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Some participants of the 2022 Spring Egg hunt with special guest, the Easter Bunny.

SPRING EGG HUNT

Join the community Saturday, April 8th at 10 AM at the Woodford Road Dead End for a long Radnor-Winston tradition: the Spring Egg Hunt! Meet neighbors and welcome the arrival of Spring.

Not convinced? Let's hear from a few folks that joined in the fun last year. "I love how they let us open the eggs up!", said Gabe, age 5, "I was waiting all week!" Five year old Aleila said "I liked the Easter Bunny and playing with my brother. And eating the donuts!" The Easter Bunny said of her experience, "Hoppity, hop!"

For anyone joining, please provide six or more filled plastic eggs for each

child in your family who will be participating. Consider filling the eggs with both candy and treasures such as coins, stickers, small toys, etc. Eggs may be left on the porch at Dave & Kelly's house at 333 Rossiter between Saturday, April 1st and Friday, April 7th. Please leave the eggs in the bin labeled "Easter Eggs."

All neighbors big and small are invited to this event. Children up to 13 years old are invited to hunt eggs. Coffee and Munchkins will be provided. Please BYO Mug if possible.

In case of rain, the Egg Hunt will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 10 AM.

Dear Neighbor,

It's been a chilly March, but we have a lot of news to share, and we are revving up some spring events! Our annual Spring Egg Hunt will be in our new traditional location – the rolling Woodford Road dead-end!

We are also planning to revive our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 13. It's been three years since we last held this traditionally winter event. Govans Boundary Church location needs a healthy rent to help with their maintenance, but they will give us a break in a warmer month, so we're going to give that a try. Mark your calendar, and look for opportunities to volunteer.

The Irr family is ramping up our communications. Regina heads up this newsletter, and Chris is working on a nifty new website to bring us into the 2020s! Stay tuned for more on that.

Want to see something else happen to make our neighborhood even better for you? Or just want to meet other people and jump into something happening now? Please reach out to me or anyone else on the Board for a conversation.

And all of this is made possible by our member dues. Please pay your 2023 dues (information on page 4).

Hope to see you outside!

Dan Pontious, President



COMMUNITY GARDEN REBUILD

This past fall, the Radnor-Winston Community Garden team of volunteers rebuilt twenty-five raised wooden garden beds at the community garden located on Loyola property behind Popeyes. The original garden beds were built in 2010 when the community garden first began and they have been in use for over twelve growing seasons.

In preparation for the rebuild, the team sourced reclaimed eight-inch boards from Second Chance, Inc., a secondhand store for home goods and materials in downtown Baltimore. Over 100 boards, each spanning 10 to 16 feet in length, were stored in Lia Purpura's shed last summer and were transported out to the community garden this fall in Leila Grohe's truck, Scratchy. Ruth Henry helped cut wood for the beds and the beds were assembled and put in place over five weekends, ending in mid-November. The garden rebuild core team was Kirsty Hambrick, Melissa Osquist, Sam Kessler, and Katarina Carlin. Chris Rutkowski, Taylor La Fave, Mikah Zaslow, Marian Crotty, Karen DeCamp, Rebecca Dineen, Becky Witt, Teri LaMay, Shannon Fleming Bray, Antje Rauwerda, and Emily Finton also pitched in during the project.

The rebuilt beds have already been planted with cooler weather greens (spinach, kale, bok choy and collards),



sowed in the beds after winter in milk jugs. The Community Garden team is already looking forward to the garlic harvest in early summer!

Since 2010, the community garden has flourished with the help of R-W volunteer neighbors, who pitch in weekly to start seeds, provide maintenance around the garden, and, in the harvest seasons, collect and share the bountiful tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, herbs, summer and winter squash and much more! The community garden was one of the earliest donors of fresh produce to the local CARES food pantry and now has five dedicated beds for CARES with biweekly deliveries during peak season. (They love the greens and tomatoes!)

If you are interested in joining the neighborhood volunteers this growing season for an hour on Sundays (or as your schedule allows), please reach



out to Katarina (katarina.carlin@gmail.com). It is a great way to get to know your R-W neighbors while problem solving a trellis design or tackling a weedy bed. Gardeners learn from each other on all sorts of topics, sharing books to read, menu and recipe ideas, and even providing child advice. Speaking of kids - having the young ones up at the garden helping and learning about growing things is a blast! No experience is necessary!

AREA UPDATES: POPEYES, CREMATORIUM, NOTRE DAME TREES, YORK ROAD CORRIDOR

There has been a lot happening lately around our little neighborhood!

Popeyes Drive-thru

On January 31, we finally got a measure of justice after three years of Popeyes ignoring their commitments connected to their new drive-thru. The City's Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) had actually revoked Popeyes' drive-thru conditional use in March 2022 because of their non-responsiveness to us and the City, but Popeyes continued to operate their drive-thru illegally into January of this year.

In late January, neighbors Lina Ayers, Kevin Zembower, and Dan Pontious attended another BMZA hearing, where Popeyes attempted to restart their drive-thru. Fortunately the Board just barely (2-2) rejected Popeyes' application, based on their track record. The Popeyes owner can re-apply in a year, and we are working to re-establish a relationship with them in the meantime. Please contact Dan at dan.pontious@icloud.com, if you would like to be part of that.

