whatever it may be to you, I hope it is a good one. Last year I noted the unusually cool June but my weather app and electric bill say it rebounded back to normal, and my water bill would have reflected the drought, had I chosen to actually water.

A blazing hot forecast I think scared away a few families from attending the Family Cookout. Somehow the band, Slack Dog Po, endured the 95+ degree conditions and kept tunes going well into the evening as a smaller but appreciative crowd stayed well hydrated. Special thanks to grill master Pat Freeman! And on a happy final note, a missing phone was found by its owner several days later buried in the sand!

Our activities chair from last year, took a job opportunity out of state just before the picnic so we are actively looking for volunteers to assist with the upcoming Riverside Day party and the Wine and Cheese/bonfire. Please contact a board member or use the Contact form on the website if you would like to

assist in bringing folks together for these traditional neighborhood events. Include your kids, and it becomes a great learning opportunity, teaching the value of shared community!

Once again, National Night Out (first Tuesday of August) had a better turnout by law enforcement than by residents. Sure, they like to come because it is the nicest setting of the several gatherings around the city, but it really would be good for more people to turn out and ask questions and make connections with those who look out for us. Special thanks to Kevin Hoffman who has kept the connection strong with the NNPD; I am certain we all benefit from the relationship because they know us and appreciate our support.

Lions Bridge is open to vehicles again and Martha's way has begun. More information can be found on our website, which is also a great way to learn of upcoming events, make your annual membership donation and to volunteer to serve on a committee or join the board! Please consider how you could help to make Riverside an even better community.

John Scott,
RCCA President

Riverside's Little Libraries Thriving

If you haven't had a chance to check out Riverside's Free Little Library's, you are missing out. Rebecca Fass reports that traffic is brisk at their box at 203 Riverside Drive, with regular customers arriving on foot, in cars, or driving toy jeeps! With over 50 books, and titles from

Robert Ludlum to Mother Teresa, there is something for everyone. At Riverside Elementary, there's local children's author David Messick's book Never Give Up, a set of Berenstain Bear books, DVD's fighting cyberbullying and much more. Just another reason to love living in Riverside!



Riverside Elementary School



203 Riverside Drive

Riverside Day
September 21
5 - 9 at the Beach
Wine and Cheese Social
November 2
5 - 9 at the Beach
Autumn Bonfire
Date To be Determined

Local Fall Fun
Mariners' Museum
What's Brewing 9/20 10:00
Monitor Legacy Programs
9/20 12:00
10/11 12:00
CNU Home Football
Johns Hopkins, 9/14, 5:00
Dickenson, Oct 12, 1:00
Rowen, Oct 19, 1:00
Wm. Patterson, Nov 2, 1:00
College of N. J. Nov 16, 1:00
Ferguson Center
Charlottes Web Sept 29, 3:00
The Price is Right Oct 8 7:30

Port Warwick
Art and Sculpture Festival
October 12-13, 10:00-6:00
Hilton Village Fall Festival
Oct 26, 11:00-4:00

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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 156 thru Aug 6, 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>

or use the board member contact info on the back of the newsletter.

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Martha's Way Begins

As our Riverside neighbors who have walked down to Lions Bridge have seen, work on Martha's Way began a little over a month ago. Remember that Martha's Way, named in honor of Martha Goodson, serves two purposes: to provide a safer pedestrian route in between the Riverside community and the Lions Bridge and Noland Trail, and to provide a safer vantage point of the James River in front of Kettle Pond for everyone that visits the Lions Bridge.

It is easiest to think about Martha's Way in three parts or components:

- 1) Widen Museum Parkway through the curve in front of 101 Museum Parkway to Riverside Drive.
- 2) Build a boardwalk with two overlooks immediately adjacent to Lions Bridge.
- 3) Develop a walking path, Martha's Way, that will run parallel to Museum parkway, ending at the new boardwalk.

The Mariners' contractor for the project, Blair Brothers, has begun work on "Phase I" of Martha's Way: the widening of Museum Parkway and construction of the connecting path. This work can proceed while the work on Lions Bridge is underway. "Phase II," of Martha's Way, the construction of the boardwalk and overlooks, will begin upon the conclusion of the Lions Bridge work. We staggered the project in this way because there is a slight overlap between the footprints of the two construction projects that necessitated one project going first and the other going second. We wanted to be sure to minimize foot and other traffic during the Lions Bridge work.

