WARD ONE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WORA)

STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee	Committee Chair(s)
Communications Committee	**Ron Gunzburger**

Report Date November 2026

1. Committee Members / Volunteers

Ron Gunzburger, Chair.

2. Activity Since Last Board Meeting

- **Website.** The redesigned WORA website has recorded more than 500 unique visitors since launch.
- **Facebook.** WORA continued posting nearly every day. Over the past month, the page recorded more than 73,000 views and nearly 5,000 engagements (comments, likes and shares). The page has about 1,400 followers, a net gain of 36 over the past month.
- **Email.** WORA sent four email updates, one per week. The mailing list gained 22 subscribers on a net basis, bringing the total to 509.

3. Priorities Before the Next Board Meeting

Continue regular communication with WORA members through the website, Facebook and email.

4. Upcoming Activities / Important Dates

Ongoing. Continue member communications through the WORA website, Facebook and email.

5. Board Action or Assistance Needed

- ☐ No Board action required
- ☐ Board approval or vote requested
- ☐ Board guidance requested
- ☐ Funding requested
- ☐ Communications/publicity assistance requested
- ☐ Additional volunteers requested

No Board action or assistance was requested in the submitted update.

6. Other Significant Issue

The post announcing the launch of Paint the Ward Red was WORA's top Facebook post of the month. The announcement included photos and drew 16,100 views and 1,400 engagements (comments, likes and shares).

WARD ONE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WORA)

STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee	Committee Chair(s)
Finance Committee	Mike Sullivan

Report Date November 17, 2026

1. Committee Members / Volunteers

Mike Sullivan, Chair. Tom Berger, Member.

2. Activity Since Last Board Meeting

Reporting period September 13–October 13, 2026

Membership revenue and expenses. Membership revenue totaled $1,560. Reported expenses totaled $522, including $200 for administration (licenses, software and related costs) and $320 for the June meeting.

Cash balances. Truist held $4,323.96 and PayPal held $1,023.74, for a combined balance of $5,347.70 compared with $5,097.00 the prior month.

The two listed expense amounts total $520, leaving $2 to reconcile against reported expenses.

3. Priorities Before the Next Board Meeting

Continue growing membership revenue. Preliminary figures show 25 new memberships since the last meeting, with Paint the Ward Red and Mahjong social activities contributing to the increase. WORA also received its first direct donation. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Prepare the draft 2027 budget for Board review.

4. Upcoming Activities / Important Dates

No additional dates were provided.

5. Board Action or Assistance Needed

The committee’s update did not include a request for Board action at this meeting.

6. Other Significant Issue

None reported.

WARD ONE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WORA)

STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee	Committee Chair(s)
Social Committee	Sandy Scott

Report Date November 17, 2026

1. Committee Members / Volunteers

Sandy Scott (Chair), Catherine Britt, Marlys McDevitt and Laura Sullivan.

2. Activity Since Last Board Meeting

WORA Mahjong. Members have been playing weekly on Tuesdays at either 49 West or Federal House.

November 17 membership meeting. The committee toured Annapolis Masonic Lodge No. 89, created and sent invitations through Punchbowl, and organized lists for supplies, beverages and appetizers. The City of Annapolis issued the beer and wine permit on November 13, 2026.

The Light House Homeless Shelter. The committee toured the facility to learn about its programs and services, established a monthly program for WORA volunteers to prepare and serve dinner, and created a WORA QR code for donations.

3. Priorities Before the Next Board Meeting

Find a venue for the March 2027 membership meeting.

4. Upcoming Activities / Important Dates

January 19, 2027. Membership meeting at Colonial Players Theater, 6–8 p.m.

March 2027. Membership meeting venue to be determined.

June 6, 2027. Membership meeting confirmed for the back patio at the William Paca House.

5. Board Action or Assistance Needed

No Board action was requested in the committee’s update.

6. Other Significant Issue

None reported.

WARD ONE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WORA)

STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee	Committee Chair(s)
Member Services Committee	Anna Boehk and Bill Bray

Report Date November 17, 2026

1. Committee Members / Volunteers

Co-chairs Anna Boehk and Bill Bray

2. Activity Since Last Board Meeting

Snow Buddies. The program materials include separate sign-up forms and directories for volunteer and paid snow shoveling. Residents can contact volunteers about availability or contact paid providers directly to agree on availability and price.

Member Benefits Program. Seven businesses are listed as participating: McGarvey's, Federal House, LEVEL, StretchMed, Blue Star Painting, Maryland Paint and Decorating, and Rams Head. The program materials include a digital membership card and a website page for offers.

3. Priorities Before the Next Board Meeting

Snow Buddies. Review both website sign-up paths, assign responsibility for maintaining the directories, and decide when to announce the program.

Member Benefits. Confirm offers, dates and restrictions with participating businesses. Test access to the digital card, including household memberships and expiration dates. Identify more businesses to approach and assign outreach and follow-up.

Membership recruitment. Decide whether to pilot a raffle at a WORA event. If pursued, choose the event, prize, eligibility and entry process. Direct interested neighbors to Join/Renew and assign someone to follow up.

4. Upcoming Activities / Important Dates

November 17 membership meeting. Present the Snow Buddies program.

Mid-December. Roll out the Member Benefits Program.

5. Board Action or Assistance Needed

No vote requested at this stage. Board members can suggest businesses to approach or make introductions. Communications support would help announce the programs once details are confirmed.

6. Other Significant Issue

None reported.

WARD ONE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WORA)

STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee	Committee Chair(s)
Advocacy Committee	Sharon Kennedy and John Richards

Report Date November 17, 2026

1. Committee Members / Volunteers

Co-chairs: Sharon Kennedy and John Richards. Members: Andy Haire and Robert Madden.

2. Activity Since Last Board Meeting

Zoning Unlocked. The committee continued tracking the proposal and advocating for WORA's previously adopted position.

The committee met individually with several Council members about the proposal. Some conversations were productive, while others yielded less progress.

Diesel-electric ferry. The committee provided testimony opposing the proposed ferry.

October 8 parking forum. WORA's testimony yielded positive results. City staff recommended that the City Council create a program to help seniors park closer to their homes and open a dialogue with the United States Naval Academy about freeing up residential parking spaces currently used by Naval Academy attendees.

3. Priorities Before the Next Board Meeting

Zoning Unlocked. Continue providing testimony as the City considers the proposal.

Parking. Monitor proposed parking changes and their potential effects on Ward One residents.

Short-term rentals. Review the City's upcoming report. Refine WORA's position once the City identifies a definitive course of action for what follows the moratorium.

4. Upcoming Activities / Important Dates

November 17 Board meeting. Discuss and vote on the proposed WORA position concerning the trash enclosure at 181 Prince George Street.

November 18. Meet with the mayor to discuss Zoning Unlocked.

Before the next Board meeting. Meet individually with the remaining Council members.

5. Board Action or Assistance Needed

Board vote requested. Adopt a WORA position opposing any sidewalk easement that would allow the existing street-front trash enclosure at 181 Prince George Street to remain, and opposing any after-the-fact or new Historic Preservation Commission approval for that enclosure.

6. Other Significant Issue

John Richards's November 13 discussion memo to the Board provides background on the enclosure, including sidewalk access and pedestrian safety concerns.