



Ward One Residents Association

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President's Message

Hello Ward One Residents -

It's been a busy spring for the WORA Board with our continuous efforts to bring some sense to the new parking regulations and enforcement in Zones 1 and 2 of Ward One, and maintaining the never-ending balance between our residents, businesses, and tourism in the historic district. We also were pleased to have the mayor speak at our last general meeting and are planning our annual summer party and election at the Paca House Garden on June 25 from 5 to 8 PM.

We have great news regarding the Hillman garage – it opened on June 14th! Our congratulations to the city and in particular, former City Manager and Public Works Director David Jarrell who did a superb job in meeting the 14 month schedule promised. Given COVID and supply chain issues, we all had our doubts... We understand that David is moving on after this project and we wish him the best in the future. David has always been open, honest, and fair in his dealings with WORA and truly did have concern for our resident's well-being.

Regarding Premium Parking, we have had multiple meetings with this new parking management group, the City and Ward One residents, and have published information in this newsletter on improvements in the registration and pass system. We also understand enforcement will increase over time.

Moving on to development, we have monitored the proposed projects at both 98 State Circle and Ogle House (former Naval Academy Alumni Association) and held three sessions with residents near these new tourist inns. While both were approved, the social aspect of Ogle House (weddings, etc.) was denied, and significant conditions were placed on its operation.

Looking ahead, the City Dock is about 80% funded and construction will start after this year's Fall Boat Show and run for about two years. This will require the 2024 spring and Fall boat shows to be cancelled or curtailed. We also hear that the properties at Latitude 38 may be replaced with a hotel, and I expect that project, and the City Dock will be high on the WORA priority list for overview next year.

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President's Message cont'd

I have enjoyed my two years as WORA President and will run again for the board next year but plan to step aside as President and let others with fresh perspectives lead. Looking forward to seeing you all for our annual summer party and elections at Paca House on June 25 at 5 PM.

Rick Lober
WORA President
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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 Sandve McDevitt

Social Committee

The next event on our calendar:

WORA Picnic and Annual Meeting

June 25, 5:00 - 8:00 PM



The Summer WORA party is just a little over a week away! The event will be held on June 25 from 5-8pm at the historic Paca House and Gardens.

Beer, wine, cocktails and sandwiches will be provided.

Kindly bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to be shared. Please plan on attending and spending a n enjoyable with your neighbors.

Contributed by John Fluhart



Alderwoman's Corner



Dear Constituents,

I can't believe your 'membership year' is ending. Good luck to the new board and thank you for your continued involvement in city and community issues. As

like myself, I'm sure your head is still spinning from your last membership meeting where the mayor summarized his initiatives: Carr's Beach, Welcome Center/Hotel and Circulation. As such, he has involved himself in the Capital Budget process and has been successful in adding new projects, some that will be in the planning stage next year. Examples include the Annapolis Gateway Park, College Creek Connector Trail, and the West-East Express Bikeway (WEE). With two years left in his term, the Mayor is set on accomplishing projects that are important to him. He spoke of the Welcome Center and the 'Boutique Hotel' at our last meeting even acknowledging that any forthcoming legislation may be controversial.

I am, you could say, 'the Yin' to the Mayor's 'Yang' in that I simply want to stay focused on the City Dock Project and the respective infrastructure project. The CDAC plan specifically excluded any peripheral buildings in the scope as yes, it was private property, but also not to delay or deter from the project scope under the AMRP Contract. I understand that the CDAC design is in progress and slated to be completed by the end of the year. There is pending legislation that is before the Planning Commission to isolate 'City Dock' as a flood zone area and establish a new base flood elevation to measure from. Of course, this would have to be followed by a code change in height limits if requested by the Mayor.

I say all this because it's a big deal. We will, as a Council, eventually have legislation before us that could potentially change the landscape of City Dock and Dock Street and perhaps set a precedence to continue.

As you know City Dock is under an historic district overlay with specific height districts and viewshed parameters so I suspect this will become debated with Historic Annapolis and HPC involved. To prepare, Historic Annapolis is currently putting together a 'Massing Study' to visualize what the adjusted base flood elevations impact is to existing height districts. I believe they would like to present it to WORA when complete.

I am one vote on the Council, and I've made it clear to my colleagues that 'this is not solely my decision'. It is an important decision for the public on the future of downtown development. All I ask of you is that you stay informed and continue to participate in public hearings held by Council and Committees.

So, I'll end with a little tutorial on how to get notifications on meetings and their respective agendas. With Ogle Hall, I sent out reminders but it is better if you subscribe to these notifications. Simply go to: <https://www.annapolis.gov/list.aspx> and check the notifications that you'd like to receive. I suggest HPC, Planning and Board of Appeals as a minimum. Council activity continues through the Summer with an August break, so it is never too early to be involved.

