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## **RPBA to Get the Skinny on Riverdale Park Station**

*The Station's SPM Lydia Chandlee to Focus on Area Impact, Growth and Future*

**RIVERDALE PARK, MD., Sept. 10, 2019** – Riverdale Park Station Senior Property Manager Lydia C. Chandlee will be the featured guest of the Riverdale Park Business Association at its monthly meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 11. The meeting begins at 6 pm at Burtons Grill & Bar in Riverdale Park Station.

Chandlee will give RPBA members an update and overview of the 36-acre master-planned community which will contain 119 townhouses, 850 apartment units, 160,000 square feet of retail space, 20,000 square feet of office space and a 120-room Hyatt House boutique hotel at its full build out. She will discuss the project's impact on Riverdale Park and the greater Riverdale area, provide insight on possible new retail tenants. Chandlee will also take audience questions.

Chandlee, who has worked in property management for about 15 years, spent nine years at Columbia, MD's mixed-use development, Maple Lawn, where she later managed nearly half-a-million square feet of commercial space. In between she took time off to raise a family, then returned to work as a property manager for Good Will's vast 22-store portfolio. A year and a half ago she was selected by Calvin Cafritz Enterprises to manage its new mixed use gem in Riverdale Park. She is employed through the management firm, Cushman & Wakefield.

She was a good choice to head one of Prince George's County's premier mixed-use projects. She knows the area like few do. Chandlee grew up in Mount Rainier – she still attends St. James Catholic Church there – before her family bought farmland in Upper Marlboro. She graduated from Bowie State College with a degree in international relations hoping to one day become a diplomat. It was smart preparation on her part since as senior property manager she must campaign, lobby, and negotiate deals every day. When the project is fully built-out, Riverdale Park Station will have 180,000 square-feet of commercial space, 850 apartment homes, 120 townhouses, a 120-room Hyatt House boutique hotel and several open village green spaces.

Join dozens of your fellow businesses every second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm to discuss area business and development growth and opportunities that could expand your business horizons and learn how others have cut through the maze of hurdles and obstacles put in businesses way by oh-so-helpful regulators. The good news is that often those same regulators are in attendance and are genuinely open to hearing concerns of the business community and working with us. Good communication is a key element to moving forward and RPBA provides that platform.

Each quarter, RPBA holds a monthly meeting in a member's business to get an up-close look at how a successful and growing business manages its way to prosperity. Missing a roadshow mixer is a lost opportunity for a fast, free and painless education. And you are missing out on a ton of fun.

RPBA's Sept. 11 event is also a great opportunity to meet Burton's General Manger **Justin Thompson** and Manager **John Grant** and find out how they've made Burtons a sophisticated and casual dining hot spot in the 18 months Burtons has been open in Riverdale Park Station.

WHAT: RPBA September Meeting

WHEN: 6 pm, Wednesday, September 11, 2019

WHERE: Burtons Grill & Bar, 4440 Van Buren St., Riverdale Park, MD 20737

WHY: Because if you are not careful, you will learn something everyday!

**Reminder:** Riverdale Park Business Association will hold its annual general elections for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary at its October 9 meeting, 6 pm In Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, RPMD, 20737. If you are interested in a leadership role, start your campaign now and bring it to Burtons! (This is probably one of those rare times where a candidate CAN BUY a potential constituent a beverage and influence their vote!)

**BREAKING NEWS!** RBPA NOW ACCEPTS CHARGE CARDS -- Yes, you read that right, you can now pay your \$50 annual dues by credit card. Sign up today and enjoy the benefits of membership in RPBA.

Questions, suggestions? Contact Jeffrey Yorke, [Yorkedial@gmail.com](mailto:Yorkedial@gmail.com), 301-502-1243.

# Riverdale Park Business Association

Representing and Building Businesses in the Greater Riverdale Area

## 2019 RPBA APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service-Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Begun: \_\_\_\_\_

Business BIO: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Would You Serve as an RPBA board member or participate on one the RPBA Committees? (circle one or more)

*Membership Committee*

*Planning Committee*

*Advertising, Marketing, Communications Committee*

### **Join RPBA Today!**

RPBA is accepting new members, rebuilding its committees, and sharpening its focus. If you own and operate a business in Riverdale Park, Greater Riverdale or the surrounding communities, join us and help ignite a thriving business environment in Greater Riverdale. *We meet on the Second Monday of the Month at 6 pm. Usually meetings are held in Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, RPMD, 20737* but we also do a Road Show that takes our meetings to our members' establishments on a rotating basis. And that's the FUN part!

The business association is currently developing a roadshow series that will conduct meetings in Greater Riverdale Area businesses to showcase those businesses and provide RPBA members with an on-going toolkit to success. Members will also get news and information, and an eye on business development that they won't get anywhere else.

**Annual membership fee is \$50.** Call/text Jeffrey Yorke, 301-502-1243, or email [Yorkedial@gmail.com](mailto:Yorkedial@gmail.com) with your credit card information or **make checks payable to RPBA.**

Mail this completed application with an enclosed check to:

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