

**Chartley Neighborhood Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting 3/11/25**  
**Trade Name expires 5/31/2027**

The Chartley Neighborhood Association Executive Board Meeting was held at the Reisterstown Welcome Center at 234 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Crystal Micriotti, Mary Molinaro, Joe Ganem, Joe Kirby, Sharon Baldwin, Ernie Schmidhauser, Dave Powers, Jane Hienz, Bob Hienz, Betsy Sloan and guests Scott and Stan from the Chartley Townhouse Association. Scott and Stan are part of a group trying to organize the Chartley Townhouse Association and want to see how a similar organization works.

**February 11, 2025 Executive Board Meeting minutes.** Bob Hienz asked for clarification on a meeting described in the Main Street news notes. It was clarified that the meeting was an RIA meeting. Mary Molinaro moved to accept the minutes with the change to the minutes. Dave Powers seconded. Approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

President Crystal Micriotti- will present more info later.

Vice-President Stephen Etzine- present- no report

Treasurer Joe Ganem- Memberships have come in through Paypal. He reported that the paper Chatter seems to nudge people to send in dues. Mary M. reported that in addition, She sent out 118 emails to households that paid last year, but had not paid during 24/25. 18 emails were kicked back and 10 emails resulted in memberships being paid. In total , 15 additional memberships were paid over the last month.

Joe G presented a budget, mostly based on numbers from last year. Discussions were held on the budget numbers and changes that should be made. The Spring Bling entries will be eliminated due to the cancellation of the event.

Joe will have a final budget to be approved at our next meeting on April 8. The budget will be presented to the General Meeting on April 24.

Secretary Sharon Baldwin- no report

Immediate Past President Joe Kirby- No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Real Estate-** Stacy Abbott sent Bob Hienz the current real estate data for the e-Chatter.

**Block Captains-** Joe Kirby. Another block captain has resigned. Found a person to take over the empty Block Captain spot. Ann Tambour will not be moving after all and will continue to be a block captain.

**Membership-** Betsy Sloan Betsy reported we had 156 members. Last year we had 168. Discussion on how we might increase membership. We discussed things we could write in the Chatters that promote membership. Bob will put these ideas in the Chatters going forward.

**Newsletter-** Bob Hienz- Bob reported he has most of the items he needed for the next e-Chatter. He asked about information on high school scholarships. Need to know if Chris Tambour will continue his leadership with the scholarship committee. Crystal will reach out to Chris to find out.

New deadline for April "Chatter": Due to Spring Breaks at Sheppard Pratt, we have to push the deadline to APRIL 1. Also discussed on the number of flyers to include in the Chatter. Decided to promote CNA and RIA activities. The other flyers may not be printed unless they can be reduced in size. Have to keep the number of pages to 20 or we exceed the printing budget.

**Advertising-** Jane Hienz- All advertisers have paid except for Reter's. Reter's plans to pay by the end of March.

**Sign Maintenance-** Jane Hienz- Fixed signs. Discussed budget for signs and what the designated money can be used for (maintenance and creation of sign material).

**Police Rep./C.O.P.-** Dave Powers-

Dave reported and submitted the following written summary:

No crimes were reported in Chartley during February, leaving our year-to-date total at 2. However, there were 2 incidents that were initially reported as happening in our community in February, but which, after further investigation, actually happened outside the footprint of the Chartley community (i.e. not on any of the streets of Chartley or on the property of any of the 790 homes that comprise our community). The first was a reported armed robbery reported on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM that was incorrectly recorded as taking place in the 700 block of Shirley Manor Road. However, after review by the police, this crime was determined to have taken place in the Chartley Shopping Center. It involved several juveniles and is being reviewed by the police and appropriate juvenile authorities.

The second incident was reported to have occurred on February 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:30 AM and involved multiple police vehicles with all emergency equipment activated (i.e., flashing lights and sirens), and with a helicopter flying over our community for some time. The incident quickly appeared on social media with concerned residents wondering what was going on, with some expressing negative feelings about "the high crime rate" in Chartley. This incident started out as a burglary in another police precinct and involved a police pursuit of a stolen vehicle fleeing from the scene of the burglary. The pursuit led police onto several Chartley community streets before the chase was finally terminated in Chartley and several arrests were made. Both of the above two crimes occurred outside of our community and will not be included in the crime statistics charged to Chartley.

As for the statements on social media regarding "the high crime rate" in Chartley, all I can say is, really? While we would agree that one crime is too high, it should also be remembered that Chartley has had the distinction of having the lowest crime rate of any of our surrounding communities for a number of

years, and we intend to keep it that way! That is why the Chartley Neighborhood Association has a dynamic Citizens on Patrol organization that actively patrols our streets, tracks crime throughout the entire area, works with both our residents and the police to help maintain Chartley as a clean, safe, and pleasant place to live. For those who choose to condemn Chartley for its so-called high crime rate, we would like to invite you to be a part of the solution instead of part of the problem by helping us to reduce our crime rate even further by always being alert whenever you are out and about and immediately report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary by calling 911. Make that call instead of posting negative and untrue comments on social media.

