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## \*\*\*\*\* NEWSLETTER \*\*\*\*\*

### President's Message – Eric Rockel

#### Signs of the Times

Last month, I made community association presidents aware of a County zoning law that enables electronic copy signs to change its messages every 15 seconds. I was concerned by the frequency of these changes, as were leaders from a number of community associations around the County. Many people fear that these frequent changes will distract motorists and add a degree of “tackiness” to the commercial areas around the County. The law, however, does not limit the signs to commercially zoned properties, and it is possible that schools, churches and other institutional users will add these signs to their properties.

It should be pointed out that Councilmen Kamenetz and McIntire, both of who represent portions of the greater Timonium area, did not vote for the amendment that allowed signs to change every 15 seconds. Councilman McIntire even went on the record as saying he favored re-examination of this recently passed law. Unfortunately, a majority of the rest of the County Council has not supported a second look.

Despite my urgings for community associations to voice concerns about this change in the law, very few of our member associations endorsed a letter that was sent to the County Council requesting a re-examination of the issue. I'm hoping that the tepid response was due to the fact that this issue came up in that busy period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when most folks have a lot of matters on their plates.

However, I caught an article in the *Baltimore Sun*, by Nick Madigan, on December 25, 2008. According to the article, the Trinity Assembly of God Church, on west Joppa Road, had been denied a permit to construct a 250 square foot, electronically changeable copy sign by Baltimore County a few years prior to the recent change in the law. The sign, if erected, would have been visible not only from Joppa Road but also from the Beltway. The newspaper article indicated the County originally denied the variance request for the sign because “such a sign, with changeable messages, would lead to visual clutter and cause accidents among distracted motorists.” Over the last few years the church tried every level of appeal to get the County's ruling overturned, and the case ended with the Maryland Court of Appeals, the State's highest court. Well, the Maryland Court of Appeals has supported the original ruling and stated that the Church is not being denied freedom of religious expression by the County's denial of the sign.

Just maybe the County Council will have second thoughts about the recent law in light of this court ruling. We can only hope.

### GTCC General Meeting – *Wednesday, January 14th, 2009*

The GTCC will hold their ‘Next Meeting’ on Wednesday, January 14th, 2009 at the Cockeysville Library Meeting Room, on Greenside Dr., Cockeysville 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 2009**

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\*\*\*\*\* **Meeting Schedule** \*\*\*\*\*

**Board of Directors 7:00 pm – 9:00pm**

**General Membership 7:00 pm – 9pm**

February 11, 2009  
April 08, 2009  
June 10, 2009  
August – No Meeting  
October 14, 2009  
December 09, 2009

January 14, 2009  
March 11, 2009  
May 13, 2009  
July – No Meeting  
September 09, 2009  
November 11, 2009

*All Meetings are **NOW** Scheduled at the “ **COCKEYSVILLE LIBRARY** ”, on the **DATES NOTED ABOVE !!!***

### **Agenda and Speakers - GTCC January 14th, Meeting** - Tentative Schedule.....

1. Introductions
2. Report on Public Safety from the Cockeysville Precinct
3. Attempting to Preserve Cockeysville's Historic Past:  
Becky Gerber talks about upcoming efforts
4. Featured Presentation: Recycling in Baltimore County-  
Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management
5. Development Issues:
  - a. Galloway Avenue and Texas Station
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

### **Annual GTCC Membership Dues** – Marge DiNardo

GTCC '2009' Membership dues of \$50 dollars for the year are due at this time. We had a great response from (51) Associations contributing their Annual Membership dues payment last year! Dues notices for 2009 have been mailed out this past week so if you haven't received one or if you need a copy, please don't hesitate to let us know. . Please send your 2009 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!

## **The Captain's Corner** – Captain Martin Lurz

We have invited our Cockeyville Precinct 7 Commander, Captain Marty Lurz, 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 Lurz:

New Year 2009 greetings to all – my best wishes to everyone for a safe, happy and healthy new year!