Of course, I can't end without a word on Parking. If you don't know already the City and Premium Parking will hold several 'town halls' explaining the new garage operations and the reissuance of Residential permits. I am hopeful that 'lessons learned' will be incorporated in this roll out.

That's all for now but I will continue to update you via my e-mail blasts. Send me an e-mail to subscribe.

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Kind Regards,
Elly Tierney

2023-24 WORA Officer and Board Candidate Statements

The committee proposes the following candidates for the 2023-24 WORA Officers and Board of Directors. The Officers will be voted upon individually.

President - Craig Harrison
Vice President - John Fluhart
Secretary - Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Treasurer - Jeff Tober

Board members:

Rob Beguelin
Bill Bray
JD Derderian
Jonathon Freye
Rick Lober

Contributed by the WORA Nominating Committee

President - Craig Harrison



Lisa and I have lived in Ward One for 21 years and for the last 16 on King George Street across from St John's. I have been on the board since Alderwoman Tierney was the President and for the last three years I have held the position of Vice President. My background is in business development with major IT and telecom corporations, focused on the federal government. Some of my goals: to have focused committees led by board members to increase WORA member involvement; strengthen the sense of community, especially during this time of AirBnB and VRBO; grow the membership and social events; promote issue awareness and communications; and ensure that WORA has a continued presence, voice and good relationship with the local government, especially with the redevelopment of City Dock.

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Vice President - John Fluhart



I am a longtime Annapolis resident currently living on Prince George St. Previously I have lived on both Duke of Gloucester St. and Saint Mary's St. as well as living for four years at the Naval Academy. I served a total of thirty years in the Navy and Navy Reserve, retiring as a Captain in 2014. I also flew as a Southwest Airlines pilot for twenty-four years before retiring in 2020. I have been a WORA board member for one year and am presently the social chairman.

Secretary - Marlys Sandve McDevitt



Marlys is a retired Naval Officer (Nurse Corps) who has enjoyed a variety of clinical roles as a primary care Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and academic positions teaching graduate school and as program director for the FNP graduate program at Minnesota State University Mankato. She and her husband Pete moved to Annapolis in 2015, and she currently works at AAMC with the Institute for Healthy Aging.

She is a Paca Gardens volunteer and a longtime volunteer and member of the board of directors for the Light House Homeless Prevention Support Center. She is a member of St Martin's Lutheran Church, and has been the Secretary on the WORA board since April 2022.

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Treasurer - Jeff Tober



Jeff Tober and his wife Tammy moved into 163 Prince George Street in 2020. They have two children; Grant, a senior at Texas A&M University, and Lindsey, a sophomore at Arizona State University. They also have a new head-strong Border Collie named Kepler who is disrupting their lives! Jeff is a physicist and an executive at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel. Prior to working at APL, Jeff worked for management consulting firms Willis Towers Watson and Ernst & Young. Jeff also served as vice president of the Valentine Creek Homeowners Association from 2004-2007. He joined the WORA board last year and is currently the Treasurer.

"I want to help ensure the city maintains the unique charm that drew us all here as it navigates ambitious new developments in the coming years. I am particularly interested in finding ways to balance the needs of an evolving city with those of our residents on quality of life issues, such as parking, construction, and policing, and in pushing back on the city where that balance is not achieved. I would also work to make sure we have opportunities to meet and socialize with our neighbors to make sure we maintain a strong sense of community."

WORA Change of Address

Please note that WORA has a new PO Box. The new address is PO Box 3592, Annapolis MD 21403.

Board Member - Rob Beguelin



I was born in New York City and grew up in a New Jersey suburb. After attending University of Neuchatel and Boston University, I started work on Capitol Hill, eventually working for the Chairman of the US House of Representatives Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Housing. Moving back to New York City, I held positions with the Durst Organization, and Chrysler Capital, eventually becoming a Real Estate Asset Manager with Abrams, Benisch and Riker. In 1989 I married my wife of 34 years, Susanna Jones.

In 1994 we moved to Los Angeles where I joined a small private residential real estate investment firm. We started investing in commercial properties, eventually creating a portfolio of office buildings and retail centers throughout the west coast.

Moving from Los Angeles to Simsbury CT, when my wife became Head of School at the Ethel Walker School, I commuted every other week between Hartford and Los Angeles, stopping after 9/11. I became a passive partner in the real estate firm.

In 2007, we moved to Bethesda, MD when my wife became Head of School at Holton-Arms School. As we considered where we would retire we were drawn to Annapolis. We love the historic character of downtown. As a lifelong sailor the prospect of being somewhere with such a vibrant sailing community was very appealing. We bought 206 Prince George Street in October of 2019 and I commenced a complete gut and renovation. This renovation started before covid, continued during covid and we finished, meaning we were able to move in, in August of 2021. Through this renovation I was able to meet a lot of our neighbors. We are thrilled to have moved to such a vibrant community!

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Board Member - Bill Bray



Bill Bray and his wife Mary moved into 1 Cathedral Street in 2018. They have four grown children and two granddaughters. All four children live in the Boston area. Bill is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Following graduation, he served 28 years on active duty, mostly as an Intelligence Officer. He and Mary moved 11 times in those years, and lived in Europe twice. On retirement from the Navy 2016, they were living in northern Virginia until Bill accepted a job as the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings magazine, which is in its 150th year of publication. The Institute resides on the Naval Academy Yard. Bill also teaches "Ethics and Moral Reasoning for the Naval Officer" at the Academy.

"If elected to the WORA board, I would work to ensure the city listens to residents and gives them equal, if not greater, weight on the priority list when debating and deciding on new initiatives, projects, and policies. Downtown Annapolis is a special place where the interests of businesses, tourists, and residents must be met to the satisfaction of all. In our experience living here for the past five years, too often the residents' interests and concerns are not adequately and respectfully considered. I would also make sure we have opportunities to socialize with our neighbors."

Board Member- JD Derderian



My wife Mary, daughter Grace and son Clay moved to 182 Prince George Street Annapolis in the summer of 2016 because we wanted to experience a tight-knit urban community. And we have not been disappointed by the welcoming neighbors and local institutions; however, there are many factors pressuring this high quality of life. I believe WORA is the best organization to ensure a voice for the needs and concerns of the full-time residents. I would like to continue serving on the Board and work to strengthen our wonderful community's voice.

Board Member - Jonathon Freye



Jonathon Freye lives on Conduit Street with his wife and two young children. His focus is in neighborhood quality of life, specifically improving parking via enhanced enforcement and ease of the pass system. He is also an advocate for pedestrian safety and reasonable limits on neighborhood noise.

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Historic Annapolis

Board Member - Rick Lober



I have lived in the historic district of Annapolis for six years with my wife Annette at 84 Conduit Street and have served as President of WORA the last two years. While I am not running again for President, as I want to give others the opportunity, I am interested in serving on the WORA board for another term.

My interests continue to be the preservation of the historic district, continuous overview of legislative actions impacting Ward One and enhancing our quality of life downtown. Issues here are broad and include parking, City Dock, development, and crime.

The last two years have been busy for the WORA Board with our primary issue being the new Hillman Garage and its impact on parking and continuing the balance between residential living, business, and tourism in our historic downtown neighborhood. Looking ahead we expect to be heavily involved in the new City Dock plan and the possibility of a new hotel or condominium in that area. We also expect to continue to increase our membership and social activities.

It's been a very busy spring at Historic Annapolis! From celebrating the 1st anniversary of the Museum of Historic Annapolis (99 Main St) to the record-breaking Paca Garden Plant Sale-- only possible through our army of dedicated volunteers-- to welcoming Dr. Richard Kurin of the Smithsonian Institution, HA is bursting with events under the leadership of Karen Theimer Brown, President and CEO. In addition to special programming, Karen's replacement as VP Preservation, Rachel Robinson, continues to administer the historic marker and easement programs as well as lead preservation advocacy efforts and attend public meetings. This includes keeping a close eye on the important waterfront infrastructure project, FEMA compliance legislation, and projects that could impact historic viewsheds. Stay up-to-date on all HA activity at annapolis.org and thank you for your membership!

*Contributed by Rachel Robinson
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Historic Annapolis*



Garage and Parking Update



Governor Wes Moore speaks at the Hillman Garage Grand Opening

The Noah Hillman Garage opened June 14, with a celebration with music, speeches and give-aways. For EV owners, the new garage includes six fast chargers (L3) and three slower chargers (L2).

All residents may park in the garage for up to two hours a day, anytime at no charge.

Parking Permits

Please renew by June 30. This can be done at www.annapolisparking.com. Note that Zone 1 and 2 residents will need to renew with Premium parking (noted as Glideparcs on the site). Zones 3 to 6 will renew as in the past. The site also includes areas to pay fines and to buy passes.

Parking Passes

Passes are \$3.50 each and can be purchased at the site shown above. You can buy up to 25 in a calendar year. You can also buy up to ten twenty-four hour passes in any given month (must be used in that month) or up to ten six hour passes. The procedure to buy passes differs per zone. Residents in Zones 1 and 2 should buy passes 48 hours ahead of time for their first use of the site.

Violations

For Zone 1 and 2 residents, violations can be reported to Premium Parking 410-216-5620 or support@premiumparking.com



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