

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **September 2012**

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE – Joe Clark**

The Committee met on September 19 to review the summer's events and plan for upcoming happenings. Plans for next year's music weekend, the Halloween party and Holiday celebrations were made and will be posted in the bulletin.

**WEBSITE – Joe Clark:** Nothing to report

#### **CONTRACTS – Joe Clark**

The new trash contractor has been doing a very good job with only an occasional miss which has been taken care of the next day. People are good about giving the Town Office a call when there has been a problem and the resolution has been easy and friendly.

A new contract for snow removal will be solicited for bids and in place before winter arrives.

#### **FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION – Audrey Maskery**

New Business: A request for a path and steps on council chamber side of the Town Hall has been made by the Town Hall group. This will require a drawing and formal letter of application to Maryland Historical Trust.

We have been told that Pepco/Asplundh has finished their 2012 removal trees and limbs that had the potential of falling on power lines. Verizon also have cleared a three foot path along the Fios lines throughout town. This will enable installation of the final phase of cabling.

Maintenance has removed most of the 'widow makers' from over the road and avenues. A program of grinding out old and new tree stumps will continue.

We have purchased new trees for installation this fall from two vendors. Stadler will be planting in two phases this year as their trees are available. We will be getting a Hawthorne on Grove Rd, a Kousa in Chapel Park and a Crabapple on Chestnut Ave followed later by a White Oak in The Circle and Sweet Gum in Howard Park. Six oaks of assorted types have been ordered from Waynesboro Nursery and will be installed by our Maintenance crew in Howard Park, Chestnut Ave and Woodward Park.

**MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery:** Nothing to report.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Joli A. McCathran**

I was out of town for the September 2012 HPC Meeting. After repeat requests, to date I have not received minutes of the meeting. Unable to report.

#### **WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran**

Non-native invasive plant material was professionally removed by Maryland Nation Capitol Park and Planning Commission. The unsightly brush along Ridge Road was also removed.

## **PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran**

Nothing to report.

## **ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson**

Paving: Bids will be solicited for the re-paving of Ridge Road in spring of 2013.

## **MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson**

A serious crack in the wall of McCathran Hall was identified in early October. The wall on the south side of the front door appears to be pulling away from the next section of the octagon at the top of the corner beam. Steve Werts is collecting photographic evidence of the problem. It will need evaluation by a structural engineer before we know what repairs are needed. I will have an update of the most recent information at the Oct 8 Council Meeting as it is important that the Council be aware of this problem as it could have budget ramifications.

Town Maintenance has been rehabilitating street sign posts. Damaged posts have been replaced and all posts have been painted. Fencing materials for repairs of the lake fence have been purchased and patching or replacement of damaged fence continues. Tree work and cleanup following the series of storms this past summer continued throughout the month. Mowing and trimming of grass continues. We are experiencing increased frequency of vandalism. The gazebo was again cleaned of graffiti.

## **MAPLE LAKE – Greg Silber**

In September, the Lake Committee held its final meeting of the year; it will re-convene in winter in preparation for next year. The Committee reiterated that it was pleased with the work of this year's lifeguards. Several ongoing repair and maintenance activities and needs were noted.

## **SAFETY – Greg Silber**

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee continues to meet and is working to develop various recommended processes for Town Lighting, including a draft form for the requesting of shields for lights in particular places.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Greg Silber**

Nothing to Report.

## **MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young**

Nothing to report but the committee will meet in October to review the needs of the Hall.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION – David Young**

There were no requests for building permits.

Charlie Challstrom noted that the Block 3 Survey had been completed along with several others. A survey of Block 2 is the next to be completed.

Towne Crest Redevelopment- Discussion took place regarding the County Planning Board meeting on September 13, and the County Hearing Examiner's meeting planned for October. The Commission approved a slightly modified Evaluation of the Revised Towne Crest

Apartments Redevelopment Proposal. This will be sent to the County Planning Board. The Commission also approved a proposed resolution that will go to the TWG Council regarding the proposed Town Crest Redevelopment (the resolution will be voted on at the September 10 Town Council meeting).

Deer Park Bridge—The Bridge Advisory Group continues to work on a draft Preliminary Agreement with CSX based on consultations with representatives. After another bridge group advisory meeting, the draft preliminary agreement is expected to be provided to the Town Attorney for review. A town hall meeting subsequently will be held.