

Del Ray Citizens Association Membership Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024 - 7:00pm

Virtual via Zoom

7:03 pm: DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by Vice President James Miceli

Contact the DRCA Executive Board: execboard@DelRayCitizen.net

[Del Ray Citizens Association](#)

- President: Katie Waynick president@delraycitizen.net
- Vice President: James Miceli vp@delraycitizen.net
- Membership Chair: Elizabeth Reyna membership@delraycitizen.net
- Activities Director: Rachel Lazarus drca_activities_director@delraycitizen.net
- Treasurer: Jim Wallace treasurer@delraycitizen.net
- Secretary: Lisa Quandt secretary@delraycitizen.net
- Chief Information Officer: Elena Hutchison admin@delraycitizen.net
- Immediate Past President: Tim Laderach pastpresident@delraycitizen.net

7:03 pm: Crime/Traffic report from Captain Dennis Andreas

Contact Captain Andreas: dennis.andreas@alexandriava.gov 703.746.6872

[Alexandria Police Department](#)

- Citywide
 - Increased crime city wide this year, but rate of growth has slowed
- Del Ray specific from the time of the last DRCA meeting
 - Del Ray has had a good year to date
 - lower larceny rate compared to last year, 14 lower than same time previous year
 - 7 larcenies, 5 shoplifting (½ from CVS - regional CVS theft ring), trying to figure out why, 1 burglary at Neighborhood Pharmacy - safe was stolen, report just coming in
- Traffic
 - Down citywide and in Del Ray
 - Focusing on Speed - Commonwealth, Mt. Vernon and Route 1
- Announcement
 - Lyles Crouch school: gun brought to school, mother charged with allowing access to firearm by a minor
 - April is Distracted Driver Awareness month - enforcement this month, cell phones, etc.
- Questions:
 - Patrick M.: Can you give an update on the sexual assault on Commonwealth?
 - Still actively working case, it's under investigation
 - Not tied to other two similar cases
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7:08 pm: Sheriff's office report from Sheriff Sean Casey

Contact Sheriff Casey: sean.casey@alexandriava.gov

[Alexandria Sheriff's Office](#)

- The Sheriff's office manages the jail, secures the courthouse, serves warrants and civil process in the City of Alexandria, helps the police department when called upon.

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- Be on the lookout for scammers - posing as Deputy Lewis (who is a real deputy, but she isn't calling)
 - If you get a call from the Sheriff, they will NOT ask you to pay anything. Can call the Sheriff's office if you have concerns
 - If you do get scammed, call the police department and report it
- [Away from Home Check](#) 9am - 5pm M-F, Sheriff's office will come check on your home while you are out of town
- April 16: [Re-entry resource fair](#)
 - 25 vendors and organizations
- Restarted Sheriff's outreach in the elementary school, develop positive relationships with students and teachers
 - Assigned to a school and be a visible presence for 1 hour per week minimum

7:12pm: Announcement from President Katie Waynick

- Garden Fest April 21
- House and Garden Tour in May
- Need volunteers for both, please check the website

7:13pm: Mayoral Candidate Forum

Introduction from Katie Waynick

- [Questions](#) were submitted online from DRCA members:
- Questions grouped into themes and the list of themes and questions were sent to all 3 candidates the day prior to this meeting
- Instead of doing a debate we decided to do a forum
- Cannot do live questions tonight
- Each candidate will get 10 minutes
- This section will be recorded and will be posted on our website

[Recording of Mayoral Candidate Forum](#)

7:16pm: Vice Mayor Amy Jackson,
<https://www.amyjacksonva.com/>

7:16pm: Steven Peterson
<https://www.petersonformayor.com/>

7:36pm: Council Woman Alyia Gaskins
<https://alyiaforalexandria.com/>

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7:56pm: Committee Updates

Traffic Calming Committee: Sarah Haut, co-chair

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- Traffic and Parking board approved crosswalk at Leslie and Luray
- Trying to get info from police department to get an idea about problem areas
- How to build awareness of parking violations - too close to driveways and streets, City planning on an education campaign throughout the City
- Next meeting 4/17

Land Use Committee Update from Kristine Hesse, Co-Chair

Contact the LUC Committee: drca-land-use@delraycitizen.net

- No update this month

Parks Committee Update from Peter Garafalo, Chair

Contact the Parks Committee: parks@delraycitizen.net

- No update this month

Arena Committee Update from Katie Waynick, DRCA President

Contact the Executive Board: execboard@delraycitizen.net

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered on this committee
- Several meetings and discussions
- Created a concerns document on website under arena section

Historical Committee Update from Rod Kuckro / Nate Hurto, Co-Chair

Join the Historical Committee: [please sign up here](#).

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- Co-chairs determined at last meeting
- Official kick off meeting of the committee scheduled for Monday April 15th at Mount Vernon Rec center and via Zoom

7:58 pm: Announcements

Katie Waynick on behalf of Rachel Lazarus, Activities director

Contact Rachel: drca_activities_director@delraycitizen.net

Del Ray Gardenfest

- Gardenfest moved to Colasanto baseball field April 21, noon - 4pm

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- 36 booths this year
- Giveaway plants, seeds
- Interactive demonstrations

Del Ray House and Garden Tour, May 11 Lisa Quandt, House and Garden Tour Chair

Contact the House & Garden Tour Co-Chairs: DelRayHouseTour@delraycitizen.net

Del Ray House & Garden Tour

- Call for volunteers: <https://forms.gle/CzuFcrbpYjsD4WgF7>
- Purchase tickets and posters:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-del-ray-house-garden-tour-tickets-844772014837>
- Special flash sale \$10 off on 4/11 to countdown 1 month until the tour

DRBA Gayler Reuter, Liaison

- Non-profit is Boys and Girls Club
- 110 E Del Ray - drop off donations
- First Thursday will most likely be cancelled again due to weather
- Del Ray Dogfest is Sunday behind GW - tickets on Visit Del Ray, proceeds go to mid atlantic aussie rescue
- May 2nd - next First Thursday

8:06pm: Meeting adjourn