



## Relay Improvement Association Newsletter

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### February 2018

WINTER 2018 RIA EVENTS CALENDAR	
February 2018	
Monday, February 12, 7:30 PM	RIA General Meeting
Thursday, February 8	Men's Club
Sunday, February 18, 6-8PM	Covered Dish (Muccio/Sheets)
Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 PM	Relay Bookies
Thursday, February 22	Men's Club
MARCH 2018	
Thursday, March 1	Men's Club
Thursday, March 15	Men's Club
Sunday, March 18, 6-8 PM	Covered Dish (TBD)
Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 PM	Relay Bookies

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

##### Greetings, Relay Improvement Association members and citizens!

Well, winter finally arrived. After weeks of being cool and rather nice, the temperature plunged after Christmas and we're running out of firewood. So maybe it's time to order another cord of wood, sit back with a cup of warm cocoa, and enjoy a quiet winter's respite.

That being said, it's not toooooo quiet...

Many things have been afoot in Relay: The renovation project at Lansdowne is still on tap; Baltimore County sent their engineers and school board reps to a meeting at the high school to present the proposal and listen to the community

reaction. A number of opinions and comments were raised, and it felt like this is a district that just hasn't been listened to for a number of years.

Hopefully, this will change, and with the addition of the new school at Relay, full bore renovation at Lansdowne, and a nice new brewery, it seems that we're off to a good start.

Special thanks to Adrienne Wheeler and Sheila Muccio for organizing the Relay House Tour. We are also grateful to the people who opened their houses and the army of volunteers that made it happen. It was a magical evening and our neighborhood looked beautiful.



We will be having a busy meeting in February. There will be an election to fill the VP position (I am really happy for this one) and we expect to have the Principal from Relay Elementary School, Mr. Barnett, come and give a talk/get to know us.

Likewise, there will be a report on the actions taken with the investment fund, as well as review of a number of projects that need to be done in the Town Hall. We're expecting a busy, warm, and fun-filled meeting, so please come out and join us!

**RIA GENERAL MEETING – Monday, February 12 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall**

Please join us at the next community meeting on Monday evening, February 12 at 7:30 PM. As usual, we will hear neighborhood event updates, along with information from our representatives in Annapolis and our safety update from Officer Wareheim. We will talk about various committees and how you can help.

**Election for vice-president**

At our February meeting, we will be voting for a vice-president as we, thankfully, have two candidates who have volunteered. Thank you, Louise Ricketts and Peter Sonntag. We want to remind everyone that our bylaws state that only **2018** members may vote. So, join as quickly as you can, but definitely by February 12. In mid-January, we sent an email to remind people to print out the online membership form and send it in before the General Meeting. Yes, you can still join the night of the meeting. Residents will have to complete the form, bring their check or cash for \$15 and submit it that night, in order to receive a paper ballot.

Any neighbors who mailed in their forms will be sent to a different table with a list of members whose forms were received at our P.O. Box as of the day of the meeting, February 12. They will be given a paper ballot, if they are on the membership list. Mail your form in plenty of time to make it on the membership list or you will not be able to vote.

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food for **Southwest Emergency Services (SWES)** to the RIA General Meeting. Thanks to Dot Teipe for transporting the food to SWES.

**Please Become an RIA Member**

Please help support your community by becoming a member of the RIA. RIA \$15 annual membership dues are currently due for the fiscal year covering January 1 – December 31, 2018. Your dues help offset the cost of this newsletter, help defray the costs of maintaining the Town Hall, and provide the seed money for many of our community events. RIA members in good standing will receive a discount on Town Hall rental rates.

Please complete the membership form enclosed with this newsletter and return it today! Or go to [www.relaymaryland.com](http://www.relaymaryland.com) to print a form. We need everybody to participate by joining, even if you cannot volunteer time for projects and events.

**BOOKIES – Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall**

We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month for 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Relay Town Hall. All are cordially invited to join us for our lively discussions.

**MEN’S CLUB – Thursday, February 8 and 22**

Men’s Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. For information, contact Ed Hardester at [edward.hardester@ngc.com](mailto:edward.hardester@ngc.com) or 443-257-9981.

**COVERED DISH – Sunday, February 18, 6-8 PM**

Next covered dish events:

February – Sheila Muccio and Jon Sheets  
March – TBD

If you are interested in hosting a covered dish at your home, usually on the third Sunday of the month from 6-8PM, please contact Kathy at [kathleen61@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen61@comcast.net) or 410-294-3479.

Hearty thanks to Dolores and Herb Plitt for hosting a wonderful covered dish dinner party at their house in January. It was terrific to share delicious snacks and chat with our friendly neighbors. We relaxed and had fun.







over \$1400 for the Town Hall maintenance fund and we have heard very complimentary things from tourists. The gentleman from Catonsville who won the raffle basket said that he had come out that evening only begrudgingly, but was surprised and delighted by what a good time he had.

The homes featured this year were: the Garrison home on Viaduct, the Wellman home on S. Rolling, the Lovelace home on Tulip, the Trevey-Greathouse home on Arlington, and the Monde home on S. Rolling Rd. We would like to also thank the Branhams for being inspirational leaders for the tour, and although they were not able to open for tourists this year, we are sure they'll be participating at a future tour.



### **HOUSE TOUR**

This past December's House Tour was beautiful. It was held on Saturday, December 9 from 6- 8 pm and started at the Catholic Community at Relay with a short informational talk on the church's architecture and history from Mr. Neil Jensen. We had a thickish dusting of snow that showed our neighborhood off in its most flattering light while being not in the least treacherous; each of the homes was turned out in holiday glory and just over 80 tourists walked through Relay to take in our history and hospitality.

It really cannot be overstated what a success this year's tour was. Each homeowner who participated had decorated and brightened their home until it shone, each of the stops was cozy and warm and welcoming, and the neighborhood itself could not have been more beautiful. The effort raised just



A special thanks to all of our volunteers who made this cheerful night a success; Susan Carnevale who baked and took hours out of her weekend to help prepare maps and the like, Arthur Wheeler who wrangled his wild offspring so that other hands could be free, Jon and Cole Sheets who shoveled and salted to make sure we were all safe perambulators.

We also thank Rob and Kristen Ricigliano who baked and schlepped from house to house with cheer, and Kurt Hoffman and Karen Sampson who adorned the event in their historical togs lent expertise and manpower generously. We are also grateful to Marjean Irwin and Neil Jensen who hosted at the Catholic Community Relay starting point to start everyone off right.



Thanks also to Dylan Megarity who lit the way, Kathy Plitt who made the raffle basket something really worth coveting and Janice Smith who made the evening sweeter. And last but not least, thanks to Theda Mayer whose presence at the Monde home was not only a nod to continuity, but a welcome smile to everyone.

#### **WELCOME BASKET BRIGADE**

Please consider joining our merry band of do-gooders who distribute welcome baskets to new neighbors. All you need to do is provide a small welcome treat for our new neighbors. Something homemade, home grown, or store bought, all are very much appreciated! The next delivery will be in the afternoon on Saturday, February 3. Please contact Kathy Plitt at [443-255-8277](tel:443-255-8277) or [plittk@yahoo.com](mailto:plittk@yahoo.com) if you would like to contribute, help fill, or deliver a basket. Baskets are also welcomed. If you know of a new neighbor who should be welcomed, please contact Kathy.

#### **RELAY DAY**

It may seem months away now, but Relay Day will be here before you know it! If anyone would like to volunteer to help coordinate the day, please contact Laura and Jen at [jermvetock@yahoo.com](mailto:jermvetock@yahoo.com). We are specifically looking for someone to help coordinate volunteers. Look for meeting announcements in the spring!

#### **NEWS FROM GUINNESS**

Please note that Guinness Open Gate Brewery and Barrel House is now open on Thursdays, as well as Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. First Thursday opening was December 28, 2017. Hours will be 3-8 on Thursdays and Fridays, 11-8 on Saturdays and 11-5 on Sundays.

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICT NEWS**

The new house plan proposed for 5008 Cedar Ave. will be presented to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) at their regular meeting Thursday February 8, 6:30 PM in Towson. The meeting is open to the public.

#### **PERSONALS**

Congratulations to Emily Plitt, daughter of Andrew and Kathy Plitt, and Rob Martino on their Dec 29th wedding. Best wishes to the happy couple.



Happy belated birthday to Chris Zach who celebrated on December 16.

Our condolences to the family of Bill Beckwith, former Relay resident, who passed away on January 11, 2018. Bill is survived by his wife, six children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Donations in his memory may be made to Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o E. Stuart Tucker, Treasurer, P.O. Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236

Welcome back to former Tulip Avenue residents, Art and Barbara Reeves, who were here last week for a brief visit.

**Special thanks to Newsletter contributors** Anne 'Wink' Heinrichs, Leah Lovelace, Laura Vetock, Sheila Muccio, Adrienne Wheeler, Kathy Plitt, Faith and Bill Hermann, Christopher Zach, and Kathy Trevey.

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**2018 Membership Form**



Voting Membership is available to adults (18 years of age or older) living within or owning property within the boundaries of the Relay Improvement Association (RIA). Boundaries are the Patapsco River to the South, Route 1 and Herbert Run to the East, I-95 to the North, and Selford Avenue above I-95 to the West, including homes on both sides of Gun Road to the State Park property line.

**RIA membership provides the right to vote on matters presented at the RIA General Meetings and discounts to RIA sponsored events. RIA members in good standing will receive a discount on all Town Hall rentals.**

An Associate membership is available to anyone who lives outside our boundaries. Associate members will receive the newsletter and discounts on RIA sponsored events. Associate members cannot vote on matters presented at the RIA General Meetings and pay regular rates for Town Hall rentals.

Dues are \$15.00 per member.

Please complete the following form and return it with your check made payable to the RIA. *Please do not send cash through the mail.*

	<b>Member Name</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Line: Street Address</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Line: City, State Zip Code</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Line: Phone Number</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Line: E-mail Address</i>	<b>\$15 per Member</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				
<b>Donation for maintenance of Relay Town Hall:</b>				
<b>Total amount of check:</b>				

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