



Relay Improvement Association Newsletter

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FALL 2018 PARTY CALENDAR....RELAY DAY! WINE AND CHEESE

| When | What | Where |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER | | |
| Monday, September 10 - 7:30 PM | RIA General Meeting | Relay Town Hall |
| Saturday, September 15 - 8AM – 1PM | Community Yard Sale | Your Front Yard |
| Sunday, September 16 – 6-8 PM | Covered Dish | Caroline and Howard Wellman 5112 South Rolling Road |
| Wednesday, September 19 - 7:30 PM | Relay Bookies | Relay Town Hall |
| Thursday, September 20 | Men's Club | Relay Town Hall |
| OCTOBER | | |
| Thursday, October 4 | Men's Club | Relay Town Hall |
| Friday, October 12 – 7PM – late | Wine and Cheese | Relay Town Hall |
| Sunday, October 14 - Noon to 4PM | Relay Day | Relay Town Hall area |
| Wednesday, October 17 -7:30 PM | Relay Bookies | Relay Town Hall |
| Thursday, October 18 | Men's Club | Relay Town Hall |
| Sunday, October 21 – 5-7 PM | Covered Dish | Lisa and Bob Young Arlington Street |
| Tuesday, October 23 - anytime | Newsletter Submission | Your House |

Please print and put me on your fridge!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Relay members and citizens!

Ah, another beautiful summer here at Relay. Well.... A wet summer. It's been pretty impressive, heavy rain bursts that remind us all to keep our gutters clear. However, there have also been beautiful days as well, this past week has been spectacular. So as Dolly Parton said "If you want rainbows, you have to have a little rain..."

Last summer, the Guinness brewery opened and from what I saw it's a first-rate taphouse.



There is a museum, amazing bar, educational exhibits, and some excellent pictures and dioramas showing the history of brewing in Maryland. I'm glad we were able to work with them, and not only preserve the history of our community, but have a chance to tell the story to people who come from around the world. And the Cherry Stout is delicious as well. Can't wait for the restaurant to open....

Once again, we hosted the July 4th water station, and boy, it was appreciated. We went through two large containers of water, and once again people came out to support and cheer our runners on. The pictures tell the story.

I appreciate everyone who came out to volunteer: Chris Zach, Kathy and Andrew Plitt, Kris Ricigliano and Kriste Corns.



Finally, we have a number of events coming up in the fall: Of particular note is the Relay Day celebration, and of course, the Annual Yard sale. Please come out and join us!



There are many other events going on, like our fabulous covered dish dinners.



Please check the calendar. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming September 10 RIA meeting! It should be a good one as a number of elected officials and candidates will be in attendance. Great chance to meet and chat.

RIA GENERAL MEETING – Monday, September 10 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall

Please join us at the next community meeting on Monday evening, September 10 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 the community patrol initiative.

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 at www.relaymaryland.com. We need everybody to participate by joining, even if you cannot volunteer time for projects and events.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE- Saturday, September 15 - 8AM-1PM

Otherwise known as ‘International Clean the Junk out of Your Basement Day’, we are holding the annual community yard sale on **Saturday, September 15**, rain or shine from 8 AM to 1 PM. Saturday is the biggest yard sale day in the area and residents wanted to schedule their sales for this day. So, clean out your attics and basements and get ready. The RIA has advertised the Yard Sale online at the Baltimore Sun, on flyers around the neighborhood, on historicrelay.nextdoor.com, on Facebook, on YardSaleSearch.com, and in Pennysaver, so we expect lots of visitors.



Yard Sale Tips

1. Organize your items like a department store and have it look neat.
2. Price your items with a Sharpie on blue painter’s tape. The tape color really stands out, and it can’t ruin the item you are pricing.
3. What’s the right price? About 12-15% of the original retail value.
4. Get change. Be prepared for the \$20 bill.
5. Got early birds? Ask them to help put out the stuff.
6. Keep customers outside your house.

What if you don’t sell everything?

You can drop off leftover items to Goodwill (Routes 1 and 175) or SWES at the Arbutus United Methodist Church, 1201 Maple Road. Or contact the charity of your choice to have items picked up at your door. Below are four charities that send trucks to our neighborhood.

Habitat for Humanity **410-366-1250**

National Children’s Center, Call **410-536-4205** to schedule a pickup. Items have to be able to be lifted by one person.

Purple Heart does not accept furniture, but you can go online at www.purpleheartpickup.org to schedule a clothing, books, or small appliance pickup.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Call **1-800-459- VETS (8387)** or go online at

www.clothingdonations.org/maps/maryland.htm

COVERED DISH – Sunday, September 16, 6-8 PM

Next covered dish events:

September 16, 6-8PM– Howard and Caroline Wellman at 2112 South Rolling Road
October 21, 5-7 PM – Lisa and Bob Young on Arlington Street



Covered dish events are always fun, tasty and a wonderful way to connect with our neighbors. Hearty thanks to Kathy and Rex Greathouse and Kathy and Andrew Plitt for hosting covered dish dinner parties at their house this past spring.

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.