The always popular Citizens Police Academy has been renamed to **The Community Partnership Academy**. This program gives citizens an opportunity to become informed and educated about the many aspects of police work and foster relationships. The deadline to apply for the next session is March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Academy will begin on April 2 and will end on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Academy is a nine-class program. The classes are evening classes from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there is one Saturday class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications for each session are always limited, so, if you're interested, please go to the website below to find out more and to apply (note: you will have to scroll down about halfway down until you see the title **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY**)

As spring approaches, we can expect that door-to-door salespeople will once again start knocking on our door trying to sell everything from roof or window replacement, to a bridge over Main Street! Some of these solicitors represent legitimate businesses, but others do not. Each year we get calls from our residents asking us how you can keep these salespeople from knocking on their door. The County Code specifies that solicitors are prohibited from offering "any service or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant of a residential property in the county if the owner or occupant **has visibly displayed on the property a "No Soliciting" sign, or a sign containing similar words.**" The Code provides for a fine not to exceed \$100 for each offense. If you are concerned about anyone knocking on your door and trying to sell you any product or service, you can report them by calling 911. You can find complete information regarding this on our website at [Chartley | Chartley Neighborhood Association | Reisterstown](#). **The information there is a copy of all the salient points contained in the County Code about this issue. May we suggest that you print this data down and put it on your refrigerator, or some other convenient place, so that you can instantly access it when needed.**

With the approach of spring, the change back to Daylight Savings Time, along with the blessing of warmer temperatures, we will have the opportunity to spend more time outdoors. In the past, we have found that as we spend more time outdoors, we tend to forget to do simple things such as remembering to keep the doors to our homes locked while we are outside. Always remember that the bad guys are out there watching and waiting for the opportunity to take advantage of our memory lapses. Last year there were several reports of thieves going into an UNLOCKED home while the owners were outside working in their yard.

**Police Community Relations Council (PCRC)-** Dave Powers- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18 @7 Pm at Timbergrove Club House. Dave reported and wrote:

At the February 18th meeting of the Police Community Relations Council (PCRC), the police are trying to track down a car that races through the neighborhood and can deliberately backfire the car. The police are trying to get a better description and any other information that would help to catch the driver.

Officer Appreciation Day is scheduled Saturday, June 14.

Crime is down 27% in the county across all crimes. Chartley Neighborhood has some of the lowest crime rates in the county.

The Precinct 3 PCRC (our precinct) meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Village of Timbergrove Club House located at 425 E Cherry Hill Road, starting at 7 PM. The meetings are informal, highly informative, and citizens can rest assured that their concerns will be addressed. If you wish to speak privately with any of the attending police officers, including the Captain, or his staff, you can do that as well.

### **Reisterstown Main Street- Mary Molinaro**

- Baltimore County Council approved Resolution 12-25 which now allows the Streetscape Action Plan to be added to the Master Plan 2030 and the Design Guidelines will become a part of the Comprehensive Design Manual used by the Department of Planning.
- Spring and Summer Events are being planned - displayed fliers and the concert schedule and include:
  - A. Main Street Extravaganza on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 2pm
  - B. Reisterstown Bloomin' ArtFest on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 5pm
  - C. Reisterstown Beer & Wine Festival on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm - 5pm
  - D. Farmers Market every Sunday from June 8<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm - we have a new market manager for 2025 who will be working hard to fill the market with vendors and bring visitors each week
  - E. Music on Main Street every Friday evening from June 20<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> (except July 4<sup>th</sup> )
- Harryman House permanently closed on Sunday, March 9. RIA is actively looking for another restaurant to fill the space.

### **Zoning- Joe Kirby**

Just a reminder that we follow all Baltimore County Codes and refer our concerns to the Zoning office. Discussed complaints that are currently being addressed. Rules for “abandoned properties” are changing. Increased fines and shorter timelines for intervention being implemented soon.

### **Nominating Committee- Mary Molinaro**

Nominating Committee - Slate of Officers is now complete. Scott Banks will serve as our next President and our current Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will serve their 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The list of profiles will be ready for the April Chatter.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS AND REPORTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Baltimore Community Foundation** application for the requested amount of \$4990.00 for NNO has been approved. Not sure when the money will be received.

**CBT grant for Trees** - we are not applying in 2025. Mary talked with Larry Van Horn and he suggested that with having to move and replace a damaged tree, that it may be better to wait a year and possibly get more dead trees removed in the next few years, then come back to the topic. He still has paperwork on the first \$5,000 to complete and close the grant. It will be another year or two before the final payment and paperwork is completed on the most recent \$15,000 grant. As reported last month, We received \$13,500 of the grant. Larry said he managed to get CBT to agree to paying \$1,000 of the remaining \$1500 soon. The last \$500 will not be paid out until December 2026. The contractor for this 2024 project has been paid in full at their request.

**Crab Feast-** Chartley Neighborhood Association Crab Feast has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Post #11 hall. Ernie is asking for help to plan the event. Meeting will be held in the summer.

**Spring and Fall Yard Sale** - June 21 and Sept. 13 starting at 8 am

Dave had to figure out how to get an "Organization in Good Standing" certificate from the state in order to apply for a new grant. With help, he was able to get what he needed.

**Dine at Reter's Fundraiser-** April 30th 12 to 9 pm Proceeds for the CNA Scholarship Fund. Only proceeds from Dine-in meals will count. Advertising in RIA mailer, calendar, socials and CNA email and socials! (Kaycee notified).

**Clean stream-** Saturday, April 5 starting at 9 am. Meet on Sacred Heart by stream. Wear hard shoes and appropriate clothing for day. Gloves provided.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Spring Bling-** Unfortunately, Diane Harding-Allen's work situation has changed and she is unable to plan and host the Spring Bling. It was decided to cancel the event for this year.

**April General Meeting-** Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Life Center (109 Main Street) Our local Police Precinct will be the speaker (s). Sharon will provide cookies.

No other business. Mary moved to adjourn. Sharon B seconded.  
Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM

Submitted by

Sharon Baldwin  
Secretary  
CNA