

RVIA Board Meeting Agenda, May 24, 2022

“A Rough Outline of my Vision for Consideration and Feedback”

- 1. Welcome all Officers & Board Members to Team RVIA**
- 2. My vision and adjustments to RVIA:**

Our purpose is to:

RVIA is an Assoc. that fosters connections with neighbors. (I.E. get to know your neighbors better. Hoping more will like it at least put up with each other LOL).

By doing so, we build a sense of community and enhance that community with fun activities, charitable causes & assistance, and teaching/learning about things that make the Riverview region of Warwick, RI a very nice & interesting place to live. History, etc.

That’s what I want to achieve.

I want to be able to proudly wear a Riverview Neighborhood T-shirt, anywhere, as a conversation piece to all those we’re showing it off to. These shirts will have new logos & artwork with the phrase:

“A Very Nice & Interesting Place to Live”

The RVIA neighborhood can be polled to chose favorite designs. WE CAN DO THAT ON THE WEBSITE.

The new phrase puts the focus on Riverview residents and helps foster a stronger sense of community. RVIA enhances our neighborhood community. I’d like to retire, “Neighbors Helping Neighbors & Community”, the phrase I coined for the <https://myRVIA> website early on in 2008.

3. Proposed General Budget – May 25 – December 31, 2022

- a. \$6000.00 (This is 80% of a \$7500.00 proposal if we started on 1/1/2022**
- b. A detailed breakdown will be developed very soon as cost estimates are gathered from Party vendors, etc.**
- c. It is difficult to define this today until we make decisions about YOUR interests & suggestions – BUT we must make decisions and adjust details of those once we have more info from various vendors & venues.**

4. Website & Facebook Discussion

- a. Thanks to Pauline Genest and Kathy Eisemann for creating and maintaining a Facebook presence starting I believe in 2016.
- b. RVIA is to create a new Facebook presence integrated with the Association website myRVIA for consistency of image and message to our community. The new FB site will have posts automatically generated from the myRVIA site. We also have Instagram integration for sharing photos and artwork.
- c. All current FB pages referencing Riverview Improvement Association are to be taken down off that platform so we can create this integration.
- d. A new eMail Newsletter (to be published approx. monthly) has the capability of targeting specific RVIA Member Groups – ALL or subsets.

5. **General Member Meeting Dates:** Proposed Bi-Monthly with special interim “special evening” meetings with planned Topics & Things RVIA (people who miss out on previous meeting can come chat & partake in a guest speaker).

6. **General Meetings to be held on Wednesdays except special exceptions to recognize religious holidays:**

- a. **Note:** These dates fall prior to planned RVIA Events which will give us opportunity to solicit volunteers to assist.
- b. June 8th
- c. August 10th
- d. October 12th
- e. Dec. 14th
- f. Feb. 8, 2023
- g. April 4th, 2023 (Note: Easter is on the 9th – And Passover is on the 5th) This is a Tuesday.
- h. June 7th, 2023 😊 That’s a year’s worth of meeting planning.

7. **Stockholders Meeting:** Proposed to be held December 3rd or 4th. (Some conflicts prevent us from having it on multiple late November dates – If to be held on a Sat. or Sun., I prefer a Saturday and I want it to be a fun social party!)
8. **Bring back Membership Cards – Printed Cards with RVIA Logo, website info and “Membership Thru Date”.** Temporary cards issued then heavyweight cards mailed to members (or can be emailed as a PDF).
9. **RVIA Summer Party:** We need to get RVIA going again. No bring your own party for this one.
 - a. **Proposed Date:** August 20th (*Sat. preferred*) or the 27th.
Clear of *VJ Day Weekend (Aug. 8th)*, *Pre-season Football & Labor Day (Sept. 5th)*
 - b. **Primary Theme: Food Trucks** – *If I can book them.*
 - i. Pizza Truck – Amano Pizza & Gelato (or other pending availability. I am investigating various Truck possibilities).
 - ii. Lobster Roll / Other (Same Amano or other company).
 - iii. Refer to: <http://www.foodtrucksin.com> to view “PVD Food Truck Events” for a *truck load of food offerings.*
 - iv. WE NEED TO GET RIGHT ON THIS AND APPROVE A BUDGET FOR THIS PARTY
 - c. Other party particulars/ideas:
 - i. Music by Marty (Karaoke, Music Trivia Bingo. Former radio WHJY program director/ radio jock.) He’s fun. I don’t know yet if he could or would do it. Get somebody else like him?
 - d. How will trucks work: **ISSUE COUPONS**
Issue to paid up and new members. If you join at the party, you get coupons.
Aside: We can offer coupons to “those we’d like to assist” who aren’t members, but we’d encourage them to join for a year. **So – How to be sensitive**