Despite some weather delays, progress continues. Stay tuned for future updates as we draw closer to the completion of both the Lions Bridge work and the start of Phase II of Martha's Way!



Riverside Day

Where: Riverside Beach

When: September 21 5 - 9

Why: To Celebrate the best neighborhood in Newport News

What: Live music, games for the kids, a balloon artist, delicious food and an ice cream truck back by popular demand

Who: All residents of Riverside. RCCA membership is not required, but membership dues pay for this event. Donations are always welcome, or you can join that night

Parking: Available on Central Park way with No Parking signs covered.

Help Needed: Shopping, setup, serving and cleanup.

For event updates, check the website, and signs posted around the neighborhood. We hope to see you all there!

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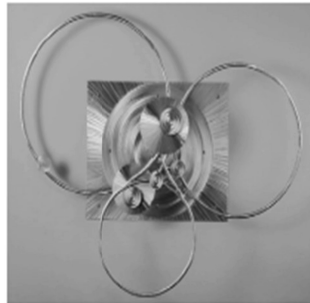
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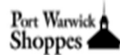
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Neighborhood Watch

The crime rate remains low in the Riverside neighborhood. We should credit the vigilance among our neighbors for keeping an eye out for what's happening around us, leaving our lights on, and making sure our houses and vehicles are secure.

The annual National Night Out event was held on August 6th at the beach. Police officers, members of the major Crimes Division, and representatives from the 911 Dispatch team were there, sharing information about local break-ins and supporting our community. Unfortunately, they outnumbered us 4 to 1, with only 7 residents in attendance. Hopefully next year will be better. Missing an opportunity to interact with the people whose professional mission is to serve and protect us is an opportunity missed!



The RCCA is always looking for help delivering its newsletter. It takes about 18 hours 4 times a year, and pays a competitive wage. If you or your group are interested in this opportunity, contact
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Welcome Committee Rolls out Red Carpet

Please join us in welcoming Mary Margaret and Ross McCallie, their three children Lydia (6), Graeme (4), and baby Smith (1), and their two miniature labradoodles, Dottie and Munchkin. They moved in July from the browns and reds of Albuquerque, where Ross was completing a fellowship as an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon, to the greens and blues of Riverside.

Mary Margaret is a pediatric nurse, taking a break to take care of the kids. Lydia is a good big sister, with a tender and nurturing spirit. They all enjoy Graeme's sense of humor and inquisitive personality, and Smith is their, giggly, snuggly, rowdy little boy! Mary Margaret and Ross are originally from Macon Georgia, where they were high school sweethearts. When she is not chasing kids, Mary Margaret enjoys crafting, sewing and painting. Ross enjoys golfing and knows his way around their kitchen. After their many years of moving around the country for school, they claim to be staying here for good! We sure hope so!



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1204 Scotland Ter	4	2.5	2,370	\$460,000	07/12/24	811 Riverside Dr	4	2.5	3,536	\$1,790,000	04/01/24
201 Central Pw	3	3	2,452	\$396,000	07/12/24	118 Shoe Ln	2	1	1,284	\$284,900	03/20/24
211 Riverside Dr	5	3/2	5,423	\$2,200,000	06/29/24	418 Mimosa Dr	3	2.5	1,964	\$415,000	03/18/24
112 Parkway Dr	3	2.5	3,156	\$575,000	06/07/24	1208 Scotland Ter	3	2.5	2,071	\$405,000	03/15/24
310 Longwood Dr	4	2	1,975	\$396,000	05/24/24	304 Mimosa Dr	5	3	1,651	\$285,000	03/08/24
1202 Morgan Dr	2	1	1,000	\$228,425	05/15/24	208 Country Club Rd	5	3.5	3,079	\$532,500	03/08/24
19 Club Ter	5	4	3,690	\$712,500	05/15/24	25 Spottswood Ln	4	3	3,604	\$730,000	02/27/24
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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		
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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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