BOOKIES – Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall

The Bookies usually meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Our summer book was *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me* by Sherman Alexie. September's book will be *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

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, September 20

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.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY – Friday, October 12 7PM till late

The popular Wine and Cheese Party returns, hosted by John and Linda Kacur, at the Town Hall. Admission is \$20 per person or \$10 if you bring a bottle of wine to share. Cheese, crackers and other goodies will be provided. You are cordially invited to join us for a relaxing, fun evening at the Town Hall. It is really fun. Look at all these happy Relay ladies!!



RELAY DAY Sunday, October 14 - 12-4 PM

Relay Day is fast approaching! This year's event will be Sunday, October 14th 12-4. Events include:

- LIVE music
- Kids' Games
- Chicken Bingo
- Face Painting
- Spin Art
- Raffle Baskets
- Bake Sale
- Sangria Contest
- Homebrew Contest
- Scarecrow Contest

Relay Day cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time that day.

Be on the lookout for RIA emails to sign up to volunteer, to donate a baked good item, and for more information.

Home-Brew/Sangria Contest:

For the past three years, we have had a home-brew and sangria contest at Relay Day. The rules are simple. Bring at least a gallon of your best concoction, and this will be shared out to all judges who wish to sample. But who are these judges? That is the best part, as for a small fee you and your neighbors will be the judges. It will be your task to select which of the worthy entries will be the victor. Winners receive a rousing round of applause, the jealous ire of their neighbors, and a first-place prize (our only hint is that it will be a libation). In the case of the Sangria contest, their name shall be engraved upon the trophy and they have the honor of keeping that gloried icon of Relay Day until next year's contest. Truthfully, as everyone who enters to become a judge gets to taste all those fine samples, it is hard to say that we are not all winners.

Scarecrow Contest:

For our second year, Relay Day will hold a scarecrow contest. This year's theme will be: Baltimore Icons. For example, an Edgar Allen Poe, Oriole bird or Johnny Unitas scarecrow. Show us your creativity and B'more pride (or sense of humor). Scarecrows should be at least three feet tall and can be made of anything. You can drop off your scarecrow at the town hall, the night before or the morning of Relay Day. They will be displayed for all to see and there will be prizes for the best scarecrow! All entries are returned to their creators at the end of the day so you can proudly take your Scarecrow home to display upon your porch or yard. Be on the lookout for a sample Baltimore-themed scarecrow in the center of town soon.

For more information, or to volunteer please contact Laura Vetock at jermvetock@yahoo.com

RELAY WATER STOP

Thanks to those of you who got up early on the morning of the 4th of July to provide water for runners in the annual 4th of July 10K that comes through our town.

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! 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.

HISTORIC DISTRICT UPDATE

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) update:

- There may be one pending Code violation action for a contributing structure in the Relay Historic District, but that depends on action by the home owner before the meeting.
- There are no developments with any of the pending construction applications.

Fall repair and renovation season is upon us! Please remember that if you own property (Contributing Structure or not) within the boundaries of the Relay Historic District, any significant repair or renovation work to the exterior of your home must be reviewed by the LPC. (If your house is NOT a Contributing Structure, this is just a formality). This would include new roofs, siding, door or window upgrades, etc. Repairs to existing exterior materials, done with like materials (ie, a roof patch, a new clapboard or trim or gutter) don't need such review, but if you're in doubt, call or email your LPC Liaison Howard Wellman (hwellman99@gmail.com) or speak to the LPC staff Kaylee Justice by calling 410-887-3495 or email kjustice@baltimorecountymd.gov.

And if you're planning a major renovation or upgrade for the winter like new insulation, a new heating system, or a new roof, you could be eligible for up to 40% State and County tax credit using the LPC County Historic Tax Credit. Learn more about the tax credit here:

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/historic_preservation/taxcreditfaq.html or by contacting Howard Wellman, 410-474-1226 or the LPC staff at the numbers above.

RELAY IN THE BIG LIGHTS

Relay is proud to see home-grown talent Ed Hrybyk, who grew up on Cedar Ave, releasing his album "Bright Moments" at the creative alliance in August. To hear some tunes, visit Ed's website <https://www.edhrybykbass.com/multimedia>



PERSONALS

Happy 67th Wedding anniversary to Herb and Dolores Plitt on September 2.

Wedding Day 1951



And 2018



Dolores said the secret to their success was that the first one to ask for a divorce had to take the house and the 7 kids!

Liz, JJ and Max Linton send greetings from their new digs in Harrogate, England.



Kris Ricigliano shared:

Rob and I are now empty nesters, with our youngest child, Annie, moved in at University of Kentucky. We have gained another dog, as our daughter Greta has left her Catahoula hound, Clover (pictured below) , with us while she is at college playing soccer.



We are also on a quest to visit every restaurant in Catonsville and Arbutus at least once, so if anyone has recommendations or warnings, or would like to join us for a meal, let us know!

Photo

Special thanks to Newsletter contributors Howard Wellman, Laura Vetock, Wink Heinrich, Faith and Bill Hermann, Christopher Zach, Jeremy and Laura Vetock, Lisa Young, Kris Ricigliano, Kathy Plitt and Kathy Trevey.

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