

Riverdale Regional Civic Association (RRCA)

Newsletter

Supporting Riverdale, Greenfield, Pelican Shores, and Windsor Terrace Residents

Fall 2021

We Need Your Help

The RRCA's purpose is to bring residents together, facilitate communication within the community, represent members' interests to the local government, and ensure a safe and welcoming neighborhood. Over the years participation has dwindled, and the few members that participate feel overwhelmed. The Executive Committee (i.e., RRCA Board) is currently made up of 6 residents who volunteer our time, and we could use your support.

We need people for:

- **Beautification Coordinator**
Job: Be the contact person for the garden plots on Charlton
Position requirements: Meet with the Board twice a year, keep a running list of who is managing each plot and their contact information
Total time: 4 to 6 hours a year
- **Neighborhood Watch Representative**
Job: Serve as a representative/block captain for the neighborhood watch
Position requirements: Meetings as needed, maintaining contact information or manning a phone tree
Total time: 6 to 12 hours a year
- **Webmaster**
Job: Maintain the community web page
Position requirements: Basic web design skills, attend monthly meeting
Total time: 6 to 12 hours a year
- **Sign Maker**
Job: To create signs for community to be placed on Charlton
Position requirements: Basic vinyl crafting skills (materials provided by RCA), attend monthly meetings
Total time: 6 to 12 hours a year
- **RRCA secretary**
Job: Take notes at meetings
Position requirements: Note taking skills, attend monthly meetings
Total time: 12 hours a year

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RRCA Pandemic Meeting Policy

In early 2020, the Executive Committee adopted the policy that in-person events could be a risk to our residents and did not schedule the neighborhood activities we typically hold. We were hoping that this policy could change this fall, but the increased risk from the COVID-19 Delta variant has led to the decision to continue the policy of not holding in-person events. Board members have been, and will continue to, meet virtually. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm, and the schedule is included below. Please contact Marie Whytsell at rrcapresident@riverdale23666.com if you wish to attend an Executive Committee meeting.

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13
January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13

We Need Your Help (continued)

- **General Members**

Job: Help as you can

Position requirements: Whatever you have to offer, attend monthly meetings

Total time: 12 hours + whatever you would like to contribute a year

We cannot stress enough that without help the RRCA will cease to operate. We have had to drop community activities such as Yard of the Month, the Holiday Light Contest and Tour, the Ice Cream Social, and sponsoring the garden plots on Charlton's median. While these things are not hard nor take much time to manage, the jobs have fallen on the same people year after year. Just like you, the current members of the RRCA Board have busy lives, and we have reduced our tasks to managing the FB page, Neighborhood Watch, and the yearly yard sale. We often hear great ideas from residents but without manpower it is difficult to bring those ideas to fruition. As the remaining board members look ahead to passing the torch to a new generation of residents, we would like your help in revitalizing the RRCA before it dies completely.

The RRCA is made up of community volunteers and is only as good as what the community puts in. Please consider volunteering – for a Board position, on one of the committees, or as an at-large member/neighborhood liaison. If interested, see additional information on the Riverdale web site <http://www.riverdale23666.com/civic-association-rrca.html> or email Marie Whytsell at rrcapresident@riverdale23666.com.

Know Your Zone!

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, and all the RRCA neighborhoods are in evacuation Zone A.

The state of Virginia recommends that everyone have a 3-day supply of food and water, 1 week of medications, and a variety of basic supplies on hand at all times since severe storms don't check the calendar. The City of Hampton also has great hurricane, storm, and flood information available at <https://www.hampton.gov/2461/Hurricanes-and-storms>.

And don't forget to include your pets in your emergency plans.



Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch is a joint effort between the Hampton Police Division and the community, and both Riverdale and Pelican Shores have Neighborhood Watch programs.

If you are interested in participating or just want to learn more about the program, contact:

Lawrence Dulin (for Riverdale) at watch@riverdale23666.com

or

Marcia Robertson (for Pelican Shores) at MARobertson10@cox.net

Want to Keep in Touch?

www.riverdale23666.com

In addition to visiting the web site, you can:



Request to join Riverdale Enews

This is the neighborhood email list. To join, send your email to Shauna Strickland at comms@riverdale23666.com with the subject line "Join Riverdale Enews." This is one of the best ways to stay up to date on what is going on in the neighborhood.



Request to join the Riverdale23666 Facebook group

This is the neighborhoods' official Facebook Group. It is administered by the RRCA so membership is by request and the site is monitored. No sales are allowed on the site and please remember to stay neighborly.



Check in with the Riverdale neighborhood on Nextdoor

Unlike the Facebook group, you don't need to request permission to join, and you'll receive all the latest updates on the neighborhood.