

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board

Meeting Number 35 (11-18)

November 5, 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 35 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Gloria Moon, followed by a moment of silence for those not present; then everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of Meeting Number 34 were motioned for approval by Fran Salbeck and seconded by J.J. McQueen. CAB members present were Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, Fran Salbeck, Ron Sollod and J.J. McQueen. Absent from the meeting were Chairperson Paula Mullis, Dion Guthrie and James B. Lyons, III.

Special guests and community members who gave presentations and shared information were Lt. Casimir Alkanowski, Harford County Sheriff's Office; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Barbara Risacher; Adam Shellenbarger; Russ Brown; Judy Rose; Sue Sapp, aide to Councilman Slutzky; Ron Sollod and Gloria Moon.

Sheriff's Office/Community Policing Report by Lt. Casimir Alkanowski

Lt. Alkanowski gave the Joppa/Joppatowne Community Crime Report for October 2018 compared to the same period in 2017:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Suspicious Person/Incident	54	43
Alarm Calls	33	48
Thefts	35	28

He reported the total Narcan administered by Law Enforcement was 100. Total fatal overdoses, 75; total non-fatal overdoses, 355; total overdoses, 430. Lt. Alkanowski also shared that repeat OD's were 112, repeat individuals - 45, admissions to Harford Memorial Hospital - 32, admissions to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center - 96, cell phones seized - 145, marijuana used as a gateway drug - 72; prior RX opiate use - prescribed, 45; prior RX opiate use - non-prescribed, 81.

Sylvia Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services

Sylvia Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services shared a brief update of many activities that will continue throughout the month of November and dates including happenings in January and April 2019. One activity highlighted is "No Shave November." Citizens are asked to join Harford County

Government and skip shaving for the month of November – “Grow it. Show it. Support Cancer Awareness!” And donate new razors, shaving supplies and toiletries in support of Harford County veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness. She also shared information on the Veteran Resource Fair which is free to veterans; the fair will be held on November 10 from 10 am to 1 pm, in honor of Armistice Day which marked the end of WW I. The County Executive will lay a wreath at Tydings Park at the War Memorial in recognition of Harford Countians who lost their lives in war. Ms. Bryant shared that November 14 is a suggested date for a night of conversation at dinner to talk to family members about the dangers of substance abuse. Also, the dredging in Joppatowne waters to help make waterways safe and navigable was briefly discussed.

Community Update from Members of the Community Advisory Board and Community Members

Adam Shellenbarger offered comments on his attendance at the culminating event of the Listen and Learn Tour that was done by the new Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, Dr. Sean Bulson. He said that there was no good news on the school budget. There is a \$30 million shortfall on next year’s budget which is a huge problem for the school system. The fund balance for the system was used last year. Revenues are not going up fast enough. The superintendent is open for ideas from the communities. Things are going well for the Joppatowne schools. Attendance is up and Magnolia Middle School PTA is most active. The Joppatowne High School Homeland Security Program is quite active and athletic teams are doing well. Adam reminded everyone of the rotating shelter program for the homeless which will be held on January 2 – 9th and January 30 to February 6, at the Joppatowne Christian Church. He would like the homeless to feel welcomed and encouraged community members to participate in the program.

Ron Sollod of the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company reminded everyone about the importance of fire safety in the home, especially with the approaching of winter. He stated that carbon monoxide is a killer. Carbon monoxide detectors must be placed closer to the floor to be effective. If detectors are placed closer to the ceiling, death can occur before the carbon monoxide reaches the detectors. Older homes are more susceptible to carbon monoxide dangers. Chimneys need to be checked each season and space heaters need to be placed no closer than three feet to anything flammable. He also reminded community members of the dangers of generators and deep fryers and spoke briefly of the importance of having a safety kit in the home. Ron shared the sad news of the passing of Fred Mullin, husband of Paula Mullis, and he asked everyone to keep the family in prayer.

Vice Chair Gloria Moon shared that MDE sent out notices raising a big issue for a church in Joppa regarding the proposed relocation of the park-and-ride lot at I-95 and Mountain Road. A decision is expected to be made in January 2019 as to whether or not the church’s property will be used. Church members don’t want

to give up the land. Gloria will keep the community updated. She also talked about two zoning issues. A change to the Magnolia Neighborhood Overlay District law was passed at the last council meeting. Now developers don't have to follow the MNOD law that was passed two years ago. Developers can do what they want. The tire pyrolysis plant went through a circuit court appeal but was denied by the hearing examiner. The County Council upheld the decision. The company has two strikes against it. Gloria will let us know what will happen.

Community member Russ Brown suggested that the Community Advisory Board contact the County Council, health department, the County Executive and the DNR and ask them to test the water in our area, because it is polluted and is dangerous to the community's health. Ron Sollod motioned and J. J. McQueen seconded that such a letter should be sent. Gloria volunteered to take the lead to work with Barbara Risacher, Russ Brown and others to get the letter written. It was announced that the Lions Club has items to donate to anyone in need for use in the home. Community members were asked to share the information to other members of the community. Barbara Risacher said that a good festival was held last month at Copely Parrish Church. The next meeting of the Joppa Development and Heritage Corporation will be held December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Joppatowne Christian Church.

The meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary