

Riverbay Association

ANNUAL MEETING

October 26, 2019

1. The 2019 Riverbay Association annual meeting was called to order by Association President Sherwin Pockwinse at 10:00 AM at the Chatham Community Center. Shirwin thanked all board members for their service and a special thank you went to Ann Reydel for more than 10 years of work on the Beautification committee.
  
2. Guest speaker Kevin McLain, Executive Director of the Chatham Orpheum Theater was introduced. Kevin spoke of the history of the theater here in Chatham that opened in 1916 and operated as a first-run movie theater until the late 1980's when the large "movieplex" theaters came into vogue. CVS bought up the three local theaters (Chatham, Harwich, and Orleans). Serendipitously, in 2011 CVS moved to a bigger location the very same week that Regal Theater pulled out of Harwich. A non-profit committee was formed and after two years of fundraising and refurbishing (done by our own Mike Berg!), the Chatham Orpheum Theater re-opened their doors. Kevin left his job at CBI to lead the mission of creating a real community theater which would be a "window into the world" for the town of Chatham. The experience has had challenges and lessons, and Kevin shared many highlights such as:
  - Rainy day matinees- which have turned into "every day" matinees for children in the summer (\$5/person)
  - A free Oscar party that anyone can attend
  - Private/public partnerships from wine dinners to programs supporting Cape Abilities
  - Special events such as "Merry Melodies of Spring" that featured classic musicals, artist's showings, "The Hungry Traveler"
  - Free screenings for school groups (*The Finest Hours*, *Wonder*)
  - Closed captioning and descriptive audio
  - Sensory screenings for kids with autism the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (free)

Kevin ended with revealing the top three movies for the Orpheum: *Jaws*, *The Finest Hours* and *Downton Abbey*. One suggestion posed about the Orpheum was the addition of a drop off parking space in front of the theater. Kevin said they have tried in vain to create a drop-off area, but it is very political with the downtown merchants.

3. President's Report: Sherwin highlighted the mission of Riverbay: to maintain the Riverbay neighborhood as a desirable place to live. The following were highlighted:
  - Repaired flagpole retainer ring and replaced the flag.
  - There were 4 socials- thank you to all who volunteered to host and facilitate. We are seeking hosts for the coming year
  - The annual yard sale was once again a success- 40 plus homes participated.

- There will be a tree lighting on the quad in December
  - Be sure and check the website for a calendar of upcoming events
  - The board is looking for a new member of the Beautification Committee
4. Thank you:
- Thank you to Rick and Michele Crean (Chatham Bakery owners and Riverbay residents) for the coffee and delicious pastries.
  - Dick Pockwinse for lowering and raising the flag on the Training Field quad when appropriate.
  - There is a Little Lending Library built by Noble Hanson on Riverview thank you!
  - To all board member spouses for always helping!
5. Secretary's Report- Minutes were distributed and unanimously accepted
6. Treasurer's report- Treasurer Jack Scheld thanked residents for getting their dues in a timely manner. The treasurer's report accepted with no discussion. \* Treasurer's Report attached.
7. Membership: There are 386 property owners in Riverbay and currently 240 paid members. This is approximately 20 more members than last year at this time. Real Estate report:
- 12 properties sold this year with a mean price of \$621,000.
8. Beautification: The committee currently has 15 resident volunteers plus board members that help with the spring clean-up and planting.
- Work continues at the Park Avenue Boulevard. Helpers are always welcomed and needed!
  - Jan Whittaker gave a thank you to all who helped with the Training Field garden-lugging water down there 3 times a week along with weeding and dead-heading.
9. Webmaster- Jeff Lanctot thanked C4 Computing for continuing to provide web service free of charge. Please utilize our website for:
- Chatham tide chart
  - The history of Riverbay
  - Board member contact information
  - Upcoming calendar events
  - And more!
10. Discussion
- A resident questioned why there is an increase in vacation rental property signs. A board member responded that when she asked that same question to a realtor, she

was told that there have always been rentals in Riverbay, but posting signage is a new phenomenon of recent years.

- Dave Morrison once again commented on the speed of cars and trucks on Old Comers Road. He gave an update on progress towards solving this issue. Lt. Goddard is the liaison that the 4-member committee is working with. The 4-way stop is a top priority as there have been many accidents. The addition of crosswalks to the Golden Triangle and Barkley Pond is one possibility for slowing traffic down.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Davol, Secretary