



Ward One Residents Association

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Membership

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President's Message

Hello Ward One Residents -

Hope everyone is enjoying our change to Fall weather and the WORA board is looking forward to meeting again with our membership now that summer is coming to an end.

We held a great summer picnic at the Paca House Gardens with over 100 WORA members attending along with Alderwoman Elly Tierny, Mayor Gavin Buckley, and State Senator Sarah Elfreth. During the event, we held our annual elections with most of our officers staying on for another term and a few new members stepping up. My thanks to Mark Mhley and Carolyn Patenaude for their many years of service on the board.

2022-2023 WORA Board of Directors

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Our focus this year remains quality of life issues within Ward One along with overview of key projects and legislation that may impact our membership. As you know, the garage project is off and running and looks to be on or ahead of schedule. The city just announced that the final garage agreement on a public-private partnership will net the city \$25 million for the City Dock project. Our thanks to former City Manager (and now Public Works Director) David Jarrell for all his hard work on the agreement during these particularly difficult times. David has returned to the role he has held for many years, and we look forward to him pushing the project to an on-time completion.

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President's Message cont'd

In addition to kicking off the garage project, the city implemented the paid parking program in zones 1 and 2 of Ward One. While we did see some improvement early on, many residents are still walking 3-4 blocks to their cars (especially after 6 PM) due to lack of enforcement. We understand that the new Premier Parking operator will be talking over for SP-Plus in Zones 1 and 2 soon and enforcement should increase. We also have been told that the app may become programmable, and we are watching this closely to ensure that residents parking needs are being considered.

Regarding the City Dock project, things are looking good. While cost estimates have gone up from \$35M due to 42M, this City has raised \$25M from the garage and has received grants (State and other) for \$13M. With the garage now well underway, we plan to revisit the City Dock plans and understand that the project will start in 2024.

You may have also noticed the scooters and bikes around the city. While there was a bit of "joy riding" (dangerous and disrespectful at times) by some of the younger scooter riders early on, it seems that things have settled down and we hope that the city and operator will focus on safety as this service matures. It is nice to see more people using these vehicles versus making short drives.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting coming up on Tuesday September 27 at 6:00 PM at Metropolitan Restaurant. After the social portion, we will begin the meeting at 7 PM. There will be presentations on some new Inns planned around town (86 State Circle this month and Ogle Hall at our October meeting), updates by Alderwomen Tierney, and an update on the garage and City Dock project by Eileen Fogarty of ARMP. In the future, we will be holding our annual holiday party and summer picnic with two smaller social events also being considered.

I look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday,

Rick Lober
President, WORA
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Social Committee

The next event on our calendar:

WORA September Membership Meeting

September 27 at Metropolitan

Social 6:00PM

Meeting 7:00PM

Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available. The investment group which purchased Ogle Hall (The Naval Academy Alumni Association) will be providing a brief overview of their plans for converting the facility to a boutique inn. Also planning on being in attendance are Elly Tierney and Eileen Fogarty.

Please save the date for our Holiday Social which will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. Tentative plans are to hold the social at Park Place which has a lovely indoor venue and plenty of covered parking in the event of inclement weather. I believe everyone who attended the Summer Social at the Paca House in June had a wonderful time so please get the word out to any neighbors who are not WORA members that we would love to have them join our association and take part in our upcoming festivities.

-Contributed by John Fluhart



Enjoying the Paca Garden during the Summer Social/Annual Meeting

Alderwoman's Corner



Dear WORA Members,

I hope you are keeping cool in these warm August days and enjoying the 'lull' on City Activity this month. I say that because August is an 'off' month for City Council and consequently the preparation for meetings and introduction of legislation is on hold until our September Council meeting.

Of course, as your Alderwoman, I am really not ever 'off' but I made it my mission to catch up on my deferred novel reading and have planned some short vacations with my family including Maine, Boston, and Asheville. And yes, I try to limit email time as my husband gently reminds me!

This is also a time for me to take stock of issues and prioritize where we may need more assistance, on parking, crime, and quality of life issues. I sense that some acute concerns, such as the scooter, bikes and yes, the Mayor's boat have come and gone, but parking in the residential districts still seems to be a work in progress for both residents and retail.

What we've learned is that parking management of the Parking Districts 1 and 2 needs a lot of handholding in that we can't just switch over to the new vendor without there being ongoing support from SP+. That's where we are now. We are also committed to the Park Mobile application to deter transient parking in the neighborhoods. I've heard much positive feedback in that it has allowed residents to come home and actually have spaces nearby for their parking. That is the objective as well as train visitors to park at nearby garages and shuttle downtown on the Circulators.

Living at Park Place, and taking the Circulator often, I see that it is working! This is due to USNA and the Visitors Center doing a remarkable job in

communicating this to their visitors as well as [AccessAnnapolis.com](https://www.accessannapolis.com). Hopefully this continues through construction and changes behaviors to allow us some flexibility in managing parking spaces downtown after Hillman is built.