to those that might come for food and social activity as we've had over the years?

- i. Once someone's coupons are used, the individual could purchase additional food items with their own cash.*
- ii. Number of coupons pending cost of food packages that various trucks offer for events like ours. (Being investigated).*

e. Other Party Ideas ???

- i. Fun activities: Bean Bag Toss, Bocce, Badminton, BINGO! For money, 50/50 of course.
- ii. Sell T-Shirts: Designs in the works. Some available – others to be purchased “on demand” wear the person picks size, color, garment style, etc. and it is shipped to them. They order via myRVIA.org with our assistance.

10. Kid Karnival:

- a. Old-time Carnival Theme for Infants to 7 Years & their parents. Older kids can come but events will be geared to the younger children. No one denied.
- b. Fun but simple games like tosses and swinging knock downs. Ring toss, Plastic Bottle (water filled) Toss, etc. Dream up some fun ideas.
- c. Face Painting
- d. “Paint Your Own” kits for painting **Sea Creatures** – Kits provided OR offered at cost? TBD (Toxic free paints)
- e. Story Telling – Costumed Story Teller
- f. Other ideas
- g. WHEN TO HAVE THIS “Kids Party”?
SEPARATE FROM SUMMER PARTY.
Could be later in September and early in the day.

These are general fun ideas:

- 4th of July / Progressive House Party
- Halloween - American Legion "Train" Ride with hay & pumpkins. Candy bags. Harvest snacks/cider donuts, hot spiced cider.
- Christmas Karaoke (Marty returns?)
- Horseback Riding in the Fall - early October?
- Providence to Buttonwoods Trolley 1920s - Movie Night with big old time popcorn / maker/old candy- Vintage feeling. (George Shuster's friend)
- Buckeye Brook Watershed & Herring Count Bill Aldrich)
- Search for the HMS Gaspee, RI MAP (Roger Hudson)
- Native American History of the Riverview Area (Museum). Various tribes of area. History before purchase of land to form Warwick.
- Quahogs, clams & oysters - Upper Bay. Working the Bay. Appreciation of the Quahoggers we see out there daily. Chowda & clams, clam cakes. Charge \$\$\$ Chowder/Fish Stew cook off. Fundraiser. URI Sea Grant, "RHODE ISLAND'S SHELLFISH HERITAGE", 2015, An Ecological History
- CHARITY DINNER(s)? Somewhere TBD Pasta, soup & salad like Meadowbrook.
- Neighborhood Clean Ups / Lippitt Park after seawall repair
- Beautification & a committee to promote it!

Group Activities:

Not necessarily sponsored by RVIA (i.e. \$\$).
Just saying "Hey we're going. Want to join us?"

- Lighthouse Tour Boat
- Schooner Sail

- Wine Party with tastings
- Blithewold Christmas /Holiday Tour, Christmas Tea
- Neighborhood Chowda & Fish Stew Cook-off.
- Margaritaville & Keylime Pie - Incoming Tide Beach Party.
- Seal Watch - Winter Lower Bay
- Ice Skating at Thayer Arena (or new rink if/when open) with after party.
Skate Rental (Holiday period) or Post New Years, early winter.