Vaughn Greene Crematorium

Speaking of the BMZA, our Feb-

ruary 2022 appeal of their October 2021 approval of a human crematorium at the Vaughn Greene Funeral Home across York Road is still pending. Last July our pro-bono attorney argued before Judge Fletcher-Hill that the BMZA had not followed the law in approving the crematorium, and the judge has not yet ruled. We will keep you posted!

Notre Dame Trees

In terms of our neighbor to the west, Notre Dame of Maryland University, they are planning to develop a portion of their land along Homeland Avenue into a new Brightview Senior Living facility, with both independent and assisted living. Especially since they are preparing to cut down some mature trees for that development (which they will need to mitigate by replanting), we are concerned about the university's stewardship of the other beautiful large oak trees on their campus, which seem to be dying at an alarming rate.

Contact Karen DeCamp at kmdecamp@gmail.com, if you would like to be part of engaging with Notre Dame on that.

York Road Corridor

Want to get involved in improving

our York Road corridor and all the neighborhoods along it? There is a lot happening there, too. In February, 80% of businesses along the corridor voted to fund a new Business Improvement District with a small surcharge on their property taxes. Soon we will have a full-time executive director and other part-time and contractual staff working with this new organization to keep the corridor clean and safe and to coordinate revitalization and marketing efforts.

How to get involved?

- **Public Spaces and Greening Committee.** Help green up the corridor and neighborhoods. Contact Lia Purpura: liapurpura1@gmail.com
- **Housing and Transportation Committee.** Work on vacant homes, revitalization issues and transportation. Contact Dan Pontious: danpontious@icloud.com
- **Join Monthly York Road Partnership (YPR) meetings** 1st Wednesday of every month
- **More information**
<https://yorkroadpartnership.org>

District 4 Updates from the Councilman's Office

Hello Everyone! Councilman Mark Conway here. My team and I have been busy over the past few months, holding hearings on public safety and council bills, as well as pushing for full local control of the Baltimore Police Department to be restored to the city. We've also been probing the conduit system deal between the city and BGE.

We're preparing for an eventful spring as the mayor prepares to release his budget and my office gets ready to

introduce bills on improving city government operations. As an alumnus of CitiStat, a program that uses data and robust management to improve city government, I believe I bring a unique perspective to some of the persistent problems we see in delivering basic city services and running our city.

While we are seeing limited improvements, it's no secret that Baltimore still has unacceptable rates of crime and violence. I'm committed to continuing

to use my position as chair of the Public Safety Committee to press city officials on the strategies they are using to both respond to crime and address its root causes.

If you want to receive my biweekly email newsletter, you can sign up at bit.ly/conwaynewsletter.

Please reach out anytime: I'm at mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov and (410) 396-4830. Hope to see you around, and happy spring!

RW TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Please participate in the Radnor Winston Transportation Survey!

The Board has started a planning process to address transportation/traffic concerns in the neighborhood.

We would like to hear from you and your input will help us formulate our recommendations for the City Department of Transportation.

The survey is available through the link or the QR code below.

<https://bit.ly/RWtranspo>



TESTIMONIALS & PHOTOS

We need your positive thoughts and testimonials about the neighborhood for our new website! Please fill out any or all of the prompts on the Google Form linked here:

<https://bit.ly/RWtestimonial>

We would also like your photos from around the neighborhood. They can be of anything, as long as they were taken here. A beautiful tree, your pet, your children playing, your house, flowers in a neighborhood garden, a picture from a cookout or party, etc. If it captures something interesting or beautiful about the neighborhood, then we'd love to use it on the website. Please limit your submission to 5 photos maximum. You can upload your full size images here:

<https://bit.ly/RWimages>

Please upload full size, original size, or high resolution images. Your image may be cropped or lightly edited.

JOIN THE LISTSERVE

To join the listserve, email Jeff Ellis (somewhereinthecity@gmail.com). Also try our Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/radnorwinston/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/radnorwinston/) or find us on Nextdoor.

2023 ASSOCIATION DUES

Please pay your 2023 association dues at <http://bit.ly/RWIA-Dues> or write a check to RWIA and hand to your block captain or mail to Dru Schmidt-Perkins at 400 Winston Ave.

Dues are \$15/ household or \$10 for seniors and lower-income folks.

GOVANS FARMERS MARKET

Mark your calendars – the Govans Farmers Market will return to the 5104 York Road lot on Wednesdays starting June 7th through September, from 3-6 pm rain or shine. This summer will feature a range of vendors from favorites such as Taco Loco, to new baked treats, and of course a variety of fresh produce! New this summer is a community composter that will accept food scraps in partnership with Loyola's Sustainability Office. You can look forward to local musicians and events at the Market to gather and enjoy with the York Road community this summer!

YORK ROAD COMMUNITY DAYS

Join the York Road Partnership and great neighbors this spring for cleaning and greening along York Road! Two remaining community days will be hosted from 10a-12:30p on Saturday Mornings April 15, and April 22. Volunteers will meet at 5104 York Road (same lot as the Govan's Farmers Market) at 9:45a. All tools and materials will be provided. Come ready to get your hands dirty while helping to beautify our community and improve our shared public green spaces! To register, sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ZickMXL8d7C4WUtc9> or reach out to organizer Kyra with questions ksmcdonnell@loyola.edu.

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