

Remington Community Newsletter

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These Folks Want Your Vote Nov. 8

Remington voters have a lot of choices in this year's general election. Third-party and independent candidates are running strong campaigns for several city offices, including Mayor and both of Remington's city council offices.

In 2011, Carl Stokes won District 12 with only 2,436 votes; his nearest competitor got 253. Mary Pat Clarke that year defeated the RNA's Doug Armstrong, who ran in the Green Party, 3,636 to 417. Remington has approximately 1,600 registered voters; a strong turnout just from Remington could change the outcome of this year's races.

The Newsletter invited all of the candidates for City Council districts 14 and 12 and for Mayor to submit a short answer on the question, "Why should Remington residents vote for you?" Printed here are the responses we received by press time.



Ian Schlackman - Green Party candidate for City Council District 12

In Remington, you have a very important choice. Do you want to elect a strong progressive like Mary Pat Clarke who has a long history of engaging with the community, organizing changes to local zoning issues, and helping other people because that's their personality? If so, I'm your choice on November 8th.

I believe it's time to get someone in office who will follow through on the bills they pledged to support. I am a firm yes for a \$15 an hour minimum wage. I am a firm no for large corporate giveaways such as Port Covington. We need to focus on providing tax relief to local small businesses and homeowners in the community because trickle-down economics simply doesn't work.

If you agree with this sentiment, I want your vote. And more than that, I want your involvement in my campaign. We are a grassroots movement that depends on your support.

So far in the general election, we've raised more money than all of our opponents combined. We've knocked on thousands more doors than any other candidate. My staff and I have worked on other winning city council campaigns in Baltimore, so we know exactly what it takes. As a Green Party campaign, we did the unthinkable and got the Sierra Club endorsement because they know we're winning this race and they want to see solid progressive leadership in City Council.

On November 8th, let's unify and come together as a community to vote for real change and strong leadership for Remington. Help me defeat Robert Stokes so I can help you for the next four years.

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Dan Sparaco - unaffiliated candidate for City Council District 12

In mid-September, I was at the groundbreaking of a new Food Hub along Gay Street in the heart of the East Side. It is a project that matches the excitement and dynamism of the good things happening right here in Remington, and it will repurpose beautiful old

industrial spaces to create jobs and new businesses and grow food. If I thought for one second that our Democratic nominee had anything to do with making projects like this happen, I would not be running. If there was a better alternative in November, friends and I would not have gathered 430 signatures get me on the ballot. So many of us are hungry for a choice and a change. Families committed to the city, but worried about schools. Small developers with a vision to rebuild neighborhoods, but stymied by bureaucracy. Creative professionals who want a vibrant, livable city, but who don't want us to become another over-expensive D.C. And of course, all those who have lived here their entire lives hoping that the place they grew up can turn the corner to stability. All of these folks have been routinely let down by their government, and their leaders. I saw first-hand how City Hall works, and how it doesn't, first as an attorney with the Law Department, and then working for the Mayor until last year, when I left because we were so clearly headed in the wrong direction. As a civil rights attorney who spent years helping working families keep their homes, who defended victims of police misconduct, and who took what he learned as a lawyer in the private

sector to do battle on behalf of the city, I know we can do better. As a long-time Democrat, I petitioned to get on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate so together, we can prove it.



Frank Richardson, independent candidate for City Council District 12

My name is Frank Richardson, and I am a native

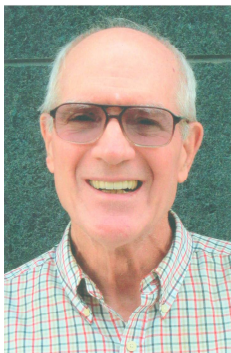
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Continued from page 1 Baltimorean and longtime resident of Charles Village. My community involvement, education, professional experience, and love for Remington and the entire city of Baltimore qualify me to serve as your 12th district City Councilman on the Baltimore City Council.

My deep concern and love for the people of the Remington and the rest of the 12th District, my background as community activists working with organizations such as BUILD, CVCBD, the Justice & Peace Committee, and the NAACP has prepared me to represent the 12th District as a catalyst for change! By working with diverse groups, organizations, neighborhood associations, and businesses, I have learned to solve complex problems and understand both sides of an issue.

I will work with citizens, community leaders, neighbors, and businesses to revitalize blighted neighborhoods throughout the city and work to expand the Vacants to Value and Live Near Your Work programs and bring back the Dollar House program. I will continue to support United Workers's "Housing for All" initiative (Question J) to secure a \$40 million Community Land Trust which will increase homeownership and affordable housing in Remington and throughout the city. I will also partner with Governor Hogan to develop new businesses in the neighborhood, create more green space, and demolish dilapidated properties.

I appreciate the diverse and multicultural community and microcosm of society we're so blessed to have here in Remington. Moreover, I will work to build consensus and mediate disputes between community associations and other stakeholders and bring people together for the common good of the entire community. I leave you with my favorite biblical quote, "Let the leader among you be a servant to all."



David Harding, independent candidate for City Council, District 14

I am an independent candidate for City Council in the 14th District. I have worked for the Maryland Health Department for more than 30 years. I was president of Local 1535 of AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, for more than 10 years. I worked at

Bethlehem Steel at Sparrows Point for 8 years and was active in Steelworkers Union Local 2609.

When I first came to Baltimore in 1963, I was active in the Mobilization Against the War in Vietnam and worked with U-JOIN, a community organization at that time. I am a long-time socialist, having learned more than 40 years ago that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans

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will defend working people. We have to do it ourselves.