In this month's column, I wanted to update you on two of the busiest teams in Precinct 7 – The Traffic Enforcement Team and the Community Outreach Team. Because of the large size of the precinct and the number of community-based traffic complaints that we receive in regards to speeding, reckless driving, etc., I increased the size of the Traffic Enforcement Team during the first half of 2008. The six-member team handles the vast majority of all community-based traffic complaints in the precinct. Once a complaint is received, it is assigned to a Traffic Team member who then "owns" the project and is responsible for determining the extent of the problem and finding a solution. Even though we may have more than thirty "open" traffic complaints logged at any one time, we know that quick "band-aid" solutions do not bring a long term solution to the problem. The Traffic Team officers are challenged to think outside the box and to use resources other than radar guns to solve problems. This often means working closely with other county agencies to address road and signage issues. Traffic Team members also work closely with community members who live in the area of the primary complaint and solicit their assistance in court testimony, etc. Finally - and follow my logic here - more traffic team officers means more uniformed police officers on the road in crime areas making more traffic stops which means more visible flashing lights which sends the message, "the police are in the area." And, those flashing lights and enforcement programs, along with community awareness and alertness, appear to have helped reduce crime in three major areas (burglary, robbery, auto theft) in 2008 when compared to the same time period in 2007.

Our Community Outreach Team provides assistance to the patrol units in providing proactive crime-prevention and neighborhood intervention and mediation assistance. For those of you who have attended the "Citizens' Academy", you probably heard me refer to the Outreach team as "The Fixer-Up" crew. Though they are sworn police officers, they specialize in "not-so-routine" solutions to "not-so-routine" problems. These officers realize that sometimes the smallest neighborhood issues can become large problems that will result in an increase in crime and quality of life issues. The Outreach team specializes in inter-agency cooperation to solve problems. The Outreach Team also includes a Domestic Violence Coordinator who provides expert assistance and counseling liaison for Domestic Violence victims.

Here is the contact information for all of the above teams:

- \* Traffic Enforcement Team – Corporal Patrick Zito Phone 410-887-1861
- \* Community Outreach Team – Sergeant Anthony Zelenka Phone 410-887-1863
- \* Domestic Violence Coordinator – Officer Deborah Sabotka Phone 410-887-1827

I look forward to working with the community again in 2009. Thank you for your support of who we are and what we do.

## **The Librarian's Corner** – Mollie Fine

Hello from the new Branch Manager at the Cockeyville Library.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> I began working at the Cockeyville Library as their new Branch Manager. After 28 years in Baltimore County Public Libraries (most recently at Essex) I am privileged to begin this exciting position during such an important time for the library. As you may know, this year plans are underway for the expansion/renovation of the Cockeyville Branch Library. If you are in the library please stop by and ask for me; I'd love the opportunity to meet each of you.

**Storyline** - Did you know that the library has a service called "Storyline"? This program permits children to call a phone number and listen to a 3 minute story. The stories, targeted to 3 to 10 year old children, are recorded by local librarians. Each week there is a new story. Call "410-887-6116" to listen to a story or ask your local librarian for a list of upcoming stories.

**InfoEyes** - InfoEyes is a new service for people with visual impairment. It permits limited sight library customers to arrange to speak live with a librarian over the Internet. The service can be accessed through our Homepage or with assistance from a librarian. Website: <http://www.bcpl.info>

**The Legislator's Corner** – Bill Frank, Steve Lafferty, Susan Aumann, & Jim Brochin

We have also invited our State Representatives to provide us with an article for our newsletter in the form of 'The Legislator's Corner' on any issue(s) that they feel might be of interest to our membership. We rotate these requests through the Districts within GTCC. The following articles this month are from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Districts:

**42nd District** – Delegate Bill Frank

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

The 2009 session of the Maryland General Assembly began on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. This will be an extremely difficult session due to our dire economic conditions and bleak outlook for the State budget.

The State has at least a \$400 million budget shortfall for the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2009, and a projected \$2 billion deficit for fiscal year 2010. Obviously, it would be irresponsible and counter-productive to raise taxes again, as was done in the Special Session of November 2007. That \$1.3 billion tax increase was unwise at the time, but what made it even worse was the accompanying \$1.3 billion *increase* in spending. What's that expression?.....when you're deep in a hole, stop digging!

No one could have foreseen the extent of the collapse of the national economy, but the impact on Maryland's economy is real and substantial. While the process of cutting government spending will be difficult, this crisis presents us with an opportunity to re-prioritize State spending, focusing on the basics while cutting the administrative costs. Private companies do this all the time, and we need State government to do likewise.

As you surely know, State employees have been required to take between two and five furlough days (depending on their salary) without pay. State legislators have been asked to take five furlough days as well. This is the right thing to do. Several legislators will donate their *net pay* of five days back to the State treasury, but I have chosen to donate five days of *gross pay* to three very worthy charities because I believe they collectively do a better job of meeting human needs than the State government can ever do. These three charities are Baltimore Reads, Maryland Food Committee and Associated Catholic Charities and – among them – they will receive a collective \$850 from Mary Jeanne and me before March 31.

County Executive Smith has indicated his support for the introduction of speed cameras in Baltimore County. The specific bill is still being written, but I want to hear from my constituents. What do you think of speed cameras in our neighborhoods? I have always opposed them for a variety of reasons, but I try to keep an open mind and listen to both sides of an argument. Please share your thoughts with me by calling our office on 410-841-3793 or sending an e-mail on William.Frank@house.state.md.us.

Finally, I've been working with the Lutherville community on the serious issue of flooding of Roland Run, as well as speeding on Charmuth Road in my neighborhood of Dulaney Valley. We're also drafting several pieces of legislation for the upcoming session, including the requirement of a photo ID when voting.

Please keep me informed on issues that are of interest to you. Thank you for the privilege of serving the 42<sup>nd</sup> district.

**42nd District** – Delegate Susan Aumann

Happy New Year and many blessings to all.

The 2009 Session is about to begin and I have been preparing for a challenging time. As all of us know, the economic conditions and outlook are harsh. It is difficult to navigate through uncharted waters, even if our State has seen economic contractions before -- but this is different. Over the last six years I have worked with others on the Appropriations Committee to reign in our spending problems. While I am intent on focusing on solutions to the acute financial situation at hand, I would be remiss if I failed to note the absolutely reckless approach to the budget taken by leaders of both the executive and legislative branches of government in Annapolis. Raising taxes, without limiting spending, is a recipe for disaster.

I do see this new session as an opportunity to encourage everyone to return to core government services and reduce wasteful spending, especially when resources and revenues are tightening. Maryland has the dubious distinction of being named first in the nation for the highest taxes by the CATO Institute in its recent study. Something is terribly wrong with a mindset that considers lowering an increase in spending as a cut. That, however, is what we face in Annapolis. Families and businesses regularly face this unpleasant scenario, but they deal with it in a responsible way -- they spend more carefully. Please know that I will continue to advocate this approach and work for fiscal prudence. It is also crucial to insure government does the jobs it is required to do, particularly in protecting and educating its citizens.

I am proposing four bills for the 2009 session. (I will follow up with the bill number after they have been assigned.)

1. Fiduciary Subtraction for Maryland trusts. Non-resident beneficiaries (remaindermen) are able to avoid taxation on the balance of trusts because they do not live in Maryland, while those who remain residents are being taxed. This bill will create an even playing field for everyone.
2. An Audit of the Maryland Land Preservation Foundation revealed that property easements were only being monitored at 10% a year or lower. It outlined that tax dollars for these preserved land parcels were being used in ways that are in violation of the easements. The bill I am proposing will require the percentage to be at least 50% annually before more money is released to the counties for land preservation.
3. I believe those who have served honorably in the military should receive some credit in their State retirement and pension programs, as is offered by many local governments. My bill will recognize this military service and provide some additional benefits for former members of the armed forces who later continue public service through the State of Maryland.
4. Fallen Heroes tuition benefit for college age children. This bill will eliminate the waiting list for college age children whose father or mother has been killed in the line of duty while employed as a firefighter or police officer. The fund has already been set up to assist these families for a period of up to five years while attending the University of Maryland system schools or Maryland community colleges.

