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***** NEWSLETTER *****

President's Message – Eric Rockel

THE NEED FOR EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS

Two recent news events caused me to react by saying “slow down”, maybe we need an extended discussion about the causes and effects before new policies are implemented. In the first instance, Superintendent of Schools S. Dallas Dance and Board of Education President, Larry Schmidt, came out with a Sunpaper commentary calling for students to begin bilingual education in elementary school and for the school system to provide all students with access to digital technology. These education leaders argued that foreign language skills and technological mastery will prepare our students for the work world of the 21st century.

I do find these goals to be noble ones, but my first reaction was about the cost of achieving these objectives, particularly the cost of accessing digital technology. Do Messrs. Dance and Schmidt intend to give each student a laptop, an iPad or some other form of tablet computer? Well, they never go into that level of detail in their op-ed piece. The hardware costs, alone, for a student population of over 100,000 would be enormous, and on top of the hardware costs would be software licenses, possible cloud computing networks and a small army of IT professionals to keep the whole system running smoothly.

Many school systems throughout the nation have already begun to experiment in this arena. Some pilot programs, wherein the school system issued school-owned tablet computers, have been shelved due to severely constrained budgets. Other pilot programs found that the students actually preferred their own personal devices rather than the school-issued ones. So in response, some school systems are implementing a BYOD- bring your own device- based approach. In either case, students will need to be respectful of license and copyright agreements, keep passwords and personal information confidential and not share or send inappropriate material.

Additional areas that need discussion in light of a technologic shift include the continuing role of textbooks in the learning environment, the role of the teacher and the impact for the brick and mortar campuses we know as our schools. In that article, Dr. Dance insisted that teachers would still serve as “vital guides to our students”, but many would ask, ‘do you really need so many guides with the GPS of technology at hand?’. I just don’t know; that’s why I said the whole subject needs some further discussion.

The second news event that caused some alarm involved Councilman Todd Huff proposing legislation that would have made it illegal to picket or protest within 300 feet from any entrance to a school, public or private. Again, maybe on the face of it, the Councilman’s intentions were noble. After all, no one wants to see the safety of students threatened. But the right to free speech and the ability to protest are one of the basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Mr. Huff should have realized that protectors of civil rights, such as members of the ACLU, would be all over this legislation. What was the impetus for this proposal in the first place? I don’t recall any controversial picketing incidents in the Third Council District over the last year. Do you? Would our nation have been better served if this type of legislation existed during the quest for civil rights in the 1950s and 60s? So why would it be appropriate now?

Mr. Huff has withdrawn the proposal for the time being, and if he plans to put it back on the table, one can only hope that there will be much greater discussion about why such a law is needed and what are the constitutional ramifications of its passage.

GTCC General Meeting – Wednesday, April 10th, 2013

The GTCC will hold their 'Next Meeting' on **Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 at the Cockeysville Library Meeting Room, with meetings STILL beginning promptly at 7:00 PM.**

GTCC

The purpose of the GTCC is to coordinate a united council of Community Associations to enhance and protect the quality of residential life within the community.

NOTICE !!! **CALENDAR 2013** **NOTICE !!!**

***** **Meeting Schedule** *****

General Membership 7:00 pm – 9pm

<p>February 13, 2013 April 10, 2013 June 12, 2013 August – No Meeting October 09, 2013 December – No Meeting</p>	<p>January – No Meeting March 13, 2013 May 08, 2013 July – No Meeting September 11, 2013 November 13, 2013</p>
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All Meetings are NOW Scheduled at the “Cockeysville Library” Meeting Room, on the DATES NOTED ABOVE.

Agenda and Speakers - GTCC April 10th, Meeting

1. Introductions
2. A Special “Thank You” to Mollie Fein, former Managing Librarian Of the Cockeysville Branch
3. Featured Guest: Julie Ensor, Clerk of the Circuit Court
4. Old Business:
 - a. Sonic Restaurant- Administrative Law Judge denies the zoning Relief and the motion for reconsideration
 - b. Hearing Officer’s Hearing for Dulaney View, at Pot Spring & Old Bosley Roads, April 11 at 10 am
 - c. Maryland Legislature Passes Gasoline Tax Increase
5. New Business:
 - a. Stormwater Remediation Fees: Coming to all suburban counties, including Baltimore County. Bill 20-13 will be voted on by the County Council on April 15
 - b. Padonia Village Shopping Center : zoning case concerning signage
 - c. Other items from members
6. Adjourn

The Captain's Corner – Captain Dennis Delp

We have invited our Cockeysville Precinct "7" Commander, Captain Dennis Delp, to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Captain's Corner' on any issue(s) that he feels might be of interest to our membership. The following article this month is from Captain Delp:

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to everyone. I been in law enforcement for over 23 years and have served in several capacities. My assignments have included patrol, police athletic league, community outreach, personnel and employment. I have served in numerous precincts such as North Point, White Marsh, Parkville, and Wilkens and now look forward to serving in the Cockeysville Precinct. It is truly an honor to work with the officers of the Cockeysville Precinct to serve the citizens of the Cockeysville Precinct. I look forward to maintaining the great relationships that exist and forging new lasting relationships within the community. Communication is vital to those relationships and I ask that we all take an active role in the communication process to ensure that we are meeting each others expectations. We all play a vital part in the community's quality of life. I look forward to the opportunity to meet some of the community and business representatives in the near future.

I would like to remind everyone that we are fortunate to have a very active Police Community Relations Council at Precinct 07. They meet every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Bank of America Building located at 11333 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, Room 105. Please consider joining to help with our information sharing among communities. It is a great way to take information back to local organizations. Contact Outreach Officer Kevin Kahl @ 410-887-1863 kkahl@baltimorecountymd.gov for more information.

Please feel free to visit the Precinct 07 website for information concerning crimes in the community and other information updates. See link here: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/pc07/index.html>

It is that time of year again to begin working out in the yard. Please remember to keep your sheds locked. Every year we see expensive items taken from unlocked sheds. Please remember to keep the doors shut when you are working around the house for two reasons. One, people passing by can easily see what items that you keep in your shed and two, it only takes a minute to run over and remove something from your shed. Whenever you are going to leave it unattended for an extended time frame, lock it up.

The Cockeysville Precinct Community Outreach Unit conducts security surveys for residences and businesses. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you would like to have your home or business evaluated for crime prevention measures. They will walk around the property and give you crime prevention tips specific to your property. Please contact the Outreach Unit at 410-887-1863. Thank you for your continued support, Captain Dennis Delp

The Librarian's Corner – Darcy Cahill

We have also invited our Cockeysville Library Manager, Darcy Cahill, to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Librarian's Corner' on any issue(s) that she feels might be of interest to our membership. The following article this month is from Darcy:

Hoping to grow that perfect tomato this summer? Join us for **"Vegetable Gardening: Beyond the Basics"** on Thursday, April 25th from 6:30-8:30 PM, taught by the Master Gardeners. Stop by the Information Desk to register, or give us a call at 410-887-7750. We are hosting **"Gardening for Kids"** on Saturday, April 13th at 10 AM. Children will learn some gardening basics, do a craft, and take a plant home. Registration is required.

We are excited to host an afternoon of music presented by **Dulaney Rhapsody**, a group from Dulaney High School. This family program will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 2 PM. Children will be allowed to try out instruments at the end of the performance.

Summer reading season is almost upon us! If you need some reading ideas, join us on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:30 for our lively **"Books, Coffee and Conversation"** program. This is a great opportunity to hear others talk about what they are reading, share your thoughts about what you are reading, and enjoy coffee and cookies. All are welcome to attend the **Cockeysville Book Club**, which will meet at 7 PM on Monday, April 29th to discuss this month's book, [San Miguel](#), by T.C. Boyle. A full listing of our spring programs is available online at www.bcpl.net, or in our Calendar of Events, which you can pick up in the library. Enjoy the beauty of springtime in Baltimore, and GO O's!

The BCPL Website: <http://www.bcpl.info>

The Councilman's Corner – Vickie Almond and Todd Huff

We have invited our County Councilmen to provide us this month with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Councilman's Corner' on any issue(s) that he feels might be of interest to our membership. The following articles this month are from Vickie and Todd:

2nd District - Councilwoman Vickie Almond

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your newsletter. I want to keep you informed and to invite you to contact me anytime that I can be of service. Below are just a few of the important issues that may impact you.