I think there is more than enough money in Baltimore to address the problems working people face. But that money has been given away to big developers, corporations, and banks. The developers, like those building around the harbor, have gotten richer. Under Armour at Port Covington can expect special consideration for the next 30 years. Even giant Amazon gets special tax breaks.

I believe that to change this will require an organized and massive fight by working people. There is no other way to force the bosses to pay for the crisis they have created and to win what is necessary for everyone to have a decent standard of living. Elections will not make this happen. But we can use the elections to show we are fed up with both parties and to show there are people who agree that such a fight, with these goals, is needed.



Mary Pat Clarke, Democrat for City Council District 14

Remington is one of the most active and involved neighborhoods in Baltimore City. It is challenging and exciting to represent such a well-informed and caring constituency. The 14th City Council District represents Remington's northeastern area, north of West 28th Street and east of Huntingdon Avenue. But both council

districts have traditionally worked closely together as one. I ask and hope that residents will support me for re-election in November's General Election.

I pledge to work closely, as I have with Councilman Carl Stokes, with the new City Council representative to be elected to Remington's 12th District. The community

deserves such cooperation.

I am a Democrat, a teacher by profession, the mother of 4 and "Bubby" of 10, married to Joe Clarke. Our family has lived on Cloverhill Road (off of West 39th Street) since 1967. I serve as a fulltime City Council member and, if elected, will continue to do so. It's a 24/7 task and honor. Remington is unique in many positive ways. Thanks to an influx of newer and younger residents, the neighborhood's population has increased, a sign of vitality and promise. At the same time, despite debates over specific issues, Remington does work to maintain housing affordability and quality of life for both recent and longtime residents. It is crucial to maintain that balance to protect the very residents who have maintained the neighborhood through so many generations. May Remington continue to honor its diversity and serve as the model of inclusion it has already become to other Baltimore neighborhoods. Thanks for your consideration.



Alan Walden, Republican candidate for Mayor

My wife and I moved to Baltimore City almost three decades ago, fell in love with the city, and never looked back. For almost two decades, I was an unapologetic Baltimore booster as news anchor and commentator on WBAL Radio and became a member and/or leader of a number of civic projects related to Baltimore's storied past and

remarkable traditions. But with the passage of time, I also realized that Baltimore has some serious problems that require a different attitude and approach.

The public school system is scandalously poor despite the investment of seventeen thousand dollars per pupil per year. We must teach young people how to work, not just how to pass through the system underqualified to enter the workforce or continue on to higher education.

The property tax rate, more than double that in any other Maryland jurisdiction, must be reduced; sharply and now. The relationship between the police department and the public at large must be strengthened without delay and the rate of violent crime reduced through greater cooperation between law enforcement and those they are sworn to serve and protect.

Most of all, it's time to understand that the same people doing the same things in the same way will not produce a different outcome. What is required is leadership that helps create the environment, the structure, in which the individual makes things happen for the better. As I said at the outset: I love Baltimore. It's our home, and I pledge to take better care of it. R

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Wine Store to Open in Former Sav-it Site

By Whitney Treseder

You may have noticed that Sav-It Liquors, at 329 W. 29th St, has been shuttered for a few months and wondered what was coming next for that space. Well, wonder no longer! The building was bought by the ubiquitous Seawall Development Co. and has been leased to the former owners of Chesapeake Wine Company in Canton, Debbie Jones and Mitchell Pressman. The couple hope to open Remington Wine Company in the second week of November.

As its name implies, Remington Wine will be focused on wine, though they will also sell beer (mostly Baltimore brews) and liquor as



This drawing shows a proposed new façade and entrance for Remington Wine Co., coming to 329 W. 29th St.

well as bread, cheese, and flowers. Bottles of wine will start at about \$9. Jones and Pressman want to be “a really good merchant—liquor and lottery are not who we are.” Though their old store had a bar at the center, this venture will not sell by the glass. They will, however, hold free tastings most Saturdays. Expected hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 8pm. They are not currently hiring.

The Chesapeake Wine Company opened in 1998 in the Can Company building on Boston Street. At the time, they were the only

Job Listings

Steckel Homes, a custom home building company, recently opened a shop in lower Remington! They are hiring **woodworkers** and **field carpenters** for their custom carpentry, tile, and finish work projects in the area. Call or e-mail Luke at **410-375-3292** or luke@steckelhomes.com. Visit www.steckelhomes.com for more information or follow them on instagram (@steckelhomes). Please share with your neighbors!

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wine bar in Baltimore. Jones and Pressman enjoyed being part of the changing community in Canton but they were at work far more than they were at home. So this year, they decided to downsize. The Canton store sold in January, and they spent a few months exploring new possibilities before hearing about Remington from their friends at Blacksauce Kitchen. Jones and Pressman are excited to become part of the Remington community, and hope to support fundraisers for local endeavors such as the Community School.

The biggest changes to the 1,300 sq ft building will be the entrance, which will move to the end of the building, at the corner of 29th Street and the parking lot, and the façade, which will have an entirely new look. The parking lot, which abuts Fox Street, was sold with the building and will have four spaces set aside for the Wine Company. Seawall executive Thibault Manekin said the plans for the rest of the parking lot—about 20 spaces—are not yet decided. Already, the shrubbery at the corners of the lot have been removed at the request of Remington Village Green, the community garden next door, to stop their use as drug stashes.

Remington Wine Company expects a hearing in front of the liquor license board for the transfer of the liquor license by the end of October. Jones and Pressman are happy to answer questions and concerns from the community. They can be contacted at remingtonwine@gmail.com. R

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