

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board

Meeting Number 32 (06-18)

June 4, 2018

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held at the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040.

Meeting Number 32 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of Meeting Number 31 were motioned for approval by Dion Guthrie and seconded by Ron Sollod. CAB members present were Paula R. Mullis, Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, Fran Salbeck, Dion Guthrie, Ron Sollod, J.J. McQueen, and James B. Lyons, III.

Special guests in attendance and community members who gave presentations included Captain Peter Geogiades of the Sheriff's Office; Erica Kelly and Mike Zipa of Joppatowne H. S., presenting the Homeland Security Program; Adam Shellenbarger, who introduced the presenters; Joe Leturgez, finance director of Mountain Christian Church discussing sewage treatment plant; Dudley Campbell, Bay State Land Services; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Dion Guthrie, CAB member, discussed upcoming parade on July 1 as well as information from Jansen Robinson, school board member; and Donna Blasdell, Legislative Aide to Councilman Perrone.

Sheriff's Office/Community Policing Report by Captain Perter Geogiades

Captain Geogiades updated the community on the latest crime report. He shared a report on the top three calls for service which are as follows:

<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>	
1. Alarm Calls	58	1. Alarm Calls	42
2. Suspicious Persons / Incident	49	2. Suspicious Person / Incident	42
3. Animal Complaints	27	3. Theft	26

Part 1 crimes which include homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft were down in every area. He also reported 176 total heroin overdoses. Narcan was used by law enforcement 53 times. There were 40 fatal overdoses and 136 non-fatal overdoses. There were 52 repeat overdoses.

Erica Kelly and Mike Zipay of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program at Joppatowne H.S.

Adam Shellenbarger introduced Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness coordinators, Erica Kelly and Mike Zipay. Adam stated that the program at Joppatowne H.S. is not only the best thing we have going in the County, but it's the best such program in Maryland and the country. Erica and Mike shared that the program is supported by other faculty members, including the assistant principal. Erica Kelly shared a power point presentation which explained the motto of the program. The motto of the program is Integrity, Commitment and Service. The Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP) Program integrates current practices and technologies, used by both governmental and private sector agencies. Instruction centers around how the United States protects against threats to public health and public safety by using effective communication, prevention, response and recovery techniques. The program is intended for all interested students. Students get real world opportunities and the HSEP program has proven to be very successful. The coordinators will make another presentation in the fall. Everyone agreed that the program deserves high praise.

Joe Leturgez, Finance Director of Mountain Christian Church and Dudley Campbell, Bay State Land Services, discussing sewage treatment plan

Mr. Leturgez discussed the need for a new septic system that is needed on the Mountain Christian Church property. The current system is very antiquated. Much concern was expressed and many questions were asked about the new system. Community members wanted to know why Mountain Christian Church wrote on their Water & Sewer Update application the need for a new septic system and was it to support new buildings. Will there be a plan for managed flow? Will chemicals be involved? What if the system fails? And many numerous other concerns and questions were expressed. Leturgez made it clear that he could not answer technical questions. He referred the community MDE's Yender Chang who would be glad to come to the county and answer any questions community members may have. His telephone number is 410-537-3363. Dudley Campbell, representing the church, also referred community members to the MDE. It was made clear to Leturgez and Campbell that the community is not against the church building the new system. However, it is imperative that the technical questions be answered first.

Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services

Ms. Bryant announced that the Joppa/Joppatowne Citizen Advisory Board and the community are to be congratulated for being the best attended community meeting in the County. She thanked everyone for the hard work being done to keep community members involved and where they can share their concerns and to give input at the meetings. She passed out several handouts on various programs being held in the County –

programs such as Harford's Most Beautiful People; Harford County Bike Camp; Drug Prevention, Intervention & Treatment Symposium with guest speaker Dion Flynn, known for appearing as President Barack Obama; Fair Housing is Your Right; Running for Recovery; and many more. Sylvia was thanked by Paula Mullis for being a great liaison to our CAB and also for her support in getting speakers for the meetings.

Community Updates from CAB Members and Community Members

Dion Guthrie shared information on the 11th Annual Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day Parade on July 1, 2018 at 6 p.m. The theme is "Mariners on Parade." The parade will be in Joppatowne, and a free music concert will take place at Mariner Point Park Pavilion from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dion reported that maintenance dredging will take place to restore access to the channel in Taylor Creek toward Rumsey Island. The project received \$45,000 in matching funds.

Barbara Risacher spoke at the County Budget Hearing on May 9th and shared the following. The Joppa DHC worked with the Joppatowne Lions Club to take pictures of historic sites in the Joppa area to place on the County's website to promote historic preservation in Joppa. The committee did tree maintenance, worked in Gunpowder Park, planted many daffodil bulbs, mulched and weeded several beds. Members of the community are invited to join the committee.

J.J. McQueen said that schools will close on June 15. He suggested that to restore community relations, community members should speak to kids when they are seen out and about.

James B. Lyons, III shared more information concerning the renovation of the firehouse on Hanson Road. He believes that the construction will start on the building in May and will be completed in November. There will be many enhancements for training as well as a kitchen and sleep areas.

Ron Sollod shared information also on the fire company that there had been several fires in the County from January through May. He reminded everyone to continue to check smoke alarms, at least once a month. Be careful while grilling and remember fireworks are illegal in the County. Have a great summer and thanks for supporting the fire company.

Gloria Moon stated that there will be some remodeling and repairs done at McComas Institute. It is a neat historic building. Flowers will be planted there in the fall to enhance the outside as well.

Paula thanked the community and expressed appreciation for their support. She reiterated that Joppa/Joppatowne CAB meetings are the best attended in the County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.