Thornton Road - Traffic calming is being completed as we speak. The community around Riderwood Elementary and I have been working on this project for quite a while.

Falls Road and W. Joppa Road - The Department of Public Works has upgraded this intersection from a service "F" to a service "D". Work session on this will be April 30th if anyone has any strong opinions.

Stormwater Fees - The State of Maryland has mandated that the County implement fees to address stormwater runoff that makes its way into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The Council has some questions regarding these fees and their implication on residents, business and not for profit organizations. If you have concerns please contact eps@baltimorecountymd.gov. The Council will be discussing this issue at its April 9th work session.

I hope that you will continue to contact my office with any concerns that you might have. I look forward, as always, to talking with you. Thank you for all that you do. Sincerely, Vicki Almond

3rd District - Councilman Todd Huff

Spring has officially arrived and with that comes the onset of the budget process in Baltimore County. The County Executive will present his budget message to the County Council on April 15, 2013. This will be followed by County Council hearings with the many county agencies; however, there will be a public hearing on April 30, 2013 at 6:00 pm in County Council Chambers. This is your opportunity to speak on any budget issue of concern to you. Generally speakers are allotted 3 minutes, although that is subject to change.

I anticipate that the budget presented by the County Executive will reflect the reductions and increases from the State. The County Council will have approximately one month to review the budget proposal prior to voting on it on May 23rd. The Council's role is one of review only. We have the power to remove items from the budget; we may not add to what is presented by the County Executive. I am concerned that we are fiscally responsible to the citizens of this County and committed to using my vote to achieve this end.

Public Safety

The Cockeysville Precinct, which covers 230 square miles of the Third District from Lutherville to the Pennsylvania line, has a new commander, Captain Dennis Delp, a 19 year veteran of the Baltimore County Police Department. We warmly welcome Captain Delp and look forward to working with him on issues in the district. He makes outreach a priority and feels that communication is key to solving problems.

As we welcome Captain Delp, we regretfully say goodbye to Corporal Pat Zito who retired from the Cockeysville Precinct after nearly 33 years of service. Many of you got to know this fine man and we wish him the best on his well deserved retirement.

Public Works

I am pleased to announce that I was able to secure, along with assistance from Dave Thomas of Public Works, and staff from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, a FEMA grant in the amount of \$3,045,000 to purchase the properties that have consistently experienced severe flooding on York Road in Cockeysville. This has been an exhaustive process but nonetheless, I look forward to continuing to work with the property owners to find solutions to the extreme flooding problems.

Animal Control

An issue that I have dedicated many hours to is the Baltimore County Animal Shelter, located on Manor Road in the Third District. There are numerous concerns about this agency and Baltimore County has issued an RFP, Request for Proposal, to locate the right organization to run the shelter. Hopefully an animal oriented non-profit will be found to take over the shelter which would enable county workers to focus on animal control. I will update you as soon as there is further news.

Yard Material Recycling

Beginning Monday, April 1st, yard materials will be collected separately for recycling, not with trash, from Baltimore County residents with "Y" days on their schedule. These separate yard material collections will take place from April through as late as December 14th.

For example, if a resident's first "Y" day is April 10th, yard materials set out at the curb or alley from April 1-9 will not be collected with trash but will be picked up separately on April 10. If a resident's schedule has no "Y" days, their yard materials will continue to be collected with trash year round. You may set out an unlimited number of bags of yard materials but the collector may not collect all of the bags on the same day. Trash collection must be their first priority and they must take into account all of the residents on their route.

Yard materials accepted for recycling collection include grass, leaves, vines, twigs, shrubbery trimmings and branches and limbs. Please remember to use paper or plastic lawn and leaf bags to set out your yard materials, not trash cans. Also, branches and limbs will be collected only if they are no larger than 3 inches in diameter, no longer than 3 feet, and tied in bundles not exceeding 30 pounds.

The yard materials collected on "Y" days will be composted into an earthy organic material to be used by Baltimore County agencies and residents.

Trash Tips

My office receives quite a few calls regarding trash removal. Baltimore County has a web site that provides information on the regulations and types of materials that are accepted.

You can access this information at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste.

Pedestrian And Bicycle Advisory Committee Citizen Input

Baltimore County's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) is seeking community input as they begin to move forward on implementing a number of projects identified in the recently adopted Eastern and Western Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plans. Members of the public are invited to voice their preferences on which projects to fund first at a Citizen Input Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 5 pm, in Room 104 in the Jefferson Building Hearing Room, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland, 21204. Further information on this project can be found at the following site: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/bikeped. The interactive map showing details of the plan for bicycle facilities can be viewed through the My Neighborhood application.

For more information, please contact Kathy Schlabach in the Planning Department at 410-887-3521.

GTCC Website - <http://www.gtccinc.org> - Frank Regan

The Greater Timonium Community Council maintains an active website to provide everyone information related to our organization and many activities of Community interest. Our main website can be found at:

GTCCINC.ORG instead of **GTCCINC.COM**

Compost Bin And Rain Barrel Truckload Sale - Frank Regan

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, Baltimore County will host a joint compost bin and rain barrel truckload sale. The sale will be held on the auxiliary parking lot of THE AVENUE at White Marsh, 8125 Honeygo Boulevard.

iWatch, iReport, iKeep Us Safe – Frank Regan

iWatch Baltimore County is a neighborhood awareness program created to educate and encourage citizens to vigilantly watch around them and report suspicious behaviors that may have connections to crime, as well as local, state, or national security threats. The Baltimore County Police Department has initiated this community partnership to help and assist local neighborhoods in staying safe from crime and possible terrorist activities. Together we can make our streets safe for our families and children, and can prevent our communities from being the target of possible terrorist attacks.

Subscribe to iWatch Crime Alerts: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/media/iWatch/index.html>

iWatch crime alerts provide information about wanted criminals, missing persons, criminal arrests, and other significant cases. In many of these cases the public's help is requested to help identify or locate a suspect. You can make a difference by alerting police to information you may have about crime trends and wanted criminals. Receive iWatch crime alerts directly in your e-mail inbox when you subscribe to this free service. iWatch crime alerts provide the most immediate information available to the public from the Police Department and are also available on the County web site.

Report Suspicious Activity ! ! ! Citizens are encouraged to report activity that just does not fit. You can now use our web tips form to submit a tip or report suspicious activity to police. Report an emergency or a crime in progress call >>>>>>>> “911” immediately.

Annual 2013 GTCC Membership Dues – Frank Regan

GTCC ‘2013’ Membership dues of \$50 dollars for the year are due at this time. We had a great response from (50+) Associations contributing their Annual Membership dues payment last year! Dues notices for 2013 will be mailed out in late February so if you don’t receive one or if you need a copy, please don’t hesitate to let us know. . Please send your 2012 dues payments to **GTCC, 9b Ridgely Rd., Box 276, Timonium, Maryland 21093**. Thanks to all our contributing Associations for all their dedicated support for the ongoing work of the Greater Timonium Community Counsel!

Membership & Annual Dues Report – Frank Regan

The GTCC has always had a great representation from the many Associations that exist in our geographic area which encompasses about 25 perimeter miles. This area is roughly bound from Dulaney Valley Road & I-695 to Falls Road & I-695, then north on Falls Road to Shawn Road, then east over to York Road, then up Ashland / Papermill Roads to the Loch Raven Reservoir boundary then over to Old Bosley Road and then down Dulaney Valley Road to I-695.

Each year we have been fortunate to increase our participation with a growing number of Community Associations. We are pleased to report that the GTCC now has over 50+ active dues paying Associations within its umbrella that represents over 60,000+ residents within our thriving neighborhoods. It is through the hard work and participation by each member Community Group that helps to enhance and protect the quality of residential life within our area.

Please find a list of participating Community Associations below:

Belmont Forest Condos	Falls Road Comm.	Monterey Imp.	Springlake Comm.
Brooking Court Condos	First Mays Chapel HO	Orchard Hills Comm.	Stapleton Court Garden Condos
Burncourt Condo	Fox. Chapel Comm.	Pine Valley / Valleywood	Stratford Comm.
Chapel Hill	Holly Hall Garden Condos	Pot Spring Comm	Tullamore Condos
Chapel Gate HO 1-2-3	Hunt Meadow Comm.	Ramsgate Comm.	Valley Crest Civic
Chapel Gate 4-5-6	Huntridge Comm	Rockfleet Garden Condos	Valley Garth
Chapel Ridge Comm.	Kilcolman Garden Condos	Rosslare Ridge Condos.	Wakefield
Coachford Comm.	Lutherville Comm.	Shepherd’s Knoll Garden Condos	West Timonium Heights
County Home Park Comm.	Northampton Comm.	Sherwood Hill	York Manor
Dulaney Forest Comm.	Mays Chapel Village Garden Condos	Springdale Comm.	Yorkshire/Haverford Comm
Dulaney Valley	Mays Chapel Townhouse HomeOwrs	Limerick Condos	Longford
Jennifer Ridge	Mays Chapel North, Inc.	Topfield Condo	Tralee Forest Condo
Roundwood Ridge I & III	Overlook	Pebble Creek HO	Dunley Condo
Longford North	Wellington Valley	Towns Of Doolan	Mays Chaple North
Foxford	Dulaney Gate		

This & That – Regular and New Helpful Items

Balto.Co. Executive Updates - The Office of the County Executive periodically has information to provide to community leaders. A number of community leaders have expressed a desire to receive this information in an email format. If you would like to receive these emails, please register using the following website:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe>

Balto.Co. E-Community Newsletter - Baltimore County has unveiled a new County service, the E-Community Newsletter. The county will publish seven monthly letters, one for each County Council district, detailing planning, zoning, development and public works decisions and their impact on communities. The first issue will be published in mid-August. Residents can register for the newsletter at:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe/updates/index.html>

Crime Update Information – Frank Regan

There has been an increase in interest by many Community Associations and residents to become more knowledgeable of current Crime Trends in the greater GTCC Area. The following links can be a great source of up to date data on crime and crime trends:

* **Cockeysville Precinct # 7** provides a listing on recent crime blotter / activity and crime trends in the precinct area.

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/pc07/index.html>

* **Baltimore County Police** Department provides regular weekly reports to the public about current crime trends.

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/crime/crimetrends.html>

GTCC Trivia – Did You Know?

There is so much history and tradition here in both the *Greater GTCC and the Baltimore County* area that books could easily be written and filled with all the information. However, from time to time we will provide a source for the lighter side of our many Communities.

See if you know the answers to these few trivia factoids:

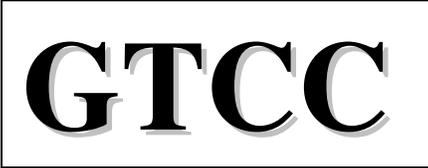
1. The first deed in Baltimore County was filed in 1664. Where was the property?
2. What is “Towson’s Light-House”?
3. Who were the last five County Executives prior to Kevin Kaminetz?

Please don’t hesitate to send any of our Board members a trivia fact and we will try to include them in our next Newsletter. (See Answers Below)

1. *In 1664, the property of Captain Thomas Todd, known as “Todd’s Inheritance” was recorded. The original house on old North Point Road was burned by the British during the War of 1812. This structure was supposedly built of English brick that had served as ballast on tobacco ships that came directly to the plantation to load. For several years after the War, the Todd family lived in a granary on the property until a new brick house was finished in 1816. This structure can be seen today.*

2. *A genuine hero of the War of 1812 was native son General Nathan Towson who had a 40 year career in the army and was considered to be the “ablest artillery officer” in the United States. He was born in Towson in 1794 and was primarily a farmer until he joined the Baltimore militia when the British attacked the frigate Chesapeake in 1807. During the War of 1812 he fought in the Lake Erie theater and rose quickly through the ranks. His battery unit won the day in two important engagements in 1814 and became known as Towson’s Light-House from their constant flashes of rapid fire.*

3. *The last five County Executives before Kevin Kaminetz were Hutchinson, Rasmussen, Hayden, Ruppertsberger and Smith.*



The Greater Timonium Community Council

The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for April 10th at the Cockeysville Library at 7:00 pm

CURRENT ISSUES

Hampton Inn & Suites: Hotel is proposed on lot 6 at Texas Station Court. The Development Review Committee approved that this project would not require Community Input Meeting and Hearing Officer's Hearing despite objection raised by GTCC. Thus far the project has not moved to the construction phase (E. Rockel)

Aylesbury Road: Owner is proposing a mixed use project for the property on the north corner of Aylesbury Road and Business Park Drive. Residential, commercial and office uses are proposed. This project has not moved beyond the preliminary concept stage. (E.Rockel)

York Road, Timonium Condo Project: Recently land owner A&A Global Industries notified GTCC that the condo project proposed by Keelty & Company will not proceed. A & A Global is examining other possible uses for the site, none of which at this time would include a high rise residential development. As of February 2012, the owner notified that he is attempting to lease the remaining building for commercial uses, and the first tenant will be a ceramic tile store. The owner reported that a restaurant has signed a lease for the pad site on the property.(E. Rockel & GTCC Executive Committee)

Pot Spring Road, South of Old Bosley Road: A ten acre parcel is under contract to a developer who wishes to construct an "over 55" age restricted development. Originally proposed as a four, 4-story building complex, the plans have been changed to call for 33 carriage style units. This parcel would require PUD approval because the number of units exceeds the density permitted under the current zoning. At a community meeting on the proposal, nearly 200 residents expressed opposition to the increased density on the site. Ultimately, Councilman Huff elected not to allow this project to proceed as a PUD. As a result, no more than 13 dwelling units may be built on the property. Councilman Huff reports the developer intends to move forward with the 13 unit project. In August, 2012, a community input meeting was held to receive comments from the public. A development plan hearing is scheduled for April 11, 2013.(E.Rockel, Dulaney Gate HOA, Springlake HOA, Timberline Park HOA)

Spencer's Crossing, West Timonium Road: This housing development, just west of the I-83 interchange, had originally been proposed to be a large day care center. Through negotiations with the developer and an offer to support increased housing density on the site, a residential housing development became approved in lieu of the day care facility. One unit was completed, as well as a model home, and several units are partially completed. Recently, it was learned that the property has gone up for foreclosure, and a public auction took place on March 9. The lender failed to sell the property at auction. As of October, 2012, the developer plans to add a noise wall to mitigate the sounds of I-83.(E. Rockel and PVVW Community Assoc.)

Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, 2012: Go to the GTCC website for a full list of properties requesting to be rezoned. As of the end of the open filing period, there was one more property requesting to be rezoned compared with a similar point in 2008. The County Council vote occurred too late to be included in this newsletter. Check back at the GTCC website to see the outcomes.

Michael's Café & Grill: The owners received zoning approval to enlarge the outdoor patio area on the southwest and south sides of the existing building. A stone- clad wall, approximately five foot high, will surround the patio seating area. (E. Rockel & Yorkshire/Haverford C.A.)

Former Sterling Chemical Building, West Timonium Road: This property is now under the control of St. John Properties, who plan to convert the former warehouse into retail shops and a restaurant, consistent with its manufacturing zoning. St. John Properties recently underwent a zoning hearing in which they petitioned to seek relief from the parking requirements and to reduce the side yard setbacks. The Administrative Law Judge has ruled to allow the reductions to parking and the reductions to sideyard setbacks.. (E.Rockel)

WaWa Convenience Store, York Road at Halesworth: This site, formerly part of the Anderson Automotive PUD, was the subject of a hearing to amend the previously approved planned unit development. The Monterey Community Association and GTCC supported this amendment; however, several other nearby owners opposed the plan. The hearing has been continued to provide for more testimony. The Administrative Law Judge approved this use for a convenience store, but opponents have taken this case to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals has ruled in favor of the plan. (GTCC and Monterey C.A.)

Giant Food Store: The Giant Food Store, across from the Fairgrounds, will be requesting to add gasoline sales within the shopping center grounds. This proposal will be reviewed by the Yorkshire/Haverford C.A. as well as GTCC.

Sonic Drive In: The abandoned fast food building at York and Belfast Roads is projected to become a Sonic Drive In. Before the conversion can take place, the owner needs to reapply for the use of commercial parking in a residential zone at the rear of the property. One resident has expressed concerns over traffic flow at the site. At the zoning hearing required before the redevelopment could move forward, the Administrative Law Judge denied the zoning relief requested by the Sonic operator. A hearing for reconsideration of that denial is scheduled for April 8, 2013. (GTCC and Yorkshire/Haverford C.A.)