On a very positive note, Construction of Hillman is going full force and very impressive to watch! And I encourage you all to take time and watch the joint presentation to both HPC and Planning Commission on the City Dock Resiliency Plan by the Annapolis Mobility and Resilience Partners (AMRP). It can be seen on YouTube channel by searching for the July 21 Planning Commission meeting. What needs constant reminding when we are frustrated by the inconveniences of the Hillman construction is that not only are we getting a new state of the art garage with 100 or so more spaces but the P3 agreement provides us with up front funding for the City Dock resiliency project that we would otherwise not be able to self finance. Sea level rise is imminent and this project is imperative.

On other City news, Michael Mallinoff and David Jarrell were recently sworn in as our new City Manager and DPW Director respectively. I am thrilled that David elected to stay on and oversee all of our proposed work in the next few years. And Michael has worked for us before and chosen to come back, so that says something!

On safety issues, APD has developed a new crime map that is a tool for APD to align their resources. And we hope the FY 2023 budget increase for police recruits and all tiers helps with recruitment at all levels.

And finally, on the legislative front, we recently approved legislation to allow marijuana dispensaries within the city limits, with some restrictions. Next meeting we will be introducing a new workforce housing bill and the bill to waive Parking requirements for restaurants will be put to vote.

Alderwoman's Corner Cont'd

Speaking of restaurants, Choptank and Aqua Al 2 at the top of Main are now open, as well as Mangia's (for those of you who missed pizza slices!). We also have new retail on Main Street to look forward to.

So with that, I hope you have a wonderful month and see you at perhaps my next 'Coffee with your Alderwoman' restarting in September.

Kind Regards,
Alderwoman Elly Tierney
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Community News

A reminder that the brick sidewalks that make our Annapolis streets so charming are not as lovely when adorned with weeds. An environmentally friendly solution is to pull the larger weeds when the ground is soft after it rains, then spray the cracks with a solution of 1 gallon of white vinegar, 2 cups of epsom salt, 1/2 cup Dawn dishwashing liquid. Shake the solution well, let settle for 2 minutes, and spray the weeds. Let them bake in the sun, and the next day they will be dead. (Thoroughly rinse out your sprayer and nozzle after using, so they don't rust.)

Contributed by Marlys McDevitt



Spotlight on Local Business



Amadou Balde

Providing a perfect "fit" for Annapolis Ward One residents is B & D Tailors, "tucked" away at 157 Duke of Gloucester Street. Now in its 13th year of business, B & D Tailors was founded by Amadou Balde. Balde learned his craft in his original home of West Africa and honed his craft while working at Nordstroms Annapolis. Having expressed a desire to be an entrepreneur and to start his own business, one of his clients, former Mayor Ellen Moyer alerted him to the availability of the current site and the rest is history. Amadou has successfully adapted Annapolitans' garments to the change in fashion styles and our body shapes. He also is a job creator employing two other expert tailors and is currently looking to expand to a second location. Ward One is fortunate to have such a master craftsman in the neighborhood keeping us looking sharp.

B & D Tailors
157 Duke of Gloucester Street
410-268-2691

-Contributed by JD Derderian

New and Renewed Members

March 16 - September 6

Eric Shea	Conduit St	Erica Petsche	Prince George St
Samuel Maranto	East St	Wendy Golder	Southgate Ave
Kenny Fries	East St	Vince Panella/Julie Finch	Prince George St
David Rey		Shawn Harmon	Prince George St
Robyn Elliott	College Ave	Norman Lerner	Conduit St
Kelly FitzGerald	Munroe Ct	Carmel Etzel	Randall St
Kathleen McDermott	Franklin St	Kate Stillwell	Duke of Gloucester St
Richard Lober	Conduit St	Patricia Dempsey	
Carolyn Mitchell	Pinkney St	Virginia From	Franklin St
James Derderien	Prince George St		
Amy Windham	Cornhill St		
Carolyn Kirby	Compromise St		
Katherine Clatanoff	Franklin St		
Gale Young	Cumberland Ct		
Jim Phillips	Prince George St		
Mark Tindall	Southgate Ave		
John Schaefer	Conduit St		
Betsy Jenkins	Conduit St		
Christa Sublett	East St		
Maranto Studios	East St		
Sarah Brown	Pinkney St		
Barbara Jacobs	Monticello Ave		
Megan Moore	Madison Pl		
Susan Margulies	Conduit St		
John Fluhart	Prince George St		
Daniel E Murphy	Prince George St		
Daniel Risher	Hanover St		
Robert Madden	College Ave		
Diane Roche	Spa View Ave		
Dede Binder	Spa View St		
Adrienne Young	Prince George St		
Gail Gray	Duke of Gloucester St		
Mary Koenigshoff	East St		
Jodi Lynch	Prince George St		
Ingrid Kohlstadt	Prince George St		
Annapolis Rigging	German St		
Cody Monroe	Pinkney St		
Tammy Tober	Prince George St		

Please invite your neighbors to join!

