



Relay Improvement Association Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019

When	What	Where
FEBRUARY		
Monday, February 11 - 7:30 PM	RIA General Meeting	Relay Town Hall
Sunday, February 17 – 6-8 PM	Covered Dish	TBD
Wednesday, February 20 - 7:00 PM	Relay Bookies	Relay Town Hall
Thursday, February 21	Men's Club	Relay Town Hall
MARCH		
Thursday, March 7	Men's Club	Relay Town Hall
Sunday, March 17 – 6-8 PM	Covered Dish	TBD
Wednesday, March 20- 7 PM	Relay Bookies	Relay Town Hall
Thursday, March 21	Men's Club	Relay Town Hall
Saturday, March 23 – 12-5PM	Ray's History Talk	Relay Town Hall
APRIL		
Thursday, April 4	Men's Club	Relay Town Hall
Wednesday, April 17 – 7 PM	Relay Bookies	Relay Town Hall
Thursday, April 18	Men's Club	Relay Town Hall
Tuesday, April 23 - anytime	Newsletter Submission	Your House
Sunday, April 28 – 6-8 PM	Covered Dish	Kris and Rob Ricigliano

Beware, this newsletter may contain:

Amazing Cakes



New Friends



Crazy Children



Cute Couples



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Relay members and citizens!

Ah, winter at last. The holidays are over, the days are finally getting warmer, and the nights are cold and crisp. As we all sit in our homes by the crackling fireplace sipping warm cocoa, our thoughts always turn to the RIA elections!

That's right. Nominations are now open for officers at the RIA. If you are a dues paying member as of Jan 1 2019, you are entitled to place your name with the nomination committee and run for office. Please contact Bill Hermann, nominating committee chair at wmhermann@comcast.net or 410-242-4134 for more information or to discuss running for office.

In addition, January is the start of a new year and a new membership drive. Membership definitely has its privileges. Not only are you supporting our fun and engaging community events, but you will receive the newsletter (Awesome, sign me up!), the right to vote on officers in the spring meeting and a discount on renting the Town Hall. Please fill in the membership form at the end of this newsletter with your annual \$15 dues (Jan – Dec 2019) to RIA, P.O. Box 24046, Relay, MD 21227. Or, you can bring your dues to our February RIA Meeting.

Enjoy your newsletter. Please mark your calendars so you can participate in the many RIA activities.

RIA GENERAL MEETING – Monday, February 11 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall

Please join us at the next community meeting on Monday evening, February 11 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.

The Town Hall maintenance committee is in the process of obtaining estimates for emergency roof repairs. There may be a vote on the matter at the upcoming meeting.

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.

Note that there will be elections in May for the RIA Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact Bill Hermann, Nominations Chair, at wmhermann@comcast.net or 410-242-4134. Any RIA member is eligible.

COVERED DISH – Sunday, February 17, 6-8 PM

Next covered dish events:

February 17, 6-8PM - TBD

March 17, 6-8PM - TBD

April 28, 6-8PM – Kris and Rob Ricigliano, 1602 S. Rolling Road

Covered dish events are always fun, tasty and a wonderful way to connect with our neighbors. Hearty thanks to Mary and Al Hergenhan, Barbara Skrupski and her mother and Dolores and Herb Plitt for hosting covered dish dinner parties at their houses.

At Mary and Al Hergenhan's





And at Dolores and Herb Plitt's





BOOKIES – Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

The Bookies usually meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM
Thanks to Michele Monde for hosting our Christmas party at her house.



At a recent meeting we had a lively debate about the books we will be reading this year. Here is the list:

- February 20: Born a Crime, Trevor Noah
- March 20: Light there is to Find, Heather Rounds
- April 17: Unsheltered, Barbara Kingsolver
- June 15: Where The Crowdad Sings, Delia Owens
- July 17: Graphic Novel Woman Rebel Pete Bagge, and/or Adulthood is a Myth, S Anderson
- August 21: The Library Book, Susan Orlean
- September 18: The Great Alone, Kristen Hannah
- October 16: Beneath a Scarlet Sky, Mark T Sullivan
- November 20: Educated, Tara Westover
- December 18 One Day in December Josie Silver

Please plan to join us for any or all of the discussions. Books are held at the Arbutus Public Library each month for us. Just pick up your copy and begin to read!

MEN'S CLUB – Thursday, February 21

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



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 410-294-3479.

HISTORY TALK – Saturday March 23

Our local historian, Ray Chism, will give a presentation on Relay history on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 12-5 PM at the Town Hall. Please join us to learn more about your community, browse the exhibit, and meet new neighbors. Rare photographs and anecdotes are shared. Your \$5 donation to the Hall is appreciated. Ray volunteers his time and any profits to the maintenance and upkeep of the Town Hall.

RELAY CITIZENS ON PATROL IN ACTION

Recognize this white SUV with the yellow and red zigzag on the rear? These are your Citizens On Patrol.



In the picture are Andrew Herbert, Jim Jakubik and Luey the dog. Other members are Jack Herbert and Charlie Beusch.

They have been on the job for almost a year and we very much appreciate their efforts. Citizens on Patrol is an extra pair of eyes for the police to promote the safety and security of our neighborhood. There are no specific time limits or meetings. Andrew and Charlie usually spend two to three hours in the car driving the neighborhood, but you could just keep an eye out on your morning or afternoon walk.

In fact, the police recommend that watch times vary. If the same people go out the same time every day, criminals will catch on to the schedule and target the neighborhood when no one is

watching. Most break-ins occur between 9 AM-2PM when most people are at work. If you think you can help these guys out, please contact Andrew at relaycop@gmail.com. Leave your phone number and he will get back to you. You need to be at least 18 years old and carry a cell phone.

The more organized we are as a community, the safer we will be from crime, illegal dumping, trespassing and the like. It's a great community. Let's keep it safe.

WELCOME BASKET BRIGADE

We welcome new neighbors.



Yannick Romero and Christina McAlpine Sutton Ave.



Melanie McMillin, Forensic scientist

Viaduct Ave



Noah Hutton

Jake and Jess Hutton

Viaduct Ave

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! Please contact Kathy Plitt at [443-255-8277](tel:443-255-8277) or 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.

Kathy needs baskets. If you have any, please contact her.

RELAY HISTORIC DISTRICT NEWS

The Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting on November 11 approved the construction of an addition to a residence in Relay. The January 10 meeting contained only one Relay-related item: request for approval for the in-kind replacement of a residence's roof.

SHOP SWES



Shoppers, Amy and Nick and Betty Okonski

“Good stuff cheap!” is not only at Ollie’s Bargain Outlet. Located at the corner of Shelbourne Road and 1201 Maple Avenue, Southwest Emergency Services (SWES) is a one stop shopping destination. Staffed by volunteers and under the direction of Betty Okonski, SWES has been operating for over thirty years. It offers a multitude of services to area families in need. Vouchers are given for a specific amount of free clothing and food. The homeless can shower and get a clean set of clothes.

In order to offset operating costs and to assist those in need to pay living expenses, SWES sells newer clothes, some with tags still on them and household items to the general public. Almost everything goes for under \$5. There are coats, prom dresses and wedding gowns at phenomenal prices. You can also find toys, household items, batteries, Star War blankets and cast iron soup pots. SWES is opened from 9:00-12:00 M-F. On Saturdays, SWES is cash only from 9:00-12:00.

This is a terrific way to support the community and walk away with a great deal.

There’s enough in the world for everyone’s need, not for everyone’s greed. Ghandi

ATWATER'S TO THE RESCUE

In order for Jennifer Stearns to have her 8th grade students at Trinity in Ilchester complete a 4x6 foot wall piece in celebration of Earth Day this spring, she needs thousands of plastic caps of all sizes and colors. Neighbors and relatives have been collecting, but she wasn't sure if that would be enough to complete the project by Earth Day, April 22, 2019.

Since October, the fine folks at Atwater's in Catonsville have collected caps for Jennifer.



Atwater's helpful baristas above are Kristen Sturiale, Alec Albrecht, Casey Atwater and Cameron Ehler. Not pictured Andrew Hastings, Molly Givens and Hayley Atherholt.

Jennifer estimates that she has received about 1000 caps from them so far and it is a great boost to the students for the art project. This is a wonderful collaboration between a local business and school. Give them a try if you haven't already. <https://www.atwatersfood.com/catonsvillemenu>,

You won't be disappointed.

PERSONALS

Aubrey and Ben Young would like to announce the birth of their third daughter on October 27. Her name is Mabel Elisabeth Young.



Condolences to the family of Lisa Bodick who used to live on Arlington Street.

Deepest sympathy to Jon Sheets and family on the loss of his father, LTC Ret Jon Raymond Sheets, on Christmas morning.

Condolences to Mary Jane MacGill and the family of Charles MacGill who passed away on December 28, 2018. Charlie and Mary Jane are longtime RIA members.

Special thanks to Newsletter contributors Faith and Bill Hermann, Karen Sampson Hoffman, Christopher Zach, Theda Mayer (three articles...wowza!), Aubrey Young, Lisa Young, Kathy Plitt and Kathy Trevey.

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2019 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.*

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

Please help defray our mailing costs. Check here to receive your newsletter via e-mail.

PLEASE NOTE: Dues paid now are for the calendar year 2019 (January 1- December 31, 2019).

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