Hunt Valley Center: Greenberg/Gibbons, owners of the town center, have proposed a 300 unit residential development on the site of the former Walmart. Plans have not yet been received on this proposal. (GTCC)

ON-GOING ISSUES

Texas Station – Jacoby Properties sold property to Peter Angelos. Zoning changed in 2004 Comprehensive Zoning Cycle from ML-IM to BM (Business Major). GTCC continues to monitor this property. (E. Rockel, F. Regan, GTCC Executive Committee.)

York & Ridgely Roads: The former Lincoln/Mercury dealership has been converted to a Walgreen Drug Store and pad site. The pad site recently received approval for the proposed building to be enlarged by approximately one third. (E. Rockel)

Galloway Avenue and Texas Station: Recently the Development Review Committee postponed consideration of a decision to allow two-way traffic at the entrance from Galloway Avenue into Texas Station. Both GTCC and the County Home Park association questioned two-way traffic in light of the original development plan restrictions on the site. Before any change takes place, an assessment of the York Road and Galloway Avenue intersection should take place. (E. Rockel)

Timonium Fairgrounds: Both the GTCC and adjoining neighborhood associations hope that the next Councilman will rectify the rezoning error in which 60 acres of this property were zoned for commercial usage during the Comprehensive Rezoning Process of 2008. During the open filing period for the 2012 CZMP, the GTCC requested that these 60 acres be returned to the prior zoning, MR-IM. Councilman Huff submitted legislation that creates a Mercantile Overlay District that will limit video gaming at the Fairgrounds, but he does not plan to change the zoning as requested by the GTCC.

COMPLETED ISSUES

11311 McCormick Road: The owner has received a variance to construct signage larger than permitted under zoning regulations. In conjunction with the Sparks/Glencoe Association & People's Counsel, GTCC opposed the variance. The County Board of Appeals, in its public deliberation, gave indication that the variance would be denied, but in its written decision, the Board of Appeals upheld the variance. The People's Counsel has asked for a reconsideration of the ruling in light of the public deliberation comments. This case ultimately went to the Circuit Court, where the Judge ruled that the signage variance was not appropriate, and the tenant will have to remove certain signage on the building...(E. Rockel)

10 Aylesbury Road: A special hearing recently granted permission to open a commercial recreational facility in the space formerly occupied by LAX World. The operator informs that this facility will exclusively serve children age 13 & under, accompanied by an adult, for recreational activities and children's parties. Look for the business to open later this summer. (E. Rockel)

Jessup Property – The County Landmarks Preservation Commission has approved placing the Jessup House on the landmarks list. The Baltimore County Council would have to also approve the inclusion. As of August, the developer's attorney indicated his client was reviewing how this would impact the proposal. Regardless of the Landmark's issue, the developer has not submitted a development plan for County review. Longford North was to hold a fundraiser in early November to help pay for its legal expenses. The developer has submitted a revised development plan in December. The Hearing Officer's Hearing was held in April with Longford North, Pine Valley/Valleywood, Huntridge and GTCC offering comments on the plan. A consistent remark from all was that the number of units, 103, needed to be reduced. The hearing officer approved the 103 unit plan. The Longford North Community reached a compromise with the developer and has dropped any plan to appeal the development. Over the Summer of 2011 the developer started the rough grading and utility construction for the subdivision. (E. Rockel, Longford North)

Hampton Manor: This property is located on the east side of Scott Adam Road and is an existing multifamily residential development that will be adding more units. Concept Plan Conference scheduled for 11/6/2006 at 10:00 am in Room 123 County Office Building. Community Input Meeting will be scheduled thereafter. The community input meeting demonstrated several objections to the plan. The most common objection was a proposal to connect Southfork Road with the existing roads in the apartment complex. Residents on Southfork are concerned about additional "cut thru" traffic. A compromise may have been reached at the start of the Hearing Officer's Hearing. Both sides will examine making the Southfork connection a gated entrance. At the Hearing Officer's Hearing, Baltimore County agreed to allow Southfork Road to be a gated entrance. (E. Rockel)

302 North Avenue, Lutherville: The property owner was given a side yard variance in order to subdivide this parcel and construct a second house on a newly created second lot. The creation of the second lot will allow the owner to afford to rehabilitate the existing Victorian dwelling on the initial lot. (E. Rockel)