#### 42nd District – Delegate Steve Lafferty

The 2009 Maryland General Assembly is about to begin. It will be another extraordinary time. And, I thought the Special Session was demanding! Well, even though the Governor and General Assembly made dramatic cuts to the budget - including the elimination of vacant positions - we need to deal with a revenue loss that is unparalleled. National economists see this as the brink of another Depression. As legislators, we cannot allow that to occur.

Maryland faces very, very difficult economic challenges. Too many of our neighbors and friends are losing their jobs, losing their homes or being forced to make financial sacrifices. The State must make sacrifices and reduce its spending. There is insufficient income to continue the level of commitments that have been made. The Governor has cut over \$600 million from this year's budget, eliminated hundreds of vacant jobs and required furloughs of nearly all employees. I recognize the impact all of these actions have on our families, our communities and on our state budget. That is why *I am voluntarily agreeing to having the 'state general fund' keep my salary equivalent to 5 furlough days*. I will not donate this money to charity because it is the state's shortfall that needs to be addressed. I believe this is the right thing to do. However, even though we face economic upheaval, I remain optimistic because of the historic election of Barack Obama. Thousands of people got involved, expressing hope for a new direction, a new approach, and new solutions. So, even in the midst of two wars and a faltering economy, we can find ways to work together for a better future. The election of Barack Obama sends a very exciting message about our country.

2009 will be very tough for our state and communities. There will be less revenue and we will have to cut the budget. I hope we can do this in a way that we are socially responsible while being fiscally prudent. At the same time, we need strong policies and laws to protect our families and children, strengthen education, safeguard our environment and ensure access to good health care. I expect to work on issues that impact on our neighborhoods, our environment and our housing needs.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2009. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at [stephen.lafferty@house.state.md.us](mailto:stephen.lafferty@house.state.md.us) or 410-841-3487.

## **42nd District** – Senator Jim Brochin

As we approach the 2009 legislative session in the Maryland General Assembly, I share the same concern as many Marylanders: our taxes are too high, and we are not living within our means. State government is spread too thin, and is operating an excess of programs. In effect, there is too much quantity and not enough quality.

In order to effectively balance the budget, the state needs to determine what we can afford and what we cannot. Funding should be closely focused on education, public safety, and environmental concerns. We simply cannot afford to give aid to private colleges thru the Sellinger Program and we cannot afford to give aid to private developers. We must focus our efforts on ensuring that there are no more tuition increases at the University of Maryland System. We cannot afford to price the middle class out of college.

Additionally, in times of economic uncertainty, crime rates are likely to rise. Funding should remain constant towards protecting our citizens and communities. For the future welfare of Marylanders, environmental protection must continue to be a top priority.

As always, I am looking forward to another legislative session and representing the 42<sup>nd</sup> district in Annapolis. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance or answer any questions you may have at Jim.Brochin@senate.state.md.us , (410) 841-3648, or 1-800-492-7122, ext. 3648 (toll free).

## **GTCC Website** - <http://www.gtccinc.org>

The Greater Timonium Community Council maintains an active website to provide everyone information related to our organization and many activities of Community interest. We took on the challenge of updating our website to enhance your surfing experience by providing an updated interface with more information and with greater ease to find what you may be looking for. Our main website access has been changed to **GTCCINC.ORG** instead of **GTCCINC.COM** however we have linked the two addresses together and you can NOW access our site through either of the above web addresses.