1928 Greenspring Drive: Plans to create a commercial recreational facility within the existing building to host birthday parties, corporate outings and other events. The recreational uses will include laser tag, cosmic miniature golf and other high tech gaming activities. (E. Rockel)

Padonia Swim Club: Grace Fellowship Church announced plans to purchase the 29 + acre site of the swim club. Many nearby residents have expressed concerns that the church plans to build a 2,500 seat sanctuary on the site. GTCC members have voted to disapprove the site for the church's intended use. In November, the Church announced that it would not build on the site. (GTCC Executive Committee & Community Organizers)

1904 Pot Spring Road: The owner has appealed a prior Zoning Commissioner's decision, with restrictions, to allow a professional office in the dwelling at this location. The adjoining community associations wish to minimize any nonresidential intrusion into the residential community. The owner ultimately dropped the appeal, and only residents of the property will be able to work in the home office.(E. Rockel, Valley Crest C.A., Dulaney Forest C.A. & Valley Garth CA)

Anderson Automotive: Dealership wishes to reconfigure its site layout by establishing the Honda dealership on the current GMC site and moving the GMC trade to the Hummer site. The site at the corner of York & Halesworth would be sold for another usage. At a Hearing on January 15th, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Thomas Bostwick approved the amendment of the previous PUD plan (E.Rockel, J. Rogers & People's Counsel)

1734 York Road (Ridgely Plaza Shopping Center): Neighboring businesses report that Mercy Medical will occupy the vacant space previously used by Giant Foods. A zoning hearing was held on March 3, 2011 to allow Mercy Medical to increase the size of the building by approximately 3,000 sq. feet. As of April 30th, this medical facility is opened. (E. Rockel)

Potin Stil Restaurant Zoning Variance Appeal – Zoning Case 02-165-A, 2323 York Rd, Variances to Parking Regulations as to number required, island sizes, aisle space dimensions. Zoning Commissioner granted all variances. GTCC filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals. Appeals Board reversed the Zoning Commissioner's order by a 2-1 vote. Petitioner made request for Judicial Review to Baltimore County Circuit Court. GTCC and Peoples Counsel of BC filed in opposition to request. Circuit Court Judge agreed with the Board of Appeals decision reversing the variances granted. Director of Permits and Development and Code Enforcement has not exercised the Circuit Court's order of July 5, 2005. Request, if granted by the County, for any future meeting to be held, to participate in settlement of this case. Engineer for the owners has requested a refinement to the development plan to correct this violation. Lou Miller attended the DRC meeting, and Baltimore County did not approve the DRC request. The matter is rightfully considered a zoning violation and not a development refinement. Don Rascoe, Deputy Director of Permits & Development Management recently reported that the owner has corrected the parking violations and that the owner has now complied with the Board of Appeals order to correct the problem (E. Rockel, and GTCC Executive Committee)

Timonium Fairgrounds: Assistant General Manager Andy Cashman informed us that a multi-purpose maintenance building will be constructed on the north end of the Fairgrounds in the coming months. This maintenance building is one story, and it backs up to the Turf Inn Office building. Cashman also informed us that they plan to replace the existing "event" sign due to its functional obsolescence.

YorkRidge Shopping Center, York & Ridgely Roads: Owners of the property seek a variance from the parking requirements in order to add a free-standing pad site at the shopping center. The pad site associated with this variance is estimated to be two to three years away from any development. Additionally, long range plans call for re-development of the service station site at the corner of York and Ridgely. The variance hearing on the parking is scheduled for mid November. The owners received the parking variance, but no immediate plans are in store for building the pad site. (E. Rockel)

Hunt Valley Crossing, 11119 McCormick Road: This existing Verizon-owned warehouse property is being proposed to be redeveloped as a 262 unit apartment complex under the Planned Unit Development guidelines. The project's architectural design attractively fits into the Hunt Valley Business Community landscape. A community input meeting to learn about the project produced no objections to the project from nearby residential communities. However, nearby businesses did raise some objections. In response to the concerns expressed by nearby manufacturing businesses, Councilman Todd Huff has reached a compromise wherein the developers of the parcel will not proceed with an apartment use for the property.(GTCC Executive Committee)