## **Membership & Annual Dues Report**

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.	Northhampton 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	Overlook	Topfield Condo	Tralee Forest Condo
Roundwood Ridge I & III	Wellington Valley	Pebble Creek HO	Dunloy Condo
Longford North			

## **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.baltimorecountyonline.info/Subscribe/communitynews>

- **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.baltimorecountyonline.info/subscribe/updates>.

You can find a weekly calendar of development- and zoning-related hearings and meetings for County:

**Council District 3** at: [http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/MeetingsandEvents/pdm\\_d3.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/MeetingsandEvents/pdm_d3.html)

**Council District 2** at: [http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/MeetingsandEvents/pdm\\_d2.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/MeetingsandEvents/pdm_d2.html)

**Full Newsletter** at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/communityupdates/d3/060901d3.html>

**Previous Editions** at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/communityupdates/d3/index.html>

- **Baltimore County Public Library** – The Cockeysville Library is located at 9833 Greenside Drive adjacent to the Baltimore County Home Park. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9-9; Friday and Saturday 9-5:30, and Sundays 1-5 (October-April). The library has 153,000 books, DVDs and videos, CDs, newspapers, magazines and more. Annual circulation is more than 1.1 million items. There are 19 computers available for the public that have Internet access and Microsoft Office for typing resumes and other documents. All programs are free and include drop-in story times for children, family puppet shows, computer courses and book discussions for adults. The BCPL website ([www.bcpl.info](http://www.bcpl.info)) has magazine, newspaper, genealogy, literature and other databases for research and general information. Librarians welcome information requests and questions at 410-887-7750. Please..... Give them a call!

## **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. What village in Baltimore County was settled by immigrants evicted from Ireland?
2. There are only two left in Maryland and one is in Baltimore County. What is it?
3. What American president dedicated a highway in Baltimore County that is still in use?

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. Texas near Cockeysville. In the 1850s, the Padian family arrived in the area. Richard Padian was one of fourteen defendants in a legal action against the tenants of Ballykilcline for non-payment of rent. Richard, Mary and their four children were put on a ship in 1847. Other evicted families were sent with them and also settled in the area on Troyer Road near Monkton. The oldest building in it dates from 1798 and belonged to Martin Fugate who might also have been the builder.

2. A drive-in theater. The Bengies Drive-In Theatre was established by Jack K. Vogel in 1956 in Middle River.

3. John F. Kennedy. The John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway is a 50-mile section of I-95 traversing northeastern Maryland from the northern Baltimore City line to the Delaware State line. The dedication took place on November 14, 1963, only weeks before his assassination

*The Next GTCC General Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Cockeyville Library*

## CURRENT ISSUES

**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 have 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 have 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. To date, the violations have not been corrected, and Baltimore County needs to enforce the zoning violations. The engineer's revised plan has been rejected by zoning officials of Baltimore County. As of the end of April revisions to the plan have not been received. Lou Miller is writing a letter to County Exec. Jim Smith asking him to intercede to require code compliance. (E. Rockel, L. Miller, and GTCC Executive Committee)

**Bill Kidd's Volvo, 10525 York Road:** The Deputy Zoning Commissioner has approved zoning relief to allow commercial parking in a residential zone, to allow a very limited amount of parking in a 100 year flood plain and to allow for a reduction in the residential transition area buffer. The Sherwood Hills improvement Association and the People's Counsel have appealed this decision. GTCC has requested to be an interested party in the appeal. Recently, the car dealer asked for a postponement of the Board of Appeals hearing, and the site may be sold to another type of user. At least one potential user may not need to use the residentially zoned area. (E. Rockel, Sherwood Hills)

**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. (E. Rockel)

**York & Ridgely Roads:** The former Lincoln/Mercury dealership has been reported to be the future site of a Walgreen Drug Store, as well as a pad site for some other use. (E. Rockel)

**State Highway Administration Projects:** The SHA plans to resurface Falls Road in the next few months, which may result in traffic delays, and it plans to replace a bridge deck on Seminary Ave. in the summer of 2009. (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.

## 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). No further plans presented to occupy the property. GTCC continues to monitor this property. (E. Rockel, L. Miller, F. Regan, GTCC Executive Committee.)

**Ames Store Building** – Land and building owned by Capital Enterprises. The DRC approved plan to change the building which should lead to the construction of a Giant Foods in place of the now vacant store. Despite requests from GTCC and Yorkshire/Haverford, Giant has not replied to a request to publicly present their plans. Former Ames building has been demolished, and site work begun(L. Miller, F. Regan)

**York Rd. Widening, Seminar to Ridgely Rd.** – York Road is a Md. State road. Funding approved of \$5.5 million from Md. State and \$875 thousand from Baltimore County to widen and provide for a third middle lane. Utility relocation activity started in August. Estimates of two years of construction were previously given for the entire project, including utility pole relocations, water main replacement and road work.. From the Fall of 2006 to Fall 2007 expect water main construction, and road widening to take place from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008. Expect project completion in the Spring of 2009.(E. Rockel, GTCC Executive Committee)

**Beaver Dam Swim Club Property** – Development Concept Plan reviewed by GTCC. Plan calls for four (4) mid-rise residential buildings with fifty-five units per building, or eleven units per floor. Two hundred twenty (220) units ,with below grade parking for 528 spaces. Plan would occupy ten of the twenty-six acres. No plans given for the remaining acres. A PUD overlay zoning is required. Further discussion with Mr. Mark Hanley, Jr. results in no further action at this time. (E. Rockel, L. Miller, GTCC Executive Committee)

**Comprehensive Rezoning for 2008:** See the list of properties requesting a zoning reclassification under the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process by looking at the GTCC website. GTCC continues to work with Councilman McIntire on developing a unique zoning classification for the Timonium Fairgrounds. (E. Rockel, L. Miller & GTCC)

### COMPLETED ISSUES

**Anderson Honda:** Proposal to construct a Honda dealership at the corner of York Road and Halesworth Road. This proposal will require that the project go through a Planned Unit Development process (PUD-Commercial), as was done for the Hummer facility because the existing zoning is not fully commercial. The Community Input Meeting produced no objections to the proposal. In fact the communities of Monterey and Still Pond are supportive of the dealership. (E.Rockel, J.Rogers)

**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. It has come to our attention that the original developer is trying to sell the property to a third party to develop. (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. Despite the owner's willingness to eliminate the connection to Southfork Road, Baltimore County DPW and Fire Department officials insist on a second access. 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)

**York Rd.-Timonium Condo Proposal** – A & A Global Industries and Keelty Company are proposing a two tower Condo and mixed use on York Rd across from the north end of the Fair Grounds. Meetings were held 9/21/05, 10/27/05, 1/10/06, 3/08/06, 5/24/06 concerning adopting the site plan to minimize sight lines from Stratford Community at top of the hill. What started with 14 stories and one underground and two above ground parking stories is now reduced to two underground parking and one above is now 10 stories of 216 Condo's. Movement into the hill is now approximately 35 feet. The Stratford Community Association's Board of Directors and GTCC have recently agreed not to oppose the Planned Unit Development (PUD) with respect to height and size. The Planning Board approved the condo plan., and the Zoning Commissioner approved the project.(E. Rockel, L. Miller, GTCC Executive Committee & Stratford Community)

**Mays Chapel School Site:** The Baltimore County Board of Education originally planned to move a special needs school to a 20 acre site off of Padonia Road in Mays Chapel. After much community opposition, County Executive James Smith intervened to propose that existing schools in Towson, including the current site of the special needs school, receive additions to accommodate the overcrowding at the elementary school level. At present, the Mays Chapel site does not appear to be in the Board of Education's plans (E. Rockel & Mays Chapel Community Associations)